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## Deputies arrest murder suspect

By Jen Osborn  
Assistant editor

**A** summer murder may be solved now that officials with the Hoke County Sheriff's Department have arrested a suspect.

William Green, 23, of Hoke County was arrested last Wednesday, Oct. 9, on charges of first degree murder, said Det. Joe Blackburn.

The murder apparently occurred on June 8 near Wayside Road in Hoke County. Marion Jerome Poole, 32, of Clinton

was found sitting in his still-running 1995 black BMW and had been shot and killed.

According to earlier reports, the incident was initially reported as a vehicle accident when Poole's car traveled across Wayside Road and ran into the porch steps of a house there. The owners, who were out of town, weren't connected to the crime, reports said.

When troopers from the N.C. Highway Patrol arrived on the scene they found Poole and called the sheriff's department to conduct an investigation.

Blackburn said Green is being held in jail without a bond, as is normal in first degree murder cases.

### Horse theft

Sheriff's officials also arrested a Cumberland County animal control officer on charges of horse theft on Friday, said Det. David Newton.

Leon Harrington was charged with felony larceny after he allegedly stole a red and white miniature horse last month that was owned by Roscoe Burnett of (See CRIME, page 4A)

## Schools seek volunteers

By Kristin Guthrie  
Staff writer

Hoke County's middle schools are asking for donations and seeking volunteers to help with Net Day '96.

With the help of volunteers as well as individual and corporate donations, Net Day '96 will allow the schools to be better prepared to serve their students. The day, October 26, will wire the public schools for connection to the World Wide Web at no cost to the taxpayers.

Schools all over the state of North Carolina will join Hoke County's middle schools for the project implementation.

The goal for Net Day '96 is to wire as many classrooms as possible in each of the county's middle schools. Right now, there

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—Phyllis Fahrenbruck.

is no way to know just how many classes will be connected, but organizers hope to wire at least 24 rooms at East Hoke and six rooms at West Hoke.

East Hoke is able to wire more rooms because they had a school fundraiser to help raise some of the money.

Just how many classes are wired will be based on the generosity of Hoke County, said Fahrenbruck.

"It is a great opportunity to bring together our schools and

the community to make a big difference for our students," said Hoke County Computer Educator/SIMS Coordinator Phyllis Fahrenbruck.

So far, they have only received \$100 in donations. "We really need some more donations," said Fahrenbruck. "We can only do as much as we have money for."

She said the wiring kits cost \$685 apiece to wire six classrooms. In addition to the wiring kits, they also need donations to (See NET DAY, page 5A)

## Skydiving team breaks record

By Jen Osborn  
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Although they didn't accomplish the goal they intended, the Pieces of Eight amputee skydiving team made up of members from throughout the country did break their own record at the

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Reford Airport this weekend.

Carl Miller, a Hoke County resident who's part of the team, said the team still set a world record formation jump. The documentation of the 12-way formation will be sent to the Guinness Book of World Records as well as to the Federal Aviation International (FAI) to be recorded. Even though they were attempting a 16-way formation jump, as far as they know Pieces of Eight still holds the world record with a 12-way formation, Miller said.

"Most guys went home satisfied with what we accomplished," Miller said.

The group was at the Raeford drop zone over the weekend and made 21 total jumps — seven a day — in an attempt to reach the



Photo by Jen Osborn

A member of the Pieces of Eight skydiving team floats down to the target at the Raeford Airport. The team is made up of amputees. They were in Raeford last weekend to attempt to break a world record.

goal. Although Miller said it's nothing these days for skydivers to accomplish 100-way formation

jumps (in fact, recently in Russia a 297-way jump was recorded), because Pieces of Eight is made (See RECORD, page 7A)



Photo by Jen Osborn

### Fire safety

A North Raeford firefighter helps Shakeema Hollingsworth out of a fire truck. The firefighters coached the children at Butler's Day Care about fire safety and gave the children a tour of their truck.

## McAllister seeks second term

By Kristin Guthrie  
Staff writer

After 37 years with the Hoke County public school system — eight of them on the Board of Education — John McAllister is seeking another four-year term with the board.

Other than being on the board and holding the position of board chairman, McAllister has been the principal at Scarlock Elementary and Upchurch Elementary and has taught social studies and math in the public school system in Hoke County. He has worked in the county's central education office.

All his life, McAllister said,

he has worked with people in a variety of capacities.

"I've loved working with people all my life," he said. "At the board, we focus on what's at hand and that's the students.... As I look at it, we are here to serve the people, focusing in on the children."

In addition to his work with the board, McAllister's own education has prepared him for the job. He earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and social studies from Fayetteville State University, a master's degree in administration and education from A & T State University and a six-year degree in education administration from North

Carolina Central University.

He also served four years in the U.S. Army Air Corps, now known as the U.S. Air Force, after being drafted in 1942.

When asked what his goals are if he is elected, McAllister said, "I want to try to install programs and continue programs to help students master skills to graduate from high school and go into the world to work or do whatever they want. The basics would be reading, communications (writing), and computer skills (math, figures, measurement)."

Another issue of concern for McAllister is safety of the stu- (See CANDIDATE, page 5A)

## Around Town

By Sam C. Morris  
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The weather over the weekend was perfect. The sun was shining and the temperature registered in the 70s during the daytime. The nights were cool with readings in the high 40s. We got approximately four inches of rain out of the tropical storm. We didn't need any and it caused flooding in many parts of the state.

The forecast calls for the remainder of the week, Wednesday through Saturday, to have highs in the 70s and the lows in

the 50s. There is a chance of rain forecast for Friday.

I went by the Board of Elections office Monday and Caroline Shook, clerk, said mailed-in registrations were still coming in. Since the post office was closed Monday, she is waiting to make a list of the final registrations for the November election.

We will have to wait until next week to see the final total for the county. I will break it down by precincts and also by parties.

Agnes Mae Campbell came (See AROUND, page 8A)

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