

RELIGION

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mt. Elim youth fund-raiser features collards, fatback

The youth of Mt. Elim Baptist Church are again having the fund-raiser in which they will sell collards, sausage, fatback and cornbread for a donation. The event at the church on Wilson Road in the Antioch community will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 27.

Break bread and hear The Word

The Raeford/Hoke Ministerial Association is sponsoring Lenten Luncheons at the First Baptist Church on North Main Street each Wednesday at noon until 1 p.m. A different minister will deliver the sermon each week.

Methodist preschool has 3-yr.-old openings

The Raeford United Methodist Church Preschool has openings in the three-year-old class. This class meets on Mondays and Wednesday from 9 to 12 at the church. If interested, call

the church office at 875-2111 or Jane Britt at 875-4398.

Christian talent wanted

Good Shepherd Promotions is seeking Christian talent to perform in the concerts they do periodically to benefit local charities.

The nonprofit service organization, based in Fayetteville, raises funds to donate to organizations such as the CARE Clinic, Sickle Cell Anemia, AIDS Foundation, Urban Ministry, American Red Cross, Operation Blessing, Catholic Ministries, United Way and others.

Audrey Harris, a representative of Good Shepherd Promotions, says choirs, musicians, singing groups and other types of Christian entertainment "who do praise and worship" are needed to donate their time and talents.

The concerts are held about once a month at the Cumberland Community Foundation Building.

For more information, call Harris at 822-9556.

See ya'll at Lenten Luncheon

A pastor walked into his church's board meeting one night. He began his pastor's report with the words, "I have canceled the Wednesday night prayer and Bible study." There was stunned silence for a short time and then all "heaven" broke loose.

"How dare you cancel that without our approval? This event has been a tradition in this church long before you were our pastor and will be long after you are gone! What in heaven's name were you thinking?"

The pastor replied, "I was thinking that you would not be concerned, since I cancelled it three weeks ago."

I wanted to use that little humorous story I heard a long time ago to talk about the Lenten Luncheons. And no, they have not been cancelled! But they are already here and started! It is hard to believe that Lent has begun, but Easter is March 31 this year so Lent began really early. I hope that is the reason for the "weak" attendance this past Wednesday, Feb. 13. It was about half the crowd I normally see and I am trusting that many of you forgot that this was the beginning of the Lenten Luncheons!

The luncheons are being hosted by the Hoke County Raeford Ministerial Association and are being held at the First Baptist Church on Main Street every Wednesday from noon till 1 p.m.

Pastor's Pen

Rev. Richard Vaughan
Raeford United Methodist Church

Different pastors from our community are bringing the message each Wednesday and that is good news since we each have at least one good sermon, your chances are really good that you will find some great food, great fellowship, and a great message!

There is also the fact that this is one of the few opportunities that we have as a Christian community to gather regardless of race or denomination and I would love to see a great representation of our Christian community gathering once a week to break bread and to hear the Word.

In fact, there are 132 churches in this area, so if we each sent one person what a crowd we would have! Some of our churches should be able to have 25 to 30 from their church attend. So what are you waiting for? This is a moment to take a break from the rush of life, to find a spiritual oasis, to hear God's word and to be fed physically and spiritually. See you at the Lenten Luncheon!

Lenten Luncheon speakers

- February 20 — John Robinson; interim pastor, First Baptist Church of Raeford;
- February 27 — James Glenn, Full Gospel Temple of Raeford;
- March 6 — Sister Jean Morgan, St. Elizabeths of Hungary Catholic Church of Raeford;
- March 13 — Barry O'Shaffner,

- Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church;
- March 20 — Kevin Campbell, Raeford Presbyterian Church;
- March 27 — Richard Vaughan, Raeford United Methodist Church. Location is First Baptist Church. Time is noon — 1 p.m.

Around town

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card and calendar. I am improving but still confined to my home. Come to see me when you are in Raeford.

Last week Anthony Cobb brought me a clipping that had been placed on my desk by the Rev. Richard Vaughan. Clipped to the clipping was the following note: "Look Sam, Mt. Union is coming to Fayetteville."

As most of you readers know, the Rev. Mr. Vaughan brags about the undefeated Mt. Union football team, a Division III powerhouse in Ohio. One of the quarterbacks for the Fayetteville Arena football team is Gary Smeck of Mt. Union. His roommate, Justin Sloan, will also play for Fayetteville. I only hope that the games are not played on Sunday because the members of the Raeford United Methodist Church would have to get an Interim preacher!

From all reports it was a sell-out crowd at the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast. It was held last Saturday morning at the conference room of Burlington Industries. I was told that three State Senators and one of our three House members were present.

Whoever attends, it is always good to meet people and to enjoy fellowship with them.

Last Wednesday afternoon I received a call from Bobby McBryde, telling me of the death of Joe Dupree. It was a shock to me and it brought back memories of when Joe was living in Raeford.

He came here as a Highway Patrolman and later became a District Court Judge. I was chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee when I received a call from Hinton McPhaul, now deceased, one night. The judge of Hoke County Recorder's Court had died and the Executive Committee would make a recommendation to the District Superior Court Judge for a replacement. When Hinton came to the house he brought Joe Dupree. After talking with Dupree and presenting his name to the committee, he was chosen.

Later, when the Court Reform Bill was passed the judge for Recorder's Court was done away with and Hoke

and Cumberland counties were put in the same district. There would be three District Court Judges, maybe four. The new law said they must be lawyers, except for the laymen serving. Joe Dupree ran and won for a judgeship. He told me that he knocked on every door in Cumberland County. This hard work paid off.

He was one of the best judges with whom I have ever come in contact. As one Cumberland County man stated last week, "He used common sense in his decisions." Joe and I became friends and until his death we remained friends. As someone once said, "You could count your true friends on the fingers of your hand."

We express our sympathy to Helen and her family.

Another call last week from Ann Webb with news of the death of John Draughon of Ashville. John came to Raeford many years ago when he worked for Collins Dept. Store here. Collins was located in the McLaughlin building that burned some years ago.

Later John opened his own store on Main Street. It was called Bon Mart. Later it was purchased by Theresa McBryde and called Theresa's. John was also a veteran and was a Lt. Col. in the Army. Later I understand he became a colonel. We express sympathy to his family.

It seems that when we have the Olympics every four years we have trouble. One year it was killing of people; another was a boycott in Russia. This year it was a cut-deal in the figure skating decision. I was glad to see that a second gold medal was awarded. When will we remove greed from our world?

It happened in the same weekend. Duke was defeated and Carolina won in basketball. There are still a few games left before the tournament. Who will win the tournament?

Monday you could file to run in the upcoming primary. How many will file and for what offices will they file for? According to the condition of the state, county and city governments, we need to be wise in our choice of our elected officials.

ATV accident

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Highway Patrol initially responded to the accident, Ross said, officers incorrectly thought the road was maintained by the state.

A witness said Harris was standing on the side of the road with a group of children when the ATV hit her. Ross said a witness indicated the four-wheeler was traveling north at approximately 45 mph at the time of the accident.

"The four-wheeler dragged the child about 51 feet before it ran off the road and struck a tree," Ross said. "A witness said he just barely avoided hitting some of the other children."

"Mr. Faircloth was not wearing a safety helmet and he was thrown from

the ATV." Faircloth, of McCain Street in Raeford, was operating an ATV that belongs to his brother, David Carl Thompson of Red Springs. Ross verified that the Yamaha was neither licensed nor insured.

Harris is the daughter of Michelle Harris and Roderick Cuttino, of 140 Hansen Drive. Guttino is a member of the military currently serving overseas, said Ross.

Harris died Saturday in FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinhurst. Final funeral arrangements will be announced today by Purcell Funeral Home.

Roll call for prayer

In light of the terrorist attacks of September 11 and responding military action, The News-Journal is compiling a prayer list for those service men and women who may be in harm's way or are just in need of our prayers at this critical time. We also think their families should be included in our special prayers.

Call in, e-mail, or fax the names of those you want to be included on the list so that their names may be published and the entire community can add their prayers to yours.

Include names, branch of service and the service person or person's connection to Raeford/Hoke County or their close family members. For security reasons, we are not including the rank and unit.

Our list so far includes:

- U.S. Army**
Chuck LaMonte; Samuel Eden, husband of Yolanda Eden, son-in-law of Dorothy Cook; Anthony Cook, husband of Karen Cook, son of Dorothy Cook; James A. Wilson, Thomas C. Wilson and Cathy Wilson, sons and daughter-in-law of Pat Allen Wilson; Michael Sundborg, husband of Dawn Reynolds Sundborg and father of Ryan, Stephanie and Laura; Karl Wilkie, son of Delmer and Juanita

Colston building

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"I think he deserved this recognition," Southerland said. "Mr. Colston has put his time in. He has seen us come and go."

"I think it was the right thing to do in naming the physical education building after him."

The board requested Tyler ask Colston if he prefers his nickname, "Billy," to be reflected on the name plate that will be placed on the sports facility, or merely his formal name.

Colston has coached at Hoke High for almost 33 years. He also serves as an advanced mathematics teacher.

"The story of this new building is not about me," said a modest Colston. "This building is being constructed because we are in need of more room for our physical education classes and our athletic teams."

"The building is half of what we anticipated we would need, but it is what we could afford."

Colston credited other teachers and coaches for their hard work to help improve athletic activities at Hoke High.

"It is an honor that the school board wanted to recognize me," Colston said. "It is a gift that I value, but it is something that really belongs to everyone here at Hoke High."

Wilkie Barefoot.

The following names are courtesy of Raeford Methodist Church:

- Paul Sark, Mike Garry, Jeremy Henderson, Kelby Glass, Jenny Comley, John Woodard, Curtis Pasley, Brian Smith, Brian Banks, Jack Parham, Stephan Tetreault, Chris Derepentigny, Jeff Melton, Frank Bird, Jason Gonzales, Norman Johnson, Johnny Meyer, Kirk Randolph, Davis Thigpen and David Joseph Blake.

U.S. Air Force

Mac Langdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Langdon; Steven P. Knoll, husband of Rhonda G. Knoll and father of Josh; Steven Lovette and Jessica Lovette, son and daughter-in-law of Colin and Bobby Lovette; Neil Kellar, son of Patricia Kellar; submitted by Raeford Methodist Church — Matt McMenamin, James Henderson and Lester Davis.

U.S. Navy

James W. Watson Jr., son of James and Linda Watson; Lewis Dees, son of Rachel Dees and the late Bill Dees; submitted by Raeford Methodist Church — Karl Rauch, Gabe Brazell, James Keith Jackson, Philip Ballard.

Colston was described as one who "goes to bat" for students, nurturing their potential in academics and athletics.

"I do enjoy doing my job," Colston said. "I do not think I have some special ability or technique for students to succeed."

"People are people. Some work harder than others. "I do the best I can with what we have."

Facility

Colston and Tyler said activities would be economized in the approximate 7,500-square-foot facility. Plans call for the future physical education structure to be used primarily as an athletic training facility, accommodating weight lifting and physical education classes.

"We are pleased the building seems to be on track," Tyler said. "The slab has been poured and, hopefully, the walls will be going up soon."

He said architectural plans provide for potential expansion. Seasonal sports will be incorporated, with dressing rooms in the fall for football and physical education classes. In the winter, emphasis will be on weight lifting and other PE courses. Spring will bring use of the dressing rooms for the baseball, soccer and track teams.

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M3315B	00 Ford Expedition, Eddie Bauer, 4wd, loaded	\$27,975*
P5480A	00 Chevrolet S10 LS	\$10,777*
P5485A	99 Mitsubishi Montero Sport ES	\$12,975*
P5543A	99 Kia Sportage EX	\$10,555*
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M5238A	99 Dodge Dakota SLT ext. cab, V6, auto	\$13,333*
P5332A	99 Chrysler T & C LXi	\$16,975*
P5481A	98 Toyota Tacoma SR5, ext. cab, 2 in stock	FROM \$12,444*
M5297A	98 Nissan Quest	\$9,975*
P5408A	98 Mitsubishi Montero Sport LS, 4 WD	\$15,975*
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