

# Car pays visit to Raeford eye clinic — without an appointment

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Editor

Barbara Malloy had just left the laboratory and walked across the waiting room in the Raeford Eye Care clinic when she heard an explosion. She immediately asked herself, "What have I left in the lab that blew up?"

Wednesday afternoon's crash that had others in the clinic thinking of the World Trade Center towers and that possibly a bomb had exploded was actually a car crashing through the front wall of the building.

Dana Michelle Rozier, 22, of Charlotte's 1995 Honda had gone beyond the parking space and was almost halfway into the building. The vehicle's air balloon opened, and Rozier received only scratches.

Firefighters were called when the smell of smoke was detected, but no danger of fire was found.

Dr. Tom Inman said the noise from the collision "sounded like the building was coming down."

He said Rozier climbed out the window. "She was upset," he recalled.

"I'm just so happy nobody was in there," he said, indicating the shattered room.

Malloy said she would make sure she was on the front pew at church the following Sunday. "I'll definitely be on my knees," she added.

Raeford police investigated the accident.



Scenes from a car's crash into Raeford Eye Care clinic.



## Parents as Teachers: Baby was born to learn

### Rhymes and songs — having fun with your baby

It is no accident that nursery rhymes, lullabies and children's songs have been passed along for generations. Both babies and parents enjoy them! When you share rhymes and songs with your baby, he is learning language and getting to know you better. Here are several ways rhymes and songs can help your baby learn.

#### Repetition

Many children's rhymes and songs have words of phrases that are repeated several times. Your baby learns to expect what's coming. Because the words are repeated over and over, his brain becomes better organized to hear and speak language.

Because he lets you know he likes them, you are likely to repeat your baby's favorite rhymes over and over. He can participate even if he isn't talking yet. For example, many babies learn to clap their hands as soon as they hear the beginning of the nursery rhyme, "Pat-a-cake, Pat-a-cake, Baker's Man!" Because they have heard that nursery rhyme many times, they know what to do. They are beginning to associate the sounds of words with the actions, an early form of memory.

To emphasize repetition you can:

- Choose rhymes and songs that have repeated phrases or verses.
- Use inflection in our voice to highlight repeated phrases.
- Pause slightly before a repeated phrase to allow your baby time to



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Think of what's coming next.  
• Notice what rhymes and songs your baby likes and repeat them frequently.

#### Rhythm

Your baby was born with rhythm! From early sucking to banging his spoon on his high chair, many of his actions are rhythmic. Hearing the rhythm of songs and poems attracts your baby's attention and can calm him. When your baby hears a familiar lullaby, he associates it with being calm and drowsy. This helps him go to sleep.

To emphasize rhythm you can:

- Move your baby to the beat of a song or poem; for example bounce your baby on your knee while reciting a favorite nursery rhyme.
- Pick your baby up and dance to your favorite type of music, moving to the beat.
- Move your baby's arms or legs rhythmically to a song, a rhyme, or even a sports cheer!
- Rock your baby and sign a lullaby to calm him.

#### Rhyme

The rhyming words in songs

and poems help babies hear similar sounds. Because rhythm and repetition keep your baby's attention, he will focus on the words he hears. Learning to recognize the similar sounds in words that rhyme helps your baby develop language and will help them learn to read when he is older.

#### To emphasize rhyme you can:

- Choose books with rhyming text to read to your baby.
- Make up rhymes just for him.
- Pick a word, then tell your baby all the words you can think of that rhyme with it.
- Read and recite nursery rhymes to your baby every day. The 'Born to Learn Add-a-Page' book is a good source for rhymes and songs.

#### Have fun

Just have fun sharing rhymes and songs with your baby. Because babies are naturally attracted to them, your baby will give you a big reward for your efforts! When you enjoy rhymes and songs with your baby, you are creating a closeness that will last a lifetime.

The Parents as Teachers Program is located inside NC Cooperative Extension at 116 W. Prospect Avenue, Raeford. For more information, please call our office at 910-875-2000. Hoke Partnership makes funding possible by Hoke Partnership for Children and Families.

## Southerland again serves as SEDC officer

Harry Southerland was reelected secretary/treasurer of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission (SEDC) during its 34th Annual Meeting held Tuesday night at the White Lake Municipal Complex. Representatives from the counties of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland also elected Juanita Pilgrim of Cumberland County as chairman, and Carnell Robinson of Harnett County as vice chairman of the commission.

Dan Blue, former speaker of the North Carolina House of Representa-

tives and candidate for the US Senate, was the keynote speaker for the meeting. During his comments after dinner, Blue shared with the attendees his platform in his bid to be elected to the US Senate.

During outgoing chairman Phyllis Owens' report, it was announced that Pender County, with grant-writing assistance from the Commission, had been awarded a \$552,000 million grant by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for sanitary sewer to serve the I-40/US 117 Industrial corridor. A \$20,000 technical assistance grant has been awarded the com-

mission for the Lumber River Council of Governments to conduct a regional water quality study. Commission staff wrote a \$900,000 EDA grant for the Town of Pembroke and COMtech for sewer service to the COMtech Business Park. The staff has also written a \$1,059,250 EDA grant for the City of Fayetteville to provide sewer service for DuPont Teljin Films, DAK Americas and Cedar Creek Fibers, LLC (the former Wellman company).

The SEDC office is located in Elizabethtown. Ellen Gause serves as the executive director.

## Hoke Correctional's Sgt. Weber is one of 12 correctional officers of year

Secretary Theodis Beck and the North Carolina Department of Correction recognized Sgt. Roger Weber of Hoke Correctional Institution as one of 12 Correctional Officers of the Year in McCain.

Weber serves as sergeant in charge

of the clotheshouse and firing range at Hoke Correctional. He is one of three people responsible for control and inventory of clothing and supplies, including inmate clothing and officer uniforms. One day a week he is on the firing range issuing weapons, ammu-

munition and safety equipment and ensuring their safe return.

Weber also currently serves as the inmate transfer coordinator while that position is vacant, and carrying a caseload of about 100 transit inmates.

"Sgt. Weber is dedicated to Hoke Correctional Institution and will gladly give whatever is asked of him," said Superintendent Cordelia Clark. "He never complains when asked to assume additional duties but just gets the job done."

Weber is a graduate of Middleton High School in Middletown, New York and attended St. Thomas University.

He is a member of the American Correctional Association and the Lumbee Tribe and lives in Pembroke.

## Be a museum sponsor

The Raeford-Hoke Museum at 111 Highland Avenue will give the community an opportunity to preserve the history of our region, and at the same time provide an auditorium for programs sponsored by civic and educational groups.

All area business and individuals are invited to become founding sponsors of the museum with a monetary gift toward this goal.

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