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## Cape Fear hospital construction nears

### Sure sign: county says \$115k in permits have been issued for 41-bed facility

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The Hoke County Planning Department has issued building permits to Hoke Healthcare, the business name of Cape Fear Val-

ley Health System, for the construction of a long-planned 41-bed hospital on U.S. Highway 401.

The planning department issued the permits in the last few weeks, according to County Manager Tim Johnson. Johnson

updated the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on the progress at the regularly scheduled meeting last Tuesday night. The meeting was held Tuesday instead of the usual Monday night due to the Labor Day holiday.

The county took in over \$115,000 in permitting fees while issuing the permits for the hospital construction, according to Johnson.

The Cape Fear Valley hospital project's construction will be

funded through financing provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, officials have said.

"We are working with the USDA on the funding, and we've been told that our hospital in (See HOSPITAL, page 4A)



A sheriff's deputy and two Highway Patrol officers lead Dashawn McCall to a waiting cruiser after he allegedly led officers on a high speed chase along US 401 Friday. After the car wrecked, he hid in a stand of woods. (Ken MacDonald photo)

## Fleeing driver hits ditch at 80 m.p.h.

### Sheriff's deputies use dog to retrieve suspect hiding in woods

A man wanted for allegedly possessing stolen goods in Scotland County led Hoke County authorities on a high-speed chase Friday that ended after a brief manhunt in a wooded area off of Highway 401 near the Hoke-Cumberland line.

Dashawn J. McCall, 20, of the 900 block of Shaw Mill Road in Fay-

etteville fled to elude deputies with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office, according to Hoke County Sheriff Hubert Peterkin.

The case started in Scotland County, where officials sought two people for alleged possession of stolen goods.

The suspects were believed to have

stolen items from a Walmart store and assaulted the loss prevention officer at that store before leaving the area, Peterkin said. Scotland County authorities put out a "be on the lookout" call to other law enforcement officials, and a Hoke County Sheriff's Office deputy spotted the vehicle.

(See CHASE, page 6A)

## Nurse killed in wreck

### Victim may have swerved to miss deer



Cline

A nurse at McCain Correctional was killed Monday night in a single-car vehicle wreck on North Carolina Highway 211 as she drove to work, the State Highway Patrol said.

Tammie Cline, 30, of Newton died late Monday after her car ran off the road and crashed, possibly as she attempted to avoid a deer, according to officials. Further information on the accident is still pending, according to the Highway Patrol. Trooper McDonald responded to the scene along with rescue crews and other first responders.

The accident blocked NC 211 at Army Road while a helicopter ambulance responded, witnesses reported.

Cline is survived by her husband, State Highway Patrol Trooper Christopher B. Cline of Newton; mother, Sandra Kay Perry of Florida; father, John Chapman of Newton; brother, Charlie "Bubba" Phillips Jr. of Florida; mother and father-in-law, Phyllis and Dane Cline of Hickory; brothers-in-law, Kevin Cline of Bethlehem, Jeffrey Cline of Hickory, and Spencer Cline of Hickory; and several nieces and nephews.

(See ACCIDENT, page 6A)

## Air conditioner workers find cocaine hidden in house

Officers with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested two people last week on charges of drug trafficking after workers installing an air conditioner discovered suspected drugs at the location.

Special Operations officers with the Sheriff's Office responded to a property on the 8200 block of St. Pauls Road and secured search warrants for the residence and vehicles on the property. During the search, deputies located two kilos of suspected cocaine, a semiautomatic handgun, scales, packaging material, tally sheets, \$1,200 in U.S. currency and three vehicles.

Officers arrested Jose Manuel Lamas-Delgadillo, 38, of the 8200 block of St. Pauls Road in Lumber Bridge on charges of two counts of trafficking cocaine and one count each of maintaining a drug dwelling and drug paraphernalia; and Maria Angelica Jimenez-Nuno, 37, of the 8200 block of St. Pauls Road in Lumber Bridge on charges of two counts of trafficking cocaine and one count each of maintaining a drug dwelling and drug paraphernalia. Both were held under \$1 million secured bonds.

## 'Turkey shoot' takes on new meaning for festival scavenger event

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With the official start of the North Carolina Turkey Festival just days away, the festival is inviting the public to join in a turkey

hunt – but hunters won't need guns to bag these birds.

Painted wooden turkeys are hiding out at businesses throughout Hoke County that are sponsoring the N.C. Turkey Festival, and the first people to find them

all and snap photos with the birds will win prizes.

"The reason for the 'Turkey Hunt' is to get people involved in a fun way and to promote sponsors of the festival by having the turkey in their business," festival

director Melissa Pittman said. "It is a win-win. Everyone loves a scavenger hunt, has a phone with a camera and knows of Facebook. So everyone needs to grab their phone and start 'hunting the turkeys' and the biggest plus of this

hunt is no turkeys will be harmed or killed at the end of the day."

The challenge is for people to find all 15 of the turkeys, take a self-portrait photo with the turkey – or convince a family member to (See TURKEY, page 6A)

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### Then and now

This old postcard turned up recently, showing Central Avenue in Raeford between 1901 and 1910. Visible on the left is the house known variously as the Victorian House or the Roberts House. Also visible is the Aberdeen & Rockfish depot, which was built of brick around 1910, according to the railroad, thereby dating the photo before then. Raeford was formed in 1901. Note the size of trees in the postcard photo compared to the photo shot last week in approximately the same location.

