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Around Town



By SAM C. MORRIS
Contributing Editor

The weather has finally started being normal again. The 100 degree temperatures have gone and we also had some rain. There was a terrible thunderstorm one night and it seemed that before one bolt of lightning would flash, another would follow. The county got anywhere from one and a half inches of rain to two and a half inches. My air conditioner was knocked out and the repair man said that mine was the fifth that he had repaired that day. It was nice to have it repaired before it became hot again.

The forecast for the remainder of the week, Wednesday through Saturday, calls for the highs to be in the high 80s or low 90s and the lows will be around 70. The report says that we could get rain about any day of the week.

A couple of weeks ago I reported in this column that the Museum at Red Springs was open on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Sunday I received a call from Mrs. Grace Britt and she stated that I had made a mistake. The museum is open on Tuesdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. She also stated that people from Raeford had come to visit the museum since the item appeared.

I hope that the mistake didn't cause someone to make
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The first East Hoke Middle School Jazz Band rehearses with their Band Director Paula Mascho. Shown (left to right, 1st row) are students Jeremy Barnes and Allen Thomas, both seventh graders, and Jessica Hanson and La Cole Stevens, sixth graders, (2nd row) Mrs. Mascho, Chris Horne, Traven Harrington, Jason Leyva and Joshua Frantz, all seventh graders.

Band director plays in hit 'Grease,' founds East Hoke Middle Jazz Band

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS
Staff writer

Night and day.... Band Director Paula Mascho plays music.

Nightly, she performs as a professional, saxophone player at the Cape Fear Regional Theatre's production of the hit musical, "Grease." It's currently running through August 29 in Fayetteville.

Daytime, the dedicated teacher instructs her band students at East Hoke Middle School on every conceivable instrument from trombone to

drums. She even established the first jazz band ensemble at East Hoke last year, with students from ages 11 to 14 years old.

Some may perceive Mascho as a celebrity, bestowing kudos for her versatile performance in "Grease." Others are awed she's 'sat-in' with the famous Ray Charles in a Myrtle Beach concert.

However, Mascho emphasized her main interest lies in the enrichment of the kids at East Hoke.

"My priority is much more in my students than being on stage," Mascho enthused. "These stu-

dents at East Hoke are the heart of my labor.

"Some of my students love music and will continue to play for years to come."

Musical background

Mascho began playing the clarinet when she was 8 years old, later learning to play the "sax." Inspired by her grandmother, Pauline Moore of Wilmington, she fondly calls her "Mema." Mascho grew up listening to the tunes of Lawrence Welk and the swing, Grover Washington, Dexter
(See JAZZ, page 9A)

Rossie Floyd still active in home extension club founded in 1955

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS
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Some people seek recognition, while others are simply born to serve.

Rossie Floyd, past president of "The Morning Club" in Raeford, has been inspired to serve others since the inception

of this County Extension Club founded back in 1955. As the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service's 85th Anniversary was celebrated on August 24, this local octogenarian insisted her greatest satisfaction has been sharing her home economics knowledge with others. Not even a bevy of state and

county awards can take the place of her hope she made life more enjoyable for others.

After almost a half century is close to passing, Floyd, 84, represents the oldest as well as the only original member of The Morning Club to still be active in club events.

"I'm the only member left from the start," Floyd said with nostalgia. "Two of the former members that helped us establish the club are still living—Betty Wright and Christine Cochran.

"But, most are dead and gone." However, the memory of camaraderie and achievements from the past will never be erased in Floyd's mind.

"We were the first Cooperative Extension Club to be started in town," Floyd reminisced. "The late Miss Josephine Hall was the Hoke Home Economics leader at the time. Then Ellen Willis followed in Miss Hall's footsteps. She's living at the Laurinburg Presbyterian Home now.

Things were a lot different then as now. We first met in the homes of members."

Home demonstrations were emphasized back then, Floyd said. Learning how to can and freeze vegetables and embroidery and crocheting lessons were conducted. She said grocery stores and retail stores didn't have the selection of goods and food
(See EXTENSION, page 8A)



Rossie Floyd, a member of The Morning Club, Raeford's Cooperative Extension Club, displays the 1995 Governor's Award she received from Gov. Hunt in recognition for outstanding service as a volunteer.

Woodpeckers may get land

2,500 acre preserve to cost \$3.8 million

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS
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The North Carolina Department of Transportation is paving the way to purchase a vast area of land in Hoke County.

"It's not for future use as a highway," DOT Biologist Hal Bain said last Thursday. "The DOT is trying to be more proactive in protecting the eco-system of our environment and conducting business in an efficient fashion.

"The reason so many people come here to North Carolina is because of the diversity of its natural resources."

DOT announced on August 18 it proposes to buy 2,504 acres of property in Hoke for \$3.8 million. Bain said this proposed price

includes the \$3.7 million appraised value of the property, plus an associated cost for management expenses. According to him, DOT Manager Bill Gilmore of the Planning and Environmental division will be in charge of
(See PRESERVE, page 10A)

Woodpecker an interesting bird

By TOM SQUIER
Special to the NJ

People who know anything about the red-cockaded woodpecker seem to be polarized into two groups. They either love it or they hate it.

Farmers have had to forego
(See BIRD, page 8A)

Burlington workers are promised relief

By PAT ALLEN WILSON
Editor

Workers here who were laid off by the closing of the Burlington Industries weaving plant have been certified eligible to receive special assistance to find new jobs or enter training programs.

In a press release, the state Employment Security Commission says it has requested additional benefits for the Burlington Industries workers to ensure that those not covered by regular trade

assistance programs would have other options available to them.

The Federal Trade Act provides special benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program to those who were laid off or had their hours reduced because their employer was adversely affected by increased imports from other countries.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) provides special benefits under the NAFTA-TAA program to those
(See RELIEF, page 9A)

First regional Spanish magazine premieres

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS
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A new Spanish publication will soon reach out to the rapidly-emerging Hispanic population in North Carolina.

Dickson Press Inc. and The News-Journal in Raeford are introducing "Acento Latino," the first Spanish language magazine to be established in southeastern North Carolina.

Dickson Press will publish the brand new publication, launching the first issue during the first part of September. It will con-

tinue printing Acento Latino, which will be written by "Hispanics for Hispanics" in their native language on a monthly basis. Plus, non-Hispanics, who are bi-lingual and are familiar with the language and culture, will contribute additional articles to the magazine.

"This new publication is in direct response to the burgeoning Spanish population in our area," Robert Dickson, publisher of Dickson Press, said. "It will address the interests and concerns of Hispanics also moving
(See SPANISH, page 9A)

Festival turkey flags on sale

With the North Carolina Turkey Festival less than a month away, the festival store has a new item available for sale to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the event.

The 2' x 3' flags sell for \$20 each and sales are reported as brisk since their arrival at the festival office, located in the Chamber building at the railroad depot in downtown Raeford.

The flag is white and features red white and blue turkey on each side and can be used year after year at festival time.

Festival planners ask that citizens and businesses "flock" to the store and purchase a flag so it can be displayed throughout the festival.

Turkey Talk



The festival is scheduled this year for September 16, 17 and 18. Festival events will include a parade, street fair, beach concert, and turkey cooking contest and numerous other activities.

Powell to lead festival parade

Hoke County District Attorney Jean E. Powell has been named the grand marshal for the 1999 North Carolina Turkey Festival.

Powell was elected the
(See MARSHAL, page 10A)