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Developer plans \$80 million ethanol plant

Investment could reach \$200 million in three plants at Hoke's industrial mega-site

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS
Staff writer

and I-95. A prime location in the middle of the state. Great railway capabilities. Some of the friendliest people in North Carolina.

All these key ingredients have attracted interstate real estate developer Jack Carlisle to Hoke County where he plans to build a multi-million dollar industrial empire, Clean Burn Fuels, LLC. Carlisle and co-partner Philip

Kohl will also hire 100 employees when the first plant opens at the Hoke Regional Industrial Park in southeastern Hoke.

Carlisle said his preliminary plans call for him to invest more than \$200 million to build three

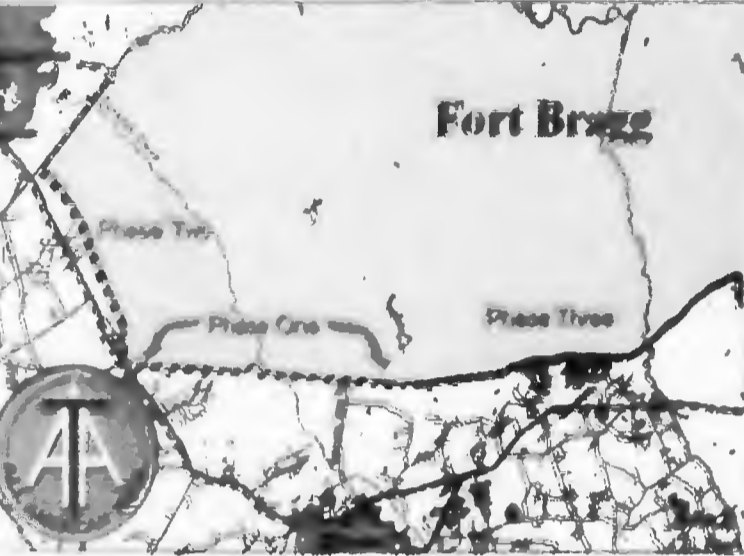
ethanol-gas blending plants, the first to be established on the East Coast.

"This will be the biggest economic boost that Hoke County has ever received," Carlisle said. "We plan to invest \$80-100 mil-

lion dollars in the first phase of the construction.

"There is no doubt that this is an economic plum with the jobs that will come with this plant," he said.

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30-mile trail to get start here by April

7-mile stretch of All American Trail to open

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The first phase of a 30-mile hiking, biking and running trail will open in Hoke County by mid-April. Seven miles of the "All American Trail" will begin at Vass Road and open on Earth Day, April 2, 2006.

It's proposed that the trail will

eventually encircle Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base. Moore and Cumberland counties will also participate in the three phases currently planned.

Serving as the gateway to the Sandhills region's rare long leaf pine forest and sanctuary of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, Hoke's initial stretch will designate Vass Road north of Raeford, as the gateway to the recreational trail, where parking facilities will be available. Distinguished as the first running and hiking trail in the Sandhills region, the majority of the 30-mile trail located on the Fort Bragg unpaved perimeter road will run parallel to Hoke land.

Hoke Commissioner Bill Cameron and Raeford City Manager Richard Douglas are credited with forming the concept as members of the All American Trail Committee. (See TRAIL, page 7A)



Dorothy McLean (face-front) is comforted by a friend as her Cope Road home burns Friday. Three of her pets died. See story, page 4A.

Weinstein nets \$155k for Hoke

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS
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After the \$17 billion state budget was fine-tuned for almost 24 hours ending at midnight yesterday, Senator David Weinstein announced today he received approval for \$100,000 to be earmarked for the upcoming Hoke County Regional Industrial Park on N.C. 20 near Dundarrach.

Weinstein also said the Hoke Raeford Museum will be the beneficiary of \$30,000 allocated from the state to improve the historical facility, as well as \$25,000 garnered for the Hoke County Public Library for needed improvements in its expansion. Thus far, Weinstein has raised a total of \$55,000 for the local museum, where the latest moneys will be used to rewire the historic home, according to Joyce Monroe, chairwomen of the RHM committee.

"I feel sentimental about the museum because my good friend, the late Raeford Mayor Bob Gentry, took such an interest in it," Weinstein said. "I am elated that I could appropriate funds for economical opportunities, (See WEINSTEIN, page 5A)

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Pate brothers' new TV series 'Surface' to debut this fall

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Raeford's celebrity twins, Jonas and Josh Pate, are making

waves in Wilmington as they immerse themselves in a new action-packed underwater TV series titled, "Surface."

"It is one of the highlights of

our career," Jonas Pate said. "It is a high profile series, and we are working really hard almost 18 hours each day.

"It's a great feeling to be pro-

ducing the series. Surface may not be one of the (technically) hardest TV shows ever made, but it is definitely in the running."

Snapped up by NBC to premiere this fall, Surface, according to the Pate brothers, could generate a national TV audience going overboard to enjoy the thriller-of-the-deep series.

Surface debuts September 19 from 8-9 p.m. as a prime time sci-fi adventure, focusing on suspense with family appeal. The plot of Surface unfolds as a new species lurking under the Atlantic waters is discovered by oceanographers around the globe. The news of

a mysterious marine life form creates massive curiosity and ultimate wonder.

Sons of Hoke District Court Judge Warren Pate, the Pates twins now reside in Hollywood. They are not only credited with creating the upcoming series, the Pate brothers serve as its executive producers.

For local fans, Surface staff includes Jay McPhaul, a Carolina graduate and son of Raeford residents Wanda McPhaul and Jimmy McPhaul, working in production on the series. Raeford natives Sarah-Ann Howell, a (See SURFACE, page 7A)



Left: the Pate brothers, Jonas (L) and Josh; above, Lake Bell as Dr. Laura Daughtery.



"Would you like to hear a joke so funny it will make your hair fall out? Oh wait, I see you've already heard it." - the late "Uncle Tommy" Riddle

By KEN MACDONALD
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That element of humor, along with whoopee cushions, the gag mongoose trap and pull-my-finger jokes were missing from the Riddle Reunion at the family

home place outside Durham this year. With "Uncle Tommy's" recent death and that of my father-in-law, Louis, in March, the five Riddle brothers are just two now, and they are (somewhat) more laid back.

So the rest of the family spent the weekend telling stories.

"Remember when Louis showed that woman the mongoose trap, and she got really close to get a good look, and when he sprung the trap the fake mongoose flew (See OTHER STUFF, page 8A)

Festival parade fowled by construction

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS
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With the downtown streetscape project in full swing, the tearing up of sidewalks and resurfacing has ruffled the plans for the N.C. Turkey Festival parade.

Traditionally held as a kickoff for the annual event, the parade scheduled for September 15 has been cancelled, Raeford City Manager Richard Douglas announced yesterday.

Douglas said Turkey Festival Director William Daniels and Lynn Maxwell, chairperson of the parade, discussed the

dilemma with the festival committee. They approached him along with Raeford Police Chief Kevin Locklear, requesting that the parade not be held, he added.

"They had concerns about the streetscape project going on," Douglas said. "We also recommended it be cancelled because of safety concerns and parking issues for spectators and guests.

"We tried to accommodate their needs for the best interests of everyone."

Douglas said no alternate date is planned for the parade this year. (See PARADE, page 8A)