

SPORTS

East Hoke Middle athletes are scholars Students prove you can play sports and still do well in school

By HAL NUNN
Sports writer

East Hoke Middle School student athletes Justin Elmore, Daniel Shipp and Tacara Morrisey must know a little something about academics and athletics. All three of these student athletes achieved over 94 percent on their grade point average this year.

Justin Elmore, a seventh grader at East Hoke, maintained a 97 percent grade point average while playing for the baseball team. Justin said he plans on going into sports medicine when he gets older.

Daniel Shipp, an eighth grader at East Hoke, maintained a 94.1 percent grade point average while playing baseball for the school. Daniel says he plans on studying law and continuing to play baseball and golf.

Tacara Morrisey, an eighth grader at East Hoke, maintained a 98.3 percent grade point average while playing softball and cheerleading. Tacara says she plans on concentrating her studies in the medical field while continuing to play volleyball, softball and track.



East Hoke Middle School Academic Athletes of the year. From left, Justin Elmore, Daniel Shipp, and Tacara Morrisey.

For Your Info

Equine club

Hoke 4-H is starting a horse club open to boys and girls, 5-18 years of age, who have an interest in learning about horses.

Participants don't have to own a horse to become a member. Youth ages 5-8 are required to be accompanied by an adult during club meetings.

If you are interested, call the 4-H office at 875-2162 for additional information.

Help with autism

Services are available for children with developmental disabilities through the Autism Society of North Carolina. Carol M. McPhatter is co-chairman of the Hoke County Chapter.

If assistance is needed, she may be contacted at (910) 875-3656.

Preparedness websites

Federal information is available on the Internet to assist citizens in emergency preparedness. Some of these sites are:

- www.ready.gov (informs citizens on how to make a plan and how to make an emergency supply kit).

- www.fema.gov/areyouready (a comprehensive guide to citizen preparedness may be downloaded).

Four N.C. teams make regionals

State, ECU, UNC, Western Carolina vie for college baseball crown

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North Carolina State, East Carolina, UNC-Chapel Hill and Western Carolina are all preparing for the regionals this week in the quest for the College Baseball crown.

N.C. State will host the east regional at Fleming Stadium in Wilson this weekend with Virginia Commonwealth, Western Carolina and Le Moyne College. The Wolfpack have

been playing a lot of their games at Fleming Stadium because Doak Field in Raleigh has been going through a face lift and these changes have not been completed yet.

The Wolfpack will play Le Moyne College on Friday at 7 p.m. East Carolina will play in Atlanta, Georgia on Friday against the South Carolina Gamecocks. Georgia Tech and Stetson College are also in that bracket. North Carolina will play in Starkville, Mississippi against Mis-

souri at 3 p.m. Mississippi State and Middle Tennessee State are also in that bracket.

As for the Atlantic Coast Conference, Florida State and Clemson have made it to the regionals with Georgia Tech. For more information on the College Baseball World Series, you can visit their web site at www.ncaabaseball.com or visit the N.C. State web site at www.gopack.com.

Shootings

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from FirstHealth of the Carolinas in acting so rapidly to transport these shooting victims to the hospital.

"It was a team effort to save them."

The shooting was reported by a neighbor at approximately 10:50 p.m. Peterkin said Hoke detectives are receiving numerous calls that may lead to arrests.

"The suspects are still at large, and we think there are two shooters," Peterkin said. "The family has refused to identify the shooters, but we think they know who did it."

"They are being very uncooperative. We have confirmed that drugs were involved in the incident. We are

diligently seeking the shooters before someone else might be harmed in our community."

"This began after an argument between the Locklear boys and the other guys who started shooting."

The senior Locklear was transported to FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital where she was treated for injuries, resulting in the amputation of her left leg.

"Ms. Locklear was hit by the bullet right above the knee while standing in her home," Peterkin said.

Alexander Locklear received emergency surgery, and Chaney Locklear was treated and released

from the hospital.

"There may be some revenge issues related to this shooting, but it is taking longer to solve the case because nobody will talk," Peterkin said. "I think the family is afraid."

"We are beating the bushes ourselves to dig up leads, but we think we know who did it."

Peterkin said the weapon used in the shooting appeared to be a 9-millimeter, semi-automatic handgun.

Other shooting

On Monday evening, another shooting occurred in close proximity to the triple-shooting last week. Peterkin said it is suspected that the most recent shooting was not random.

"No one was injured and the shooters are unknown at this time," Peterkin said of the ongoing investigation.

Anyone with further information may confidentially contact the Sheriff's Office at (910) 875-5111, concerning either case.

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On April 2, 2001, real property described as 615 Railroad Lane, Aberdeen, NC was seized for forfeiture from Audrey Dean McGirt for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956. Abandoned personal property was recovered on the property as described below:

1993 Utility Trailer VIN: 1UYVS2482PU784035
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The personal property noted above has not been claimed by any party. Any person claiming an ownership interest must file a claim with the Director of Field Operations, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, at the address below, on or before July 11, 2003. If no claim is made for the property upon expiration of the advertised thirty (30) day claim period, the Director of Field Operations will declare the property forfeited to the United States Government by executing form 9445, Declaration of Abandonment. The forfeited property will be disposed of according to law. Mail any claim, with proof of ownership, to the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, Attention Asset Forfeiture Unit, 320 Federal Place, Room 245, Greensboro, NC 27401 and reference seizure number 56010099.

RAEFORD RACERS ROUND UP

Boahn still in points lead

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Ricky Boahn continues to hang on to the points lead in the Open Wheel Modified class at Fayetteville Motor Sports Park. He started on the pole and won his fifth race of the year.

Robert Davis finished fifth in his Jackson Auto Glass/D&H Motor Sports Open Wheel ride.



Ricky Boahn

LATE MODEL

First — David Taylor
Second — Neal Sykes
Third — Chris Blackburn
Fourth — Travis Hair
Fifth — Ricky Sullivan

OPEN WHEEL MODIFIED

First — Ricky Boahn, Boahn & Sons Concrete, Raeford
Second — Craig Shuffield
Third — Andy Floyd
Fourth — Tim Clendenin
Fifth — Robert Davis, Jackson Auto Glass/ D&H Sports Raeford

SUPER STREET

First — Willie Milliken
Second — Scott Erickson
Third — David Hart
Fourth — Larry Willis
Fifth — Danny Tyndal

PURE STOCK

First — Scott Patterson
Second — Danny Tyndal
Third — Billy Shaw
Fourth — Christopher MacDonald
Fifth — Scott Neighbors

Parks & Rec standings

Dixie AAA Baseball (ages 9-10) League standings as of 5/19

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Cubs	5	0
Marlins	4	1
Braves	1	4
Pirates	0	5

Hoke County Parks and Recreation Dixie Majors Baseball (ages 11-12) League standings as of 5/19

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Cubs	4	0
D-Backs	4	1
Red Sox	1	3
Braves	0	4

Standings compiled by Hal Nunn
All games are played at Burlington Park at 6 p.m.

Gator

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had seen indications it had taken up residence.

Hoke Sheriff's Office deputies were called to the scene but didn't appear to know exactly what to do with the ferocious-looking reptile, residents said. At one point the gator swatted a county vehicle, the tail leaving a noticeable dent. (How did they explain that to the insurance company?)

Antioch firefighters later dispatched the creature into a wooded area with fire hoses.

The gator did not go gently; it bellowed, swung its head and tail and snapped at the stream of water, evoking squeals from some in a gathering crowd of onlookers.

Residents speculated the alligator came from the swollen Lumber River, located about one-quarter mile from where the alligator was found.

Kirk Lowery, who lives nearby, is not comfortable having an alligator as a neighbor. "I want somebody to catch him," he said, "cause he's right down there and he's huge," indicating the pond beyond a wooded area near his house.

"If he gets hungry, he's going to look for food," Lowery said.

He also expressed concern about people who go to the pond where the gator is staying. "People are always driving back there to fish," he said.

There is another large alligator in the community of Wagram, just over the Scotland County line, Lowery said. "He stops traffic," he added.

Residents speculated the alligator came from the swollen Lumber River, located about one-quarter mile from where the alligator was found.

Smoke alarms installed

The City of Raeford Volunteer Fire Department is continuing its program of checking smoke alarms and batteries at no charge as well as offering to install new smoke alarms in homes of the elderly, handicapped and those on low or fixed incomes.

Members of the Raeford fire department are providing the smoke alarms and batteries free, and some are being donated by Lodge 118, Woodmen of the World. For information and to take advantage of Operation Smoke Alarm, call the fire department at 875-5150 and leave a message.

You will be contacted by someone from the fire department.

The only requirement of the program is that home owners or dwelling occupants live within the city limits.

A participant will also be asked to sign a release form if an alarm is installed.

Free home inspections will also be made.



To Your Health!

Shaking Up Diabetes

If you'd like to fight back against weight gains and blood sugar fluctuations associated with non-insulin-dependent diabetes, you may consider starting by taking up low-aerobics.

Try to get a half hour's worth at 65 to 80 percent of your maximum heart rate, three times a week. But of course due to underlying risk factors you may not be aware of, check with your doctor before you start any fitness program.

For more information about diabetes, call the American Diabetes Association: 1-800-232-3472.

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