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Around Town



By SAM C. MORRIS
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Last week I forecast in this column the highs for the remainder of the week would be in the 70s. That was the forecast on Monday when I wrote my column. The reason I mention this is because someone asked me why I put the weather in this column. I mentioned this to Warren Johnson when he was editor of the paper. He said to keep writing about the weather because there would always be a record on file. So I have continued doing so over the years. I like this fall weather. We did have over an inch of rain last week.

The forecast for the remainder of the week, Wednesday through Saturday, calls for the highs to be in the 70s and the lows in the 50s. There could be rain on Thursday and Friday.

Don't forget that the Philippi Presbyterian Homecoming is Sunday, October 14. The worship service will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a covered dish lunch. This church is celebrating its 113th year.

As most of the readers of this column know, I have been confined at my home for several weeks after a fall at the Raeford Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 16. I have expressed thanks for the many cards, telephone calls, visits and the gift of pies and (See *AROUND*, page 10A)

Museum efforts gain momentum

Architecture pondered, named picked

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS
Staff writer

Growing excitement about the future historical museum planned in Raeford

stimulated the steering committee to share ideas last Wednesday regarding the architectural style and how to elicit more interest in the project. Voting unanimously, the committee agreed to officially name

the proposed facility "The Raeford Hoke Museum."

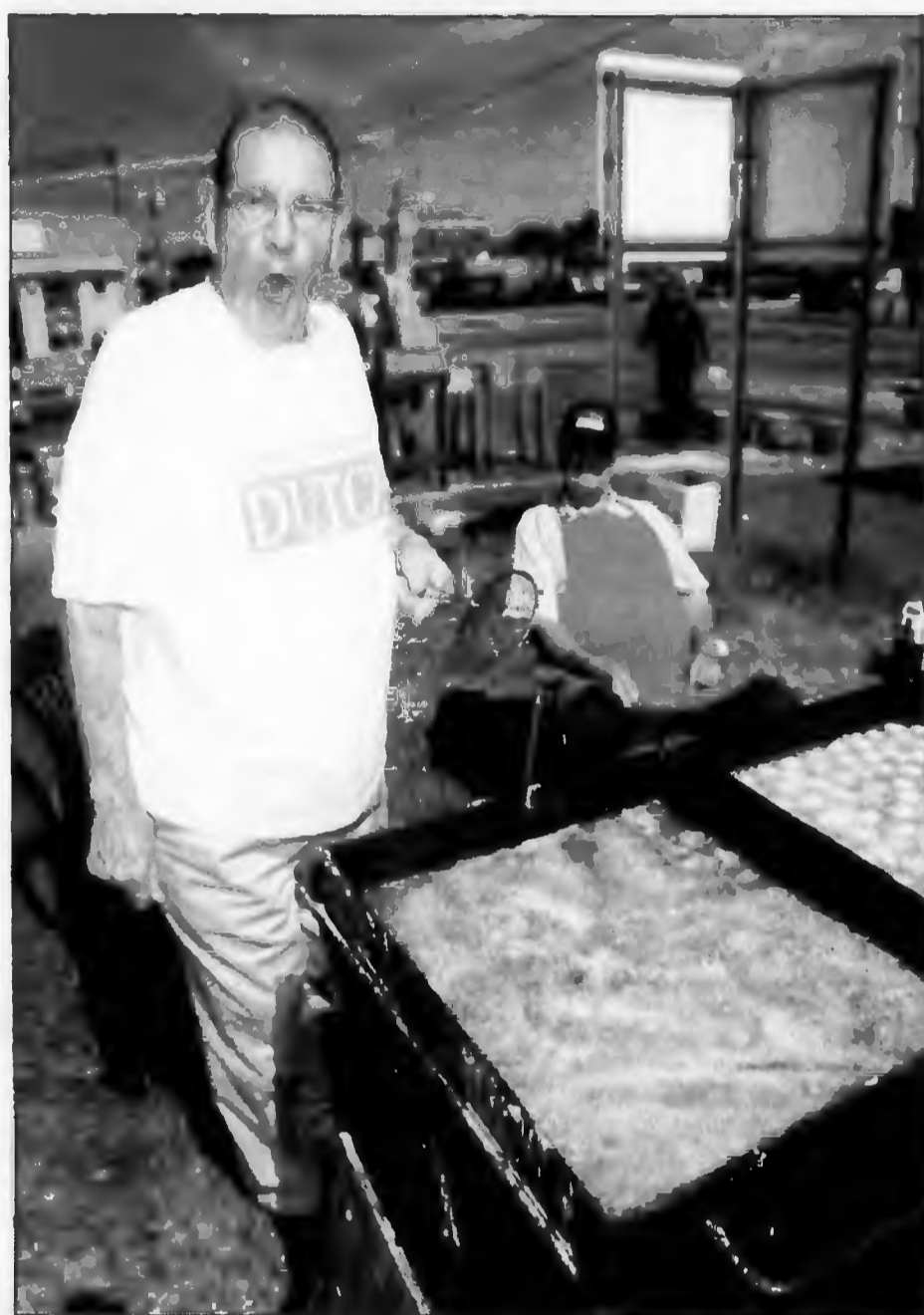
"We are seeking private and corporate donations to keep this project flourishing," said Grace McDonald, one of the board members spearheading the museum. "We are very grateful to everyone who has already contributed to help this project

be completed.

"It will be here long after our lives are over as a tribute to Raeford and Hoke County."

Estimated to cost approximately \$500,000, the museum's cornerstone was laid at the ground-breaking site on Wooley (See *MUSEUM*, page 5A)

Hospice Fish Fry



Is he singing while he cooks? No, Fritz Quak was caught by surprise Thursday as he cooked fish for the annual Hospice Fish Fry at Edinborough Shopping Center. More than 1,100 tickets were sold to help fund the organization's work with terminally ill residents of Hoke County.



Mary Upchurch with Sandhills President John Dempsey (above); the new building (right)



Sandhills dedicates Upchurch Hall here

Building anchors Hoke's new campus

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS
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"It is a big chapter in an ongoing story," said Dr. John Dempsey, president of Sandhills Community College, during the dedication and grand opening of SCC's new \$1.8 million Hoke County Center in Raeford. In greeting several hundred guests attending the outdoor ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 2, Dempsey honored Mary and Wyatt Upchurch, owners of Tar Heel Turkey Hatchery and philanthropists of Sandhills, as the "synergistic catalyst." He dedicated the first building on the Hoke campus, naming it Upchurch Hall.

County Commission Chairman Cleo Bratcher Jr. welcomed citizens to the dedication, saying it was a "great day" for

Hoke County. Dempsey echoed Bratcher's greeting.

"We want to honor Mary Upchurch for contributing single-handedly to Hoke County and to Sandhills," Dempsey said. "Without her, we would not be standing here."

"We deeply appreciate that because Hoke County and Sandhills are about the future."

With the American, state and Hoke flags flying above Upchurch Hall, Dempsey asked for guests to salute the nation's flag in light of recent tragic events at the World Trade Center. He joined other dignitaries as they recited the Pledge of Allegiance and paused for a moment of silence for those who died.

Nestled among a stand of pines, SCC (See *SANDHILLS*, page 5A)

Peterkin kicks off campaign for Hoke sheriff

County invited to cookout Saturday

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS
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He calls his hometown "Hoke USA" and Fayetteville Police Investigator



Hubert Peterkin

Hubert A. Peterkin has pledged he will represent citizens of Hoke County as a "working sheriff who will walk that extra mile."

In seeking the top office as sheriff in 2002,

Peterkin, a Democrat, will co-host a free, all-you-can-eat cookout for his campaign kickoff event on October 13 with the Rev. Shirley Ferguson hosting. Peterkin, a native of Hoke and Sunday school teacher, will greet county residents at the new National Guard Armory located at 305 Teal Drive in Raeford, starting at 12 noon on Saturday.

As former chief deputy for the Hoke Sheriff's Office, Peterkin supervised fundraisers with deputies for underprivileged children to receive Christmas toys and clothing. He was also the co-founder with the Rev. Ray Owens of the well-attended religious unity celebration, "The 200 Men Fellowship."

"The entire county is invited to our cookout to enjoy some warm hospitality, entertainment, and great food," said Peterkin. "My priority goal is to reduce the high rate of crime that currently exists

in Hoke County and make myself accessible to citizens."

Peterkin accepted a position with the City of Fayetteville Police Department (See *PETERKIN*, page 9A)

Women charged with thefts from Scurlock classrooms

By PAT ALLEN WILSON
Editor

The Hoke County Sheriff's Office has arrested two women and has a warrant for a third after money and other items were taken from classrooms at Scurlock Elementary School this past Wednesday.

Shenita McPhaul, 25, and Rosalyn Graham, 23, both residents of Rockfish Road, were arrested by Lt. H. Johnson the following day, according to a press release from Sheriff Jim Davis.

A third suspect, Staci Lavanda Ray, 23, is being sought. She is the sister of (See *WOMEN CHARGED*, page 10A)

Ceremony remembers fallen safety officers

By PAT ALLEN WILSON
Editor

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. — The Holy Bible.

Plans were made for Hoke and surrounding counties to get together for a memorial for the fallen public safety workers of the September 11 terrorist attacks. However, local public safety workers realized they would be leaving their home territories unprotected to travel to the event in another county. So each county held their own memorial but all at the same time so that they could be together in spirit.

Hoke County's memorial at West Hoke Middle School yesterday afternoon was sparsely attended; most were firefighters and rescue workers and only two government officials — Sheriff Jim Davis and County Commissioners Chair Cleo Bratcher — attended.



Hoke firefighter James Vaughn and wife Lora at the memorial for 300 firefighters who died in the line of duty September 11, 2001. Also remembered were other public safety workers who lost their lives.

"We can't thank these people enough for watching over us," Bratcher said about public safety personnel, most of whom are volunteers. He said we should pray for our emergency personnel, police officers and firefighters. He also advised that we (See *MEMORIAL*, page 10A)



Rivalry

East Hoke Middle defeated West Hoke Middle 8-6 yesterday in the annual contest between Hoke's only two middle schools. Here, East's Anthony Rainey, number 84, clinches the ball in the end zone. The game was played at Raz Autry Stadium.