

SOCIALS/FAMILY

Roll call for prayer

Responding to the events of September 11, 2001, and combat in the mid-east, The News-Journal has compiled a prayer list for those service men and women who may be in harm's way or are just in need of our prayers at this critical time. We also think their families should be included in our special prayers.

Call in, e-mail, or fax the names of those you want to be included on the list so that their names may be published and the entire community can add their prayers to yours.

Include names, branch of service and the service person or person's connection to Raeford/Hoke County or their close family members. For security reasons, we are not including the rank and unit.

Our list so far includes:

U.S. Army

Glenda Curry, assistant teacher at Scurlock Elementary; Kevin Epps, husband of Ilissa, father of Makayla and Nick; Julian S. (Jay) Johnson IV, son of Julian and Margaret Johnson; Todd A. Sheeley I, husband of Tammy McDowell Sheeley, father of Joshua McDowell, Todd A. Sheeley II, Sean Owen Sheeley; Tiffany Grier; Vonda Leak Frazier, daughter of the Rev. James and Wilma Leak; Ebony M. Wright-Onwardi, daughter of Karen K. Wright; Chuck LaMonte; Samuel Eden, husband of Yolanda Eden, son-in-law of Dorothy Cook; Anthony Cook, husband of Karen Cook, son of Dorothy Cook; Brian Wells, husband of Deane Dougherty Wells; Thomas C. Wilson and Cathy Wilson, son and daughter-in-law of Pat Allen Wilson; Michael Sundborg, husband of Dawn Reynolds Sundborg and father of Ryan, Stephanie and Laura; Shelton Terry, Pam Terry and son Ira McKeller, former Raeford residents; Karl Wilkie, son of Delmer and Juanita Wilkie Barefoot.

The following names are courtesy of Raeford Methodist Church:

Paul Sark, Mike Garry, Jeremy Henderson, Kelby Glass, Jenny Comley, John Woodard, Brian Smith, Brian Banks, Jack Parham, Stephan Tetreault, Chris Derepentigny, Jeff Melton, Frank Bird, Jason Gonzales,

Norman Johnson, Johnny Meyer, Kirk Randolph, Davis Thigpen and David Joseph Blake.

U.S. Air Force

Brad Lunsford, son of Joan G. Lunsford; Henri Dorsell Marks, grandson of Helen Goins; Erin Brown and Obed Brown, daughter and son-in-law of Pete Camp; Michael S. Frame, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Frame; Mac Langdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Langdon; Steven P. Knoll, husband of Rhonda G. Knoll and father of Josh; Steven Lovette and Jessica Lovette, son and daughter-in-law of Colin and Bobby Lovette; Neil Kellar, son of Patricia Kellar; Tony Mitchell, husband of Cathy; Mario Monroe, nephew of Mary Roper; MSgt. Lewis D. "Danny" Allen; submitted by Raeford Methodist Church — Matt McMenamin, James Henderson and Lester Davis.

U.S. Navy

Shawn Donta Douglas; Terrell Lamond McGougan; John Batts, son of Shirley Hart; Brandon McRae, son of Abigail McRae, grandson of James and Wilma Leak; Tashia Blue, daughter of James A. and Mildred Blue; Harvey Farmer Jr., son of Harvey Sr. and Arnell Farmer; Ed Baker, son of Eddie and Mary Anne Baker; Randy McIntyre, son of Carolyn McIntyre; Larry Tyrelle McLeod, son of Mary Bronson McLeod, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bronson, brother of Cornelia McLeod; Eric T. McLaurin, son of William and Mary McLaurin and grandson of Isabell Bratcher; James W. Watson Jr., son of James and Linda Watson; Lewis Dees, son of Rachel Dees and the late Bill Dees; Jermaine Johnson, son of Derwin and Veronica Johnson; Clifford J. McNeill, son of Mac and Surrie McNeill; submitted by Raeford Methodist Church — Karl Rauch, Gabe Brazell, James Keith Jackson, Philip Ballard.

U.S. Marines

Elliott Graham, son of Elle and Juanita Graham.

U.S. Coast Guard

Richard Johnson; Joseph Johnson; Lt Cmd. David R. Allen; SR Amanda C. Carpenter, daughter of Edward and Edna Carpenter.

Open Arms' Angel Tree fulfills Christmas wishes

"The Open Arms Retirement Center residents' Angel Tree has been a wonderful success," says a center spokesperson.

Dianne Hedgpeth, administrator, shared the idea for the Angel Tree and it came to life through the talent of Sondra Scarborough, secretary.

Each resident had an Angel Wish

List for Santa placed on the tree, and the community responded with gifts. Residents received a visit from Santa Friday at the center's annual Christmas party, and each resident received several gifts from the wish list.

Hedgpeth commends the community for their generous sharing with "our special Christmas angels."



Dianne Hedgpeth, Sondra Scarborough and Melissa Brookins admire gifts from the community to Open Arms residents.

New Arrivals

These area births are announced by Cape Fear Valley Medical Center with the permission of the parents.

October 11

Milissa Jones, Shannon, a son, Christian Arrow Jones;

Elizabeth Feliciano-Monico and Jose Velarde-Alvarez, Raeford, a son, Victor Manuel Velarde.

October 12

Tameka Keels, Fayetteville, and Royal Wyatt Jr., Raeford, a daughter, Janiyah Mone Wyatt;

Brenda Monroe and Darnell Waters, Red Springs, a daughter, Alexandria Kathreena Monroe-Waters.

October 16

Brandy Chavis and Bryan Griffin, Red Springs, a son, Jalen Jermaine Griffin;

William and Stephanie Locklear, Red Springs, a son, Micheal Dakota Locklear.

October 18

Nakuma Jones, Shannon, a daughter, Camryn Barbara Alexis Jones.

October 20

Sara Gibson and Shane Harris, Raeford, a daughter, Chloe Laine Harris.

October 21

Brandi Houser and Joseph Andrews III, Red Springs, a son, Joseph Emmanuel Andrews.

October 22

Tim and Amy Nicholas, Raeford, a daughter, Demetria Tvonnie Nicholas.

October 24

Timothy and Tonya Horne, Red Springs, a daughter, Dixie LeAnne Horne.

October 25

Charlotte Jordan and John Brown, Raeford, a son, John Jordan Anthony Brown.

October 27

Roberta Morris, Raeford, a son, Damian Alexander Davis.

October 29

Robin Edge, Raeford, a son, Joseph Daniel Edge;

Orley and Lori Dennings, Raeford, a son, Matthew Scott Dennings.

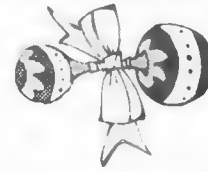
Firth Health Moore Regional Hospital announces these area births:

December 11

Dikketra McLean and Ramon Pagan, Shannon, a son, Ramon Ja Monte Pagan.

December 15

Leshell Wiggins and Isaac Douglas, Raeford, a son, Nimir Javariona Natavius Douglas.



Gift Marketplace does more than give presents

Uniquely ME! event brings Unilever employees and Girl Scouts together to brighten kids' holiday

Imagine being a child during the gift-giving holidays and feeling like you just don't count. Imagine if you knew a child who neither received a gift nor was able to experience the fulfillment of giving even the simplest gifts to a loved one.

Sadly, during the holidays there are many needy children who won't feel the joy of giving or receiving gifts. These circumstances can often lead to lowered self-confidence and feelings of worthlessness.

To make the season a bit brighter and to help make a difference in the lives of these children during the holidays, employees from the Unilever's Raeford Plant teamed up with Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council to open the second annual uniquely ME! Holiday Gift Marketplace at East Hoke Middle School.

The Marketplace, which took place on Saturday, December 13, enabled more than 50 children from Hoke County Foster Care Services and The Baptist Children's Home (The Odum Home) to select a gift for a loved one and receive one for themselves while enjoying some holiday cheer. By helping local youths experience the gift of giving, Unilever and Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council made

children's holidays happier by helping bolster their self-image and self-worth.

"Last year, parents told us how much they appreciated the gifts their kids received, and they also mentioned the increased confidence their children felt by being able to give the gifts they chose at the Marketplace," said Amy Marohl, program director for Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council.

"The memory of the joyful expressions on the faces of the children who participated in last year's event and the feelings expressed by their parents were enough to prompt us to repeat this program with Unilever. This year's participants were just as excited and happy," she said.

Unilever collaborated with Girl Scouts in collecting gifts for the marketplace to ensure they met the needs and wants of local children. To make it a fun and exciting time for the children, East Hoke Middle School gymnasium, where the Marketplace was held, was organized and decorated to resemble a cheerful store where children searched for that perfect gift to give a loved one. The children selected a gift from the store, wrapped the gift, and selected a card

to go with the gift. They also enjoyed games, face painting, and a visit with Santa.

Girl Scouts from East and West Hoke middle schools helped with the event by leading the games and activities.

The 82nd Airborne Chorus from Fort Bragg opened the Marketplace with several favorite holiday songs. "We chose to sing at the Marketplace because this event really gives back to the community," said Sergeant Peterson of the chorus. Sergeant Coleman, the director of the chorus, had three key messages for the children: stay in school and further your education; listen to your parents and teachers — they will never steer you wrong; and stay off of drugs because with drugs you have no future.

In addition to this local program, 11 other uniquely ME! Holiday Gift Marketplaces were held across the nation and in Puerto Rico.

"Unilever is committed to helping youth reach their full potential by addressing the physical, intellectual, and emotional aspects of self-esteem," said Kevin Beck, Raeford Plant Manager for Unilever HPC-NA. "By partnering with organizations like the Pines of Carolina Girl Scouts, The Baptist Children Home, and Hoke County Foster Care Services, who understand the needs of the children

in our communities, we are able to develop and support programs such as these that strive to foster good self-esteem and a sense of confidence in kids to help them best meet the challenges of life."

The Holiday Gift Marketplace is one of the elements in uniquely ME! The Girl Scout/Unilever Self Esteem Program, an initiative launched last year, designed to address the issue of low self-esteem among pre-adolescent and adolescent youth. Aimed at children across the nation and Puerto Rico, the program has a specific focus on underprivileged communities and is the first self-esteem program of its kind to integrate volunteer support of corporate employees to reach youth at the grassroots level.

This program is one of several programs supported by Unilever's commitment to help youth reach their full potential.

Visit www.girlscouts.org <http://www.girlscouts.org/> for more information about uniquely ME!

Girl Scouts of the USA is the pre-eminent organization for girls, and has more than 3.8 million girl and adult members.

Now in its 92nd year, Girl Scouting cultivates values, social conscience, and self-esteem in girls, while teaching them critical life skills to later succeed as adults.

In Memory of Raymond Wiggins

Born July 22, 1941

Died November 25, 2001



CHRISTMAS WITH JESUS

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below, with tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting in the snow. The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear, for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away. We really aren't apart. So be happy for me dear ones.

You know I hold you dear and be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year. I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.

I send you each a memory, of my undying love. After all "Love" is the gift, more precious than pure gold.

It was always most important in the stories Jesus told. Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do.

for I can't count the blessings or love He has for each of you. So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.

Remember, I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

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Merry Christmas from Sandy Grove

The staff of Sandy Grove Elementary School was treated to a Christmas luncheon from Principal Jeanna Daniels and Assistant Principal Joanne Williams, who is being served by one of the staff from Adam's Corporation of Raeford. The smile on Dr. Williams' face is indicative of the wonderful time shared before school let out for the holidays.

Hoke classmates keep in touch, plan reunions

1955 — Upchurch Class of 1955 meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month. Call Joyce Stewart at 875-7643 for details.

1965 — Upchurch High class of '65 meets monthly at Virgil's Restaurant at 6 p.m. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Contacts are Jeannie Allen at PO Box 771, Raeford, NC 28376, or call her at 875-5026; you may also contact Shirley Davis, at 875-8280; James McLean at 875-2600; Betty Wright at 875-7326; or Vivian Malloy at 875-2391.

1968 — The class of '68 holds reunion organizational meetings the first Saturday of each month at Virgil's Restaurant & Drive-in. For more information, call Hervon McCollum at

875-4823 or Rosalind McCall, 875-4226.

1969 — Anyone interested in planning the 35th reunion of 1969 classmates is invited to meet Saturday, January 10 in the Hoke Public Library conference room at 9:30 a.m. If you are not able to attend and have information or suggestions, contact Myrtle Quick at 843-4922 or Patricia Graham at 875-4035 or Shirley Rush at 875-4357. Anyone interested in planning another Burlington Elementary School reunion should also contact Quick or Graham.

1981 — For information on the class of 1981 reunions, contact Brenda Jacobs Locklear at 843-3824, Deldrea Shaw-Hamilton at 875-4926, or Darlene Kelly Gates at 875-2321.

1982 — Know anyone interested in a reunion of Hoke High classmates of the graduating class 1982? Contact Linda McAllister at 875-9688.

1988 — If you are interested in putting a planning committee together for Hoke High's class of '88's reunion, call Ida Alford at 875-4150 after 6 p.m.

1994 — Hoke High class of '94 is planning their 10-year reunion September 4, 2004. Planners are seeking current addresses of classmates. Call Katrina Hollingsworth at 978-0069; or write her at PO Box 1114, Raeford NC 28376.

2001 — A website has been established for Hoke High's class of 2001 so that classmates may keep in touch and exchange reunion ideas. Begun by Gretchen Adams, the web address is www.geocities.com/