

Police make fourth murder arrest

By PAT ALLEN WILSON
Editor

Raeford police have charged a fourth man with the shooting death of Timothy Lavelle Stephens. Jeremiah Tremayne Baldwin, 19, Harris Lane, is charged with first degree murder and is being held in Hoke Jail under no bond.

Stephens, 26, of John Roper Avenue, was killed January 23 while he was standing with a group of men at the intersection of 7th Avenue and Stephens and Saunders streets. His brother, Patrick Dion Stephens, of the same address, and Shawn McCoy, 22, of Jackson Street, were also shot but recovered from their wounds.

Raeford Police Chief Mack High said Baldwin was in the yard of a relative's home Saturday when someone called authorities to report his whereabouts. He offered no resistance when Hoke County Sheriff's Office deputies picked him up, the chief said.

Shortly after the shooting, city police arrested Larry Carlos Evans, 26, and Eric Evans, 20, both of Doc Brown Road, and Keith J. Baldwin, 20, of Harris Avenue. They, too, are charged with first degree murder and are being held without bail.

The shootings occurred in the afternoon just after school children were dropped off a bus at the site. Timothy Stephens died at the location. High said the shooters probably used the school bus for cover as they moved in on their victims.



Jeremiah T. Baldwin



The last student is taken off a school bus after Monday morning's mishap.

Girl Scouts celebrate 'Thinking Day'

Hoke County Girl Scouts will join nearly 10 million Girl Scouts from around the world to celebrate World Thinking Day on February 22. World Thinking Day focuses on the international connections within the 140 countries of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). This year's theme — "Young Women Involved in WAGGGS" — provides the opportunity to recognize the young women who have learned leadership skills in Girl Scouting/Girl Guiding.

"Developing leadership skills in girls and young women so that they can participate in society has been at the core of the international movement since it first began in England in 1909," said Becky Wrisley, director of communications for Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council. "Not only are Girl Guides and Girl Scouts trained in leadership skills, but they are encouraged to participate in the governance of Girl Scouting/Girl Guiding at the local, national, and International lev-

els." Pines of Carolina Girl Scouts will recognize Thinking Day by holding celebrations that recognize a variety of countries from around the world. These celebrations will include learning about the food, clothing and customs of foreign countries.

Other Girl Scouts will participate through "Different Shoe Day" where they will wear two different shoes in recognition of the many different people in the world. Several local schools will also participate in "Different Shoe Day."

Every day and especially on Thinking Day, girls in the USA and around the world can focus on community action projects, thereby earning a special Building World Citizenship patch. This patch is linked to six theme areas — Environment, Education, Peace, Food and Nutrition, Health, and Culture and Heritage — and encourages girls to think of the global patch by completing various activities that teach the girls about other countries

and cultures, or a Global Awareness badge that encourages girls to research various topics about the world. Former US Secretary of State Madeline Albright helped develop the Global Awareness badge.

On World Thinking Day, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides can make new friends through Internet chat rooms, or learn about new cultures by holding international food fairs, or by doing research on a country of their choosing. Many girls also choose World Thinking Day as the time to give back to the Girl Guide, Girl Scout movement by supporting the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. This fund was created in memory of the founder of Girl Scouts of the USA and fulfills her vision of bringing Girl Scouting to more girls around the world.

February 22 is the joint birthday of the founder of the movement, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, and of the World Chief Guide, Olave Baden-Powell.

Hendrix elected to state soybean assoc.

Hoke farmer Earl Hendrix was elected to the board of directors and executive committee of the North Carolina Soybean Products Association during its 35th annual meeting in Raleigh.

Hendrix has previously served on the association's board of directors, and was president in 1987 and Scotland and Robeson counties. He was

elected to serve as three-year term and will be eligible to serve an additional three-year term at the conclusion of his current tenure. His responsibilities on the state board include participation in decisions governing allocation of soybean check-off funds in areas of research, market development and producer communications.

Hendrix has served on the board of directors of the North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association, state and county Farm Bureau, Grain Growers Cooperative Inc. and others.

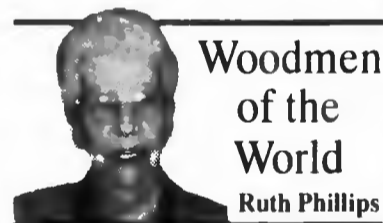
The N.C. Soybean Producers Association is a Raleigh-based soybean trade association involved in research, education and promotion programs favorable to soybean farmers.

Raeford mayor addresses WOW Lodge 118

Lodge 118, Woodmen of the World met Tuesday night, February 12, 2002 at 7 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting with 14 members present.

Bobby Cox, president, opened our meeting. Mary Ruth Haire introduced our speaker, Raeford Mayor Bob Gentry, who is also a Woodmen member.

Bob gave some interesting things that hopefully will be in the future for Raeford — a by-pass around Raeford proposed, the Raeford Museum, the purchase of Upchurch Pond for recreation and the as yet undecided fate of the Raeford Hotel building. We thank Bob for coming to our meeting.



Woodmen of the World
Ruth Phillips

Committees appointed

Bobby Cox called a business meeting, and the following committees were appointed: Newspaper Publicity, Ruth Phillips; Matching Funds, Pauline Cox, Evelyn Myers and Louise Taylor; Memorials, Louise Taylor; House Committee, Bobby Posey and Bobby Currie; Meals, Ruth

Wilkerson; Rest Homes, Evelyn Myers, Ralph Plummer, Louise Scott and Lois Currie; Membership, Jack Watts and Bobby Cox; Awards, Ralph Plummer; Yard, Bobby Cox and Ralph Plummer; Welcome, Ralph Plummer; and Calling, Mary Ruth Haire.

Thank you notes were read.

Upcoming meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 12 at 6:30 with our fund-raising dinner. Members will bring food and anyone interested is invited to attend. Coat is \$5. Please call Bobby Cox by March 8 at 875-3485 if you can attend so we can prepare enough food. You don't have to be a member

School bus goes off the road Monday

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A school bus carrying 20 students went off the road and into a ditch Monday morning. Three children reported minor injuries and were treated at the scene.

The children were transferred to another bus and delivered to their

school — Rockfish Hoke Elementary.

The bus mishap was reported at 7:45 a.m., according to State Trooper Kemp Crumpler. He said a Hoke County Sheriff's deputy was at the scene just after the accident.

Crumpler said the bus driver, Elena Wilson Bullard, was evidently looking at the children through a rear view

mirror when the vehicle left the road on a curve on Adcox Road in eastern Hoke County.

He said there was no bus monitor aboard.

The bus went into a ditch and also hit a tree stump, Crumpler said.

Charges are pending against Bullard, according to Crumpler.

Sign up for spring sports

Youth baseball and softball registration continues through March 1. There is an early bird sign-up through February 16 when the fee will be \$20 per child; after that, it is \$25 per child. If the space is available, registration after March 1 will cost an additional \$5.

To register, parents are asked to go to the Hoke County Parks & Recreation office in the former National Guard Armory Monday-Friday at 8 a.m.-noon and at 1-5 p.m. It is required that child be of age by August 1, 2002 and a birth certificate is required.

Call 875-4035 for more information.



Pet of the Week

These felines are among many homeless pets awaiting adoption at the Hoke-Raeford Animal Shelter, located at the landfill off Doc Brown Road. The shelter is open weekdays at noon-4 p.m. and on Saturdays at 12-2 p.m. For more information on any of the animals at the shelter or to search for a lost pet, call the shelter during these hours at 875-5486. You may also locate them at their website address of hoke-raeford.com/hrhs.htm, or raeford-nc.com.

New Arrivals

FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital announces these area births:

January 28
De'Marco and Ikeisha Sanders, Raeford, a son, De'Marco Jerome Sanders Jr.

January 31
Harold Odom and Michelle Lynch, Red Springs, a daughter, Amanda McKenzie Danyelle Odom.

February 1
Chris McDougald and Angel Clair, Raeford, a daughter, Holly Marie McDougald.

Calendar Items - Social Items - News Items Deadline is Friday Noon

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