

# Hoke TeC tries to bridge 'digital divide'



Hoke's citizens learn about online transactions at last Wednesday's tech forum.

Hoke TeC wants to bridge the digital divide.

Wednesday night Hoke TeC sponsored a technology forum designed to help the community enhance their technology awareness.

The two-hour event at East Hoke Middle School was well attended by both adults and children who wanted to become more "technologically savvy."

After Carolyn Olivarez, Hoke Schools finance officer who formerly chaired Hoke TeC, presented an overview of the community technology plan, forum participants visited computer sites in the school's media rooms to do some e-learning. Government, jobs, health, agriculture, baking, billing and shopping email sites were visited and explained by those in the field.

Hoke TeC's name originates from the Hoke County Technology Consortium which is made up of a group of people who came together to address technology issues and share common goals in attempting to meet the community's technological needs. Current chairman Donna Sullivan asked those participants on Wednesday to become involved.

"We need you, your ideas, your opinions, your support" to prepare a technologically literate community, Sullivan said.

The forum was sponsored as part of the e-NC Initiative of the Rural Internet Access Authority of North Carolina, but businesses and public service organizations of the community are lending their support.

These supporters include Hoke County Schools, which opened a free community technology learning center last year.

The center is a place for students, parents and other members of the community to go and use technology and media resources that may not be

available to them. It is also an opportunity for participants to receive instruction on computer and technology objectives based on the N.C. Standard Course of Study and taught by a certified instructor.

The learning center is located in the West Hoke Middle School Media Center and Computer Lab at the intersection of Turnpike and Aberdeen roads.

For more information on Hoke TeC or the learning center, call Sullivan at 904-6536, ext. 3.

## School news guidelines

The News-Journal is happy to publish press releases and photos relating to school events and accomplishments. We are particularly interested in those news items which relate to student endeavors.

Our limited staff prevents our covering many of the events we are invited to attend, but we welcome write-ups brought into our office, e-mailed or faxed to us by parents, teachers and other school staff members.

Articles written by students, with

their teachers' approval of the finished copy, are especially welcome. It is our goal to encourage students' journalistic endeavors.

Photos are used according to their quality. Some tips on photo taking include getting closer to subjects, particularly if a Polaroid camera is used. Also, try to eliminate background clutter and have subjects face the camera. Identify each person by both first and last names and this includes teachers and principals. We

## McEachin earns 2nd master's

Bernice McEachin recently received her second master's degree. She earned a master of arts in administration in December of 2001. She graduated June 3 from Chicago State University in Chicago.

McEachin is an assistant principal with the Chicago Public Schools and is a doctoral candidate at Northern Illinois University.

A graduate of Hoke County High School, McEachin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Dudley McEachin of Raeford.



Bernice McEachin

## Correction

We will attempt to clarify an error made in last week's issue under our "College Circuit" section.

Taryn N. Hodges made Richmond Community College's dean's list and we published that information; however, we used the wrong photo — that of recent UNC-Pembroke graduate Teresa Ann Torrecen.

Today, we are publishing both articles and the correct photo of Torrecen.

Our profound apologies for this error and any embarrassment it may have caused.

## Hodges on Richmond dean's list

Taryn N. Hodges of McConn was named to the 2002 spring semester dean's list at Richmond Community College in Hamlet. Hodges is currently in office systems technology.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average with no letter grade below a "B" while carrying 12 or more semester credit hours.

## McNeill is Greensboro graduate

Erin Ramsey McNeill has graduated from Greensboro College.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. McNeill of Raeford, she earned a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology with a concentration in microbiology cell biology from Meth-

uensboro College was founded in 1838 and is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. With a student-to-faculty ratio of 14:1, it offers 24 majors and 16 NCAA Division III athletic teams.



## Smith graduates from Methodist

Elizabeth Susan Smith of Raeford earned a bachelor of science degree in biology with a concentration in microbiology cell biology from Meth-

uensboro College in Fayetteville. She is the daughter of Marcus and Melinda Smith of Pinchurst.

## Johnson earns degree from Wake Forest

Charles Christopher Johnson of Raeford is a recent grad of Wake Forest University.

During May 2002 commencement

ceremonies, Johnson received a bachelor of arts degree.

He majored in sociology.

## Pembroke grad

Teresa Ann Torrecen is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. The daughter of Linda Baldwin Barnes of Raeford, she is pursuing a career in special education.

## Demo executive meeting called

The Hoke County Democratic Party has called an executive committee meeting on Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in room 122 of Upchurch Hall, Sandhills Community College-Hoke campus.

The executive committee consists of all precinct chairmen and

vice chairmen; all Democratic elected officials in Hoke County; and party officers.

Notice of the meeting will be mailed to members but chairman Dooie Leach encourages all individuals interested in the Democratic Party to attend this "informative" meeting.

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