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Around Town



By SAM C. MORRIS
Contributing Editor

The weather was a little different this past weekend. We had about one half inch of rain. This didn't help much, but it did bring down many leaves. As this is being written Monday afternoon, the weatherman is predicting some more rain for the afternoon. I hope so!

The forecast for the remainder of the week, Wednesday through Saturday, calls for the highs to be in the 60s and the lows in the 40s. There is a chance of rain Thursday night or Friday morning.

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Ministerial Association will be held Sunday night, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held at the Raeford United Methodist Church. The message will be delivered by the Rev. Rich Vaughn, pastor of the church. The music will be furnished by a choir from all the churches. So make plans now to attend.

Don't forget the Buddy-
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County sets aside money for sewer projects

By KNIGHT CHAMBERLAIN
Editor

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners gave its citizens an early Christmas gift Monday night in the form of a capital budget ordinance that placed \$1.8 million in a reserve fund to help pay for three sewer projects supporters say will attract sorely needed commercial and industrial growth.

In his last official act outgoing Commissioner Tom Howell made the motion for the ordinance, which passed 3-1 after being seconded by another outgoing commissioner, Jean Powell.

"These sewer projects are important; we cannot rely on residential growth alone," said Howell. "If we weren't growing I would not be in favor of this, but I am absolutely convinced

that this is the way to go."

The board agreed to support the projects — two of which are also City of Raeford projects — months ago, but dragged its collective feet until Monday night.

Commissioner L.E. McLaughlin Jr., standing in for absent Board Chairman James Leach, voted against the motion, saying he believed the money would be better utilized for a county office complex that would

consolidate all county offices under one roof.

But Howell said such a move would only serve to drain the county's limited finances instead of build them up.

"A county complex costs money to build. Then you have to pay the insurance and utilities and upkeep," Howell said. "When you invest in infrastructure you attract business and industry which generates tax rev-

enues. That's money coming into the county, not going out.

"Sure, it would be nice to have a new county complex, but what we have now is serving its purpose. We have to think about the future."

Commissioner Cleo Bratcher said he was uncomfortable committing so much of the county's money to the projects, but agreed with Howell that they
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Fall beauty

This tranquil scene, found on Will Monroe Road in eastern Hoke County, brings to mind the following verse by William Browne: "There is no season such delight can bring, as summer, autumn, winter and the spring." (Pat Allen Wilson photo)

Peterkin named chief deputy

By PAT ALLEN WILSON
Staff writer

Sheriff-elect Jim Davis has chosen Hoke County resident Hubert A. Peterkin to serve as chief of deputies under his administration.

Peterkin, 36, is an investigator with the Fayetteville Police Department. He says he is resigning from the FPD effective December 4, the day that Davis is to be sworn in as Hoke County sheriff.

Peterkin was born in Brooklyn, New York to Onnie B. Peterkin and the late Hubert Peterkin, Hoke County natives. The family returned to Hoke County when he was young and he attended schools here, graduating in 1981 from Hoke County High.

Peterkin has been with the FPD almost 12 years. He studied basic law enforcement training at the N.C. Justice Academy in Salem and joined the FPD shortly thereafter.

Peterkin has an associate of arts degree and is nearing completion of a bachelor of science degree from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. His major is government and business.

Peterkin holds certification in intermediate and advance law enforcement certification.

His professional education consists of preliminary investigation, basic juvenile investigator training, police law institute, criminal intelligence, case management, investigating child sexual abuse, narcotics interdiction, crime scene processing, investigating child abuse and neglect 1 and 2, and interview and interrogation.

Peterkin is also a certified instructor and teaches law enforcement officers at the FPD, Fayetteville Technical Community College and the N.C. Justice Academy.

During his service with FPD, he has been a patrol officer, school resource officer, community resource officer and investigator.

He has received Dedication and High Performance, Humanitarian, Mentor, Merit (twice), Individual Accommodation (twice) and Service awards, and Department Unit Accommodation and Testimonial Plaque of Excellence.

A member of Freedom Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Peterkin is a Sunday school teacher. He is



Hubert A. Peterkin

married to Della Monroe Peterkin and they have three children: Antisha, Laswanda and Antonio.

Peterkin says he is looking forward to serving Hoke residents "with the utmost respect of the law and with the best of his ability."

Peterkin says he commends Sheriff Wayne Byrd and Chief Deputy Wayne Gardner for the contributions that they made to the Hoke County community. "I hope to maintain a professional relationship so together we all can make Hoke County a better place to live," he said.

Ceremonies held to remember war vets

By PAT ALLEN WILSON
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Two ceremonies went hand in hand this past week. America's veterans were remembered in a Veterans Day ceremony held Wednesday, and a Peace Pole was re-planted at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church Sunday afternoon.

Veterans—black, white and Indian—were also remembered with a march at a pow wow held at the Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center Saturday.

Henry Locklear, speaker at the Veterans Day ceremony, said Veterans Day was declared because "they knew one day the veterans would be forgotten." The Veterans Day ceremony began on the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month, 80 years after the Armistice was signed bringing World War I to an end.

Locklear, the most decorated Lumbee soldier of the Vietnam War, spoke of the importance of

public support, the enjoyment of a soldier receiving a letter from home and the need to be greeted gratefully on the arrival home.

"A soldier didn't feel pain... All he wanted was to come home and see you," Locklear said. "Veterans don't have nothing but OD (olive drab) blood." As a soldier, Locklear said, "I wanted that freedom for my people in this country. Wouldn't it be sad if the American flag wasn't flying in our streets? It could happen."

Locklear urged citizens to visit patients in VA hospitals. "Say 'I don't know you but I know what you did for me,'" he said. "Veterans are worthy; they are heroes."

Locklear, whose war medals do not include the Purple Heart, said, "I survived Hamburger Hill without wounds because I had a praying Mama." Noting that prayer has been removed from schools, he said, "Don't take (See CEREMONIES, page 10A)

Chamberlain contributes chapter to book about N.C. children

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute (NCCAI) and Communities in Schools of North Carolina (CISNC) have released a joint publication, *Keeping*

America's Promise to North Carolina's Children, a collection of 22 real stories of the struggles and triumphs experienced by children and youth and the adults in their lives.



Henry Locklear, speaker at Wednesday's Veterans Day ceremony.

Knight Chamberlain, editor of *The News-Journal*, contributed one of the book's chapters, "Being a Parent."

A book party was held to celebrate the authors of this anthol-

ogy, as well as the N.C. young people and adults whose stories fill its pages. Among those honoring the North Carolinians featured in this book were award-
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Pow wow celebrates culture

By PAT ALLEN WILSON
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After Billy Jacobs went into the U.S. Army, a Navajo Indian asked about his tribe. Jacobs could give no answer because he did not know his tribe or anything about his native American heritage. He came home, visited cemeteries, talked with relatives, looked through records and learned he was a Lumbee.

While the Lumbee tribe struggles for federal recognition (they have state recognition), some local Lumbees are seeking to preserve their heritage.

The 1990 census indicated more than 80,000 Indians called North Carolina home, giving the state the largest Indian population east of the Mississippi and the seventh largest Indian population in the nation. The Lumbees make up half of the state's Indian population and more than 3,000 lived in Hoke County in 1990.

Jacobs emceed a fall pow wow Saturday at the Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center on John Road in South Hoke. The event featured those activities practiced by all cultures at celebrations: food and dance.

The pow wow began with a parade to welcome home and
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