

Business of the Week



A view from the second hole at Arabia Golf Club shows their beautiful landscape. Photo by Kristin Guthrie

Golf course is popular with Raeford residents

By Kristin Guthrie
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Golf fanatics everywhere rave about the stress-relieving benefits of teeing off. Some skip out of work early on a Friday afternoon, while others may schedule play for an early Saturday morning.

Regardless of when the 'golf bug' bites, Arabia Golf Club is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to sundown to provide unlimited enjoyment for golf lovers.

Now with 27 holes, the semi-private golf club is open to members and those who play as the course's guests.

The course was founded in the fall of 1962 on approximately 265 acres with nine holes of golf ready to play.

"Later, it was expanded to 18

holes, two tennis courts and a new pro shop," said Anna Mae Hendrix, co-owner with husband, Brown Hendrix.

Customer demand led the Hendrix's to expand more, adding nine more holes. This most recent expansion is commonly known as the "North Nine."

This family owned and run business offers golf galore, mostly to Cumberland County customers, said pro shop manager Martha Ann Hendrix, but some of Raeford's most avid golfers also frequent the course.

"Sam Morris, *The News Journal* 'front page man' tees off still with the bald-headed guy who writes 'A View From the Country,' Raz Autry," said Anna Mae.

The course has also made allowances for people of the community to use the facility for special projects and tournament play.

"The Hoke County High School golf teams, boys and girls, and the Special Olympics have always been special projects of the club," said Anna Mae.

The biggest tournaments on a regular basis have been the Cape Fear Seniors and the Strutters Annual Tournament, put on by the House of Raeford.

"Both are a real pleasurable experience, managed by well-organized people," said Anna Mae.

Because there are few regularly scheduled tournaments, the course and its nine employees are available to serve the golfing community just about any time. Call 875-3524 for the rates to play and then rush on over to the course at 192 Golf Course Road for a round of golf.

Military News

Midshipman Calvin Ryan Clark, who resides at 2811 Red Springs Rd., Raeford, graduated on June 17 from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY, with the 191 members of the Class of 1996.

The son of Bob and Darlene Clark, he received an engineering systems merchant marine license at the ceremony. He additionally was commissioned as a U.S. Naval Reserve ensign and was awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Clark had been nominated to the academy by Senator Jesse Helms.

Part of his training at the academy, which offers a four-year accredited program for men and women, included a year aboard U.S. flag merchant vessels to gain practical shipboard experience.

Albert J. Herberger, the U.S. Maritime administrator, delivered the keynote address at the academy's 60th commencement. Rear Adm. Thomas T. Matteson, the superintendent, presented the Class of 1996 with their academic credentials.

The academy is operated by the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Navy Seaman Recruit Bryon M. Tuttle, son of Robert A. and Elisia T. Tuttle of 120 E. McNeill Drive, Red Springs, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Tuttle completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Tuttle learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships

and aircraft.

Tuttle and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values — honor, courage and commitment — and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Tuttle joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Tuttle and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Tuttle are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training. He is a 1996 graduate of Fayetteville Christian School of Fayetteville.

Army Pfc. Keith M. Wesley has arrived for duty at Fort Bragg.

Wesley, a petroleum supply specialist, is the son of Kay and Fred Rentrop of 133 Stayton Court, La Place, La. His wife, Jenifer Wesley, resides in Raeford.

The private is a 1992 graduate of Riverside High School, Reserve, La.

Army Sgt. Daniel W. Fetters has arrived for duty at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville.

Fetters is a military police specialist with the 65th Military Police Company.



Calvin Ryan Clark

He is the son of Laudell Fetters of Rural Route 2, and Benita Murry of Rural Route 1, both of Clarksville, Ark.

His wife, Sissy, is the daughter of Larry Davis and Mary Davis, both of St. Pauls.

The sergeant is a 1986 graduate of Clarksville High School.

Army Sgt. Kevin M. Hughes has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

He is a crew chief at Camp Page, Chunchon, South Korea.

Hughes is the son of Richard and Rita Hughes of 26 Creek Bluff Run, Flagler Beach, Fla.

His wife, Sandra, is the daughter of Preston M. and Beardice McElroy of 102 Thornbird Drive, Raeford.

The sergeant is a 1988 graduate of Chaminade High School, Hollywood, Fla.

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