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## Man still missing, family offers \$1,000

By PAT WILSON  
Editor

The family of John Edward Butler Jr. is awfully worried about him. He has been missing since around midnight Wednesday, July 28 and the family is offering a \$1,000 reward.

Butler, who is 52, was last seen going to bed at his home at 3050 Pittman Grove Church Road in eastern Hoke County. He lives there with his mother, Cecelia Ingram.

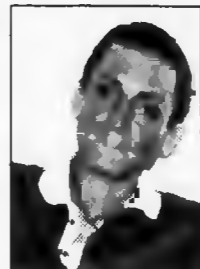
Butler is described as suffering from post traumatic stress syndrome as well as emphysema.

A disabled veteran, he has a prosthetic leg, having lost the limb from a land mine in the Vietnam War.

Butler is of black heritage, stands about six feet and weighs about 160 pounds. He has medium brown skin tone.

Mrs. Ingram is appealing to

the public to help find her son. She thinks he is in Cumberland County and said he was possibly seen on



John Butler

Raeford Road there.

A state Search and Rescue team looked for Butler until 2 a.m. yesterday morning but turned up nothing, she said.

Soaring temperatures since Butler disappeared have caused his family additional concern.

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### Around Town



By SAM C. MORRIS  
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I expect that July of 1999 will go down as a record setting month. Last week the heat index was over 105 degrees for the entire week. Sunday afternoon my thermometer registered 102 degrees. The thunder storm last week knocked out power in Raeford and also flooded many buildings and streets. On my side of the city we received over an inch of rain in about 30 minutes.

The forecast for the remainder of the week, Wednesday through Saturday, calls for the highs to be in the high 80s and low 90s. The lows at night will be in the high 60s or low 70s. There is a chance of rain on Thursday. Of course this time of year showers come up in many places.

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I was sorry to hear Sunday of the death of Christiana McFadyen Campbell of Australia. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William M. McFadyen of Hoke County and the sister of the late Neill L. McFadyen and Lena Blue Woodard. She graduated from Raeford High School in the late 1920s or early 1930s.

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### Lemonade stand beats the heat

Taking advantage of 100-degree-plus weather, Trey and Hannah, children of Dooie and Deana Leach, offer passersby homemade lemonade at their home on Edinborough Avenue last week. They reported brisk business.

## City donates lot to local Habitat

By KRISTIN GUTHRIE  
Staff writer

Showing support to the local Raeford/Hoke Habitat for Humanity chapter, the City Council agreed Monday night to give a parcel of City-owned property to the non-profit organization.

On behalf of Habitat, the Rev. John Hinkle approached the Council during its regular monthly meeting and requested that the City donate any surplus property to the efforts of Habitat. Reassuring the Council that it can legally give this property to Habitat, City Attorney Palmer

Wilcox gave the Council the go-ahead to appropriate any property they do not need.

After debating several possible lots behind the in-City fire station and water tank off Prospect Avenue, the Council agreed unanimously to donate a lot on East 5th Street in that area. Habitat plans to use the lot to build a moderate house for someone in need of adequate housing. The organization is currently well underway in the construction of its first housing project.

Also at the meeting, Hinkle announced that Habitat recently hired a new executive director,

Alison Dunham, who will handle the affairs of the local chapter.

In other residential business, the City annexed the properties of Felipe Madrigal and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Blue. Madrigal's property is located at 284 Wallace McLean Road, while the Blues live at 822 Green Street.

The Council tabled another request for annexation after questioning the details of the petition. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lupo requested that their property at 1209 East Prospect Avenue be annexed into the City, but apparently the Lupos own two parcels of land

(See COUNCIL, page 12A)

## Hendrix honored as state's Southeastern Farmer of Year

Earl Hendrix, a second generation farmer who has been farming for 43 years, has been named the Lancaster/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year for North Carolina for 1999.

Hendrix is one of eight outstanding farmers, representing eight Southeastern states, from whose ranks the 1999 Lancaster/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year will be chosen.

Hendrix, who was chosen in

judging conducted by the North Carolina Farm Bureau, was nominated by Farm Bureau officer Robert Wright of Raeford.

As the North Carolina winner, Hendrix receives a \$1,500 cash award. The Lancaster/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year winner, who will be announced on October 19 at a luncheon during the opening day of the Sunbelt Expo, will receive an additional \$12,500 cash award.

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A sketch of Hendrix

## Storm kills power, knocks out radios

By JESSICA S. McDANIEL  
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Lightning streaked across the sky, followed immediately by deafening thunder. Massive wind and rain swayed trees nearly to the ground. This storm that swept through Thursday afternoon left Raeford and other parts of the county without electricity, and lightning nearly disabled emergency communications and the Hoke County Sheriff's Office.

According to Carolina Power and Light, 760 customers in Raeford and 400 customers in other parts of Hoke County lost

power due to the storm. The business district of Raeford, including The News-Journal office, lost all power during this time. The first call came in at 4:11 p.m., and service was restored to most customers by 7 p.m.

According to Al Schwarzbher, director of emergency services, lightning struck the emergency services amateur radio antenna at approximately 4:30 p.m. This disabled the primary 911 system, EMS telephone system and several pieces of computer equipment. Emergency services immediately began operating on

other parts of Hoke County lost (See STORM, page 11A)

## Five now in race for City Council

By KRISTIN GUTHRIE  
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Nearing the end of the filing season for a position on the City Council, the slate remains at five candidates running for three seats becoming vacant this November. The terms of Earl McDuffie, John Jordan and Clyde Thomas will expire. The candidates vying for a seat include current Councilmen John Jordan and Earl McDuffie and newcomers Eddie Jim White and Gregory Johnson and the most recent filer, James Brent Clark.

Clark, 28, added his name to the list of candidates for the Council last Wednesday morning. Moving to Raeford at the age of nine after being born in Fayetteville, Clark knows Raeford as his home. He left for

the Navy when he was 21, but returned a year and six months ago to rekindle the life he loved in Raeford.

Clarks works as a shift supervisor at Nanodyne Inc. in Maxton and lives on Harris Avenue with his wife Dyana and two daughters, one who attends McLaughlin and the other who goes to Raeford Play School.

By joining the Council, Clark seeks to serve his community and make Raeford just as great and even better for the two children he intends to rear in his childhood home.

As for the other candidates, McDuffie, 67, claims the most City Council experience of all four candidates. His service includes three terms as a City Council member. McDuffie, a Raeford

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## Gunshots injure five in two incidents Sunday

By JESSICA S. McDANIEL  
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The first of August brought more violence to Hoke County. Two separate shooting incidents occurred Sunday, according to Captain Thomas Carlton, chief detective of the Hoke County Sheriff's Office.

The first incident occurred at 2:05 a.m. There were several cars parked at a social club on Alex Baker Road when shooting began, according to Carlton.

The two victims report they heard the gunshots and began running. Delton Wayne Graham, 25, of Raeford MHP, was shot in the right upper thigh. Christopher Earl Campbell, also in early 20s, was shot in his right foot.

The victims had no knowledge of who shot them. Emergency services were called as soon as the shooting began, but both victims were taken to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in a private vehicle before the ambulance.

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## Police: two admit to crimes

Raeford police have charged two men in separate incidents relating to bouncing checks. One of the men is also charged with breaking into two city businesses, one in June and another in July.

Steve McKenzie, 25, Harmony Heights MHP, faces two counts of breaking and entering

and larceny and two counts of forgery and uttering. Darrell Maurice Haynes, 25, of Haire Road, Shannon, is charged with uttering forged papers.

McKenzie is charged with breaking into Johnson Concrete on June 12 and Economy Build-

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