



Scholarship raffle

Karen Liles was the winner of a DVD player raffled by the Retired School Teachers Association. The raffle was a fund-raiser for a scholarship given by the association. Ernest Little made the presentation.



DSS May Employee of the Month

Tammy Brewer, an income maintenance caseworker II in the Family and Children Medicaid Unit at Hoke County Dept. of Social Services, was named DSS May Employee of the Month. She has worked with Hoke DSS since July of 2001. Cleo Bratcher, DSS board member, makes the presentation.

Walcott appointed field director for Scotland/Hoke

Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council has appointed Stephanie Walcott as a field director for Scotland and Hoke counties.

Her responsibilities will include membership recruitment, volunteer support, and the coordination of outreach efforts across the county on a full-time basis.

A Scotland County resident, Walcott received her bachelor of arts degree in English from St. Andrews Presbyterian College. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in reading education at UNC-Pembroke.

Her previous work experience includes working as a literary instructor and a communication skills and social studies teacher in Scotland County.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.8 million girls and adults. Girl Scouts help girls cultivate values, social conscience, and self-esteem in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults.

Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council serves more than 21,000 girl members and 9,100 adult members covering 20 counties and one-fourth of the state's population.



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Unilever, Girl Scouts team up for 'Smart Choices'

Raeford Unilever employees teamed up with local Girl Scouts to launch a national program this week called 'Uniquely Me!'. The Girl Scout/Unilever self-esteem program's goal is to foster self-esteem in 8-to-14-year-old Girl Scouts across the country and in Puerto Rico.

Unilever and Girl Scouts are kicking off the program now because they say summer time is when children are more likely to engage in risky behavior. More than 1,260 boxes containing self-esteem building tips for kids, tips on healthy eating, hygiene, general wellness, summer safety and necessary products for children and their families will be delivered May 28 to East and West Hoke middle schools, Max Abbot Middle School, The Baptist Children's Home and Turlington School.

"We recognize that there is a nationwide problem of alarmingly low self-esteem among youth," said Steve Kullberg, plant manager for Unilever's Raeford facility. "By distributing the 'Making Smart Choices' boxes to children in our community, we hope to begin to address this issue by getting kids focused on things like summer safety, taking care of yourself by eating well, grooming and personal hygiene and participation in summer sports or activities. It's a great way to kick off the 'Uniquely Me!' program and enable our employees to make a difference in cities and towns where they work and live."

"During the summer months, kids whose lives lack structure can be prone to engaging in risky behavior such as experimentation with drugs and alcohol, risky sexual behavior, poor eating habits which have all been linked to low self-esteem," say Girl Scout leaders. "By providing children and their families with resources, children may be less likely to engage in risky activities and can start building a foundation for positive self-image through empowering activities during this critical time."

"We are very excited about our new program and partnership with Unilever," said Pat Wright, executive director of Pines of Carolina Girl Scout. "Through Unilever's generous support and the dedication of its local employees we can implement the 'Uniquely Me!' program and reach thousands of children right here in Cumberland, Hoke, and Robeson counties."

By creating the 'Making Smart Choices' boxes, Girl Scout and local adult volunteers are working together to help improve the lives of our next generation.

Along with the company's facility in Raeford, 14 other Unilever Home

and Personal Care facilities nationwide and in Puerto Rico are partnering with Girl Scouts to create to launch the 'Uniquely Me!' program. Collectively, more than 10,000 boxes will be assembled and distributed to children and families via some 95 charitable organizations.

'Uniquely Me!' will roll out its core curriculum during the back-to-school season this fall. The progres-

sive new program integrates the latest research on self-esteem issues from The Girl Scout Research Institute. The curriculum will include six new activity booklets on self-esteem - available in English and bilingual English/Spanish versions. Because girls in different age groups are faced with unique social pressures and are experiencing different phases of development, 'Uniquely Me!' booklets

will target three age groups: 8-10, 11-12 and 13-14 years of age. The curriculum will be accessible to children of all socio-economic backgrounds with particular emphasis on underserved populations across the country.

Unilever and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. expect to reach more than 1.5 million children nationwide in this community service initiative.

Reward offered for breaking and entering of cars

Raeford-Hoke Crimestoppers is offering rewards for information concerning the breaking and entering of cars in Raeford.

Cars were broken into on January 21 and April 16 of this year at Dr. Jordan's office on Campus Avenue

in Raeford. Cars were also broken into at West Hoke Middle School on February 13 and April 16 of this year.

Anyone who has information on these and other crimes in Raeford or Hoke County is asked to call the Crimestoppers number at 308-8700.

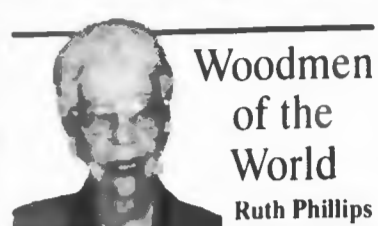
Callers do not have to identify themselves but are assigned a number in order to collect reward money.

Raeford-Hoke Crimestoppers is a community-involvement program that helps fight crime.



Sandy Grove students for May

Sandy Grove Elementary May Students of the Month are pictured front to back, left to right: Paul Cummings, Daniel Salas, Savannah Bowen, Kirsten Oxendine, Johnathon Poulson, Jason Bazik, Nury Dominguez, Tamika Lilly, Ashley Poulson, Shanavia Andrews, Kolin Korth, Tiffany Hammond, Shawn Pritchett, Brooke Billinger, Haleigh McCracken, Heather Locklear, Phil Locklear, Anthony Rosa, Shaleen McDonald, Brittany Hasty, Briana Lowery and Tyra Blue. Tana Locklear, Chelsea Peoples, Shawn Jones and Deanna Edwards are not pictured.



Lodge meets

Lodge 118, Woodmen of the World, met Tuesday night, May 14 for their regular monthly meeting with eight members present. Attendance was down due to several other activities being held.

Bobby Cox called the meeting to order. A short business session was held.

Plans were completed for our annual award night, which will be held Tuesday night, June 11. Lodge 118 will honor individuals in the community for their service during the past year. Guests and members will be treated to a dinner prepared by Lodge members. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Awards will be presented after dinner.

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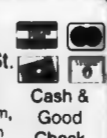
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The Hoke County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the FY 2002-2003 budget on Monday, June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Pratt Building at 227 N. Main Street.

The public is invited to attend.

Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE

Projects are being written under The Individuals with Disabilities Act for Pre-School, P.L. 457 for preschool, disabled children and P.L. 101-476 for school-age, disabled children. This includes all children with disabilities ages 3 through 21. The projects shall include limited and designated services for children with disabilities enrolled in private schools which are located in the boundaries of Hoke County. These projects are available for public review and comments. All comments will be reviewed and considered prior to submission to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. These projects are available for public review and comments in the Office for Exceptional Children, 116 W. 5th Avenue, Raeford, North Carolina during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Submission date for the projects is May 30, 2002.