

Murder

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iliary officer—or a volunteer—with no set hours, Gardner said.

Since the incident occurred while Wilson was off-duty and while he was on a leave of absence for personal reasons, Gardner said he doesn't believe there will be any departmental disciplinary actions against Wilson.

According to sheriff's reports, Wilson was off-duty when he allegedly pulled a gun on Michael Roper, 18, who fled the scene. Wilson said he saw Roper selling drugs in the parking lot of a store.

A few days later, Roper apparently said Wilson had assaulted him and the officer was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, a misdemeanor.

The case was set to go to trial on Thursday, June 6, but was dismissed from court when Roper failed to appear. Later that day Roper and another Raeford man, Telly Savalas Stephens, 21, were reportedly charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon

and assault with intent to kill inflicting serious injury in connection with a separate incident that occurred last Sunday, June 2, at a Hoke County nightclub.

Roper and Stephens are accused of allegedly attacking and beating Cedric Barnes, 39, outside McRae's Nightclub on Doc Brown Road late Sunday night. A fight broke out and Barnes was hit several times. He was taken to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, where he is in critical condition.

Cousin arrested

A Raeford man was jailed on charges that he allegedly assaulted his cousin, said Chief J.R. McNeill of the Raeford Police Department.

McNeill said Yashica Novora Bratcher of Raeford told officers she was assaulted by her cousin, Johnathan Walden Murchison of Raeford, near her residence at about 8:40 p.m. last Wednesday, June 5. Apparently, the

two had gotten into a verbal argument that led to a scuffle.

"At some point, Murchison picked her up and threw her to the ground," McNeill said.

During the incident Bratcher reportedly received bruises and scrapes on her arms. McNeill said she took out a warrant on Murchison for assault on a female.

He is reportedly under a \$300 unsecured bond pending a court appearance.

Forgery reported

Sam Melvin Jr. of Raeford told officers last Wednesday, June 5, that a check belonging to him was forged and uttered at the Home Food store sometime between April 1 and May 30, 1996, McNeill said.

Apparently, the check for \$40 was made payable to a woman named Myrtle Hammonds and cashed at the store.

McNeill said the case is still under investigation through the police department



Hey Babe!

That's her name. This Shepherd/Australian Cattle dog mix is about 10 months. She's good with kids, up-to-date on her shots and is on heart worm preventative. Stop by to see her at the Hoke-Raeford Humane Society Monday through Friday from noon until 4p.m. and Saturday 12:30 until 2:30p.m. or call 875-5486.

Photo by Kristin Guthrie

Depot

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center of the town will be transformed to the way it looked in its heyday when the "Jitney No. 107" freight and passenger car stopped off on its way to Fayetteville from Aberdeen. Way back when, an adult could ride to Fayetteville at 10 a.m. to spend the day and back home again at 4 p.m. for one shiny quarter. Kids could ride for only a dime.

Memories of yesterday

By displaying their memories, Clanton said he hopes the work will showcase what the society feels is a town laden with rich history.

Stories from the founding fathers that have been passed down from one generation to the next seem to illustrate Dundarrach's interesting history.

For example, the text of an address given to a Ladies Club in October 1991 describes the house of one of the town's early citizens, Alexander McMillan, who was son-in-law to Rodrick McCrimmon, the town's postmaster. McMillan was a tax collector for Robeson County during the Civil War, at which time Dundarrach was part of Robeson County.

Because Sherman's army knew as a tax collector McMillan must have money, when they came through the area they took McMillan's wife and three girls captive and held them hostage for several days until a slave told where the gold and silver had been hidden.

While captive, the history says, the women were made to wash and dress the wounds of Sherman's men. Thinking they would hurt them, they washed the wounds with lye soap. Instead of hurting the soldiers, the lye apparently killed the germs and the wounds began to heal. Although their plan backfired, Sherman was said to be so grateful for his men's healing that he spared the McMillan home instead of burning it as he had much of the surrounding land.

Another story Clanton relays tells the origin of Dundarrach's only church, built in 1906. As the story goes, about 1904 Dundarrach's families attended church in Antioch. Apparently, a young, unmarried woman became pregnant and one of the church's elders was identified as the father. The woman was kicked out of the church but the elder wasn't. So enraged was the family, Clanton said, that they vowed to create their own church.

The history said the Dundarrach Presbyterian Church used the Dundarrach Trading Company store

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for services until a church building was completed in 1906. It still functions to this day, Clanton said.

When the town's schoolhouse was built, there was reportedly much discussion as to where it would be built and what it would be named, the history said. Finally, it was constructed about a mile from Dundarrach.

Mildousen School was chosen as the name in commemoration of three sons of the community who were killed in 1918 during World War I on overseas battlefields. Although the school is no longer functioning, the building still stands on Mildousen School road in Hoke County, a "for sale" sign peering from the front window.

Though nobody knows for sure when or why the town's government disbanded and the town stopped functioning, the history shows that the depression caused the town to collapse. Clanton explained that many of the small farms were bought out by larger landowners and corporations.

Eventually, he said, the townspeople moved away. In fact, the last census was done in 1970 and showed a population of 53. Since a census is done only in active towns with a functioning government, one hasn't been done since in Dundarrach and the town lost its charter in 1971.

Funds needed

Even if they aren't bent on making Dundarrach a functioning government once more, members of its historical society are anxious to share its history with others.

Clanton said there's no real time limit, but soon they hope to raise enough funds to get the depot renovated, the museum set up and open free-of-charge to visitors, probably on weekends.

In order to raise money to renovate the depot, the group is planning a yard sale Saturday, June 15 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the depot. All proceeds will go toward renovating the depot. For information on donating money to restore the depot, call Clanton at 904-1444.

"There's really no time schedule," he said. "It's just whenever we get it going."

Schools

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and showed appreciation for Revels' hard work and dedication to the school and the PTO.

In response to the PTO's gift, Pinkney said, "All the grant proposals were done well and I'm glad I didn't have to choose the winner."

One of the grants was given to ninth-grade typing teacher Linda Keaton-Lima to be used to buy 30 copyholders, one for each typing station.

A second grant was awarded to computer teacher Karla Blowers to be used toward buying a color printer

and sound card/speakers. The final grant was presented to cultural arts teacher Teresa Marion to be used toward funding their spring musical.

Other business

In other local business, the board approved that Title I Director Nancy Martin apply for \$1,048,065 in federal grant monies to be used in the Hoke County schools.


Since this is only the application stage in an effort to receive the money, it is not known whether the project will be funded at this time. Further updates will come as the project continues.

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