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## Man killed in wreck, teen in coma

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD  
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A man from Raeford was killed and a teenager left in a coma following a head-on crash that happened Sunday morning on Davis Bridge

Road. Alton Ray Hill, 66, of the 7200 block of Fayetteville Road in Raeford was pronounced dead at the scene of the two-vehicle wreck that happened near the Hoke/Robeson County line around

7 a.m. Sunday, according to a report filed with the North Carolina Highway Patrol. Hill was driving south on Davis Bridge Road in a 2008 Ford when he lost control of the vehicle. He ran off the road to the right, overcorrect-

ed and collided head-on with a 2006 Chrysler driven by Rachel Lee Willis, 16, of the 9200 block of Rockfish Road in Raeford. Willis, a junior at Hoke County High School, was injured but survived and was

taken to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in stable condition, according to the Highway Patrol. However, Willis did not regain consciousness after the accident and was transported to UNC (See WRECK, page 4A)



Rachel Willis

## Man charged with child sex

Deputies with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office have arrested a man on allegations that he sexually assaulted two children.

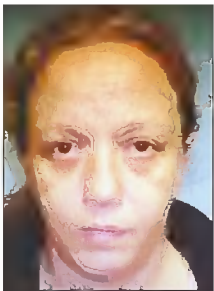


Scali

Authorities arrested Mauro Joseph Scali, 65, of Hunter Mill Way in Londonderry, New Hampshire and charged him with two (See ASSAULT, page 4A)

## Woman charged with forgery

Investigators with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested a woman this month for allegedly forging checks. Officers arrested Angela Gail Williams, 39, (See FORGERY, page 4A)



Williams

## Man charged with break-in

Deputies with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested a man Monday for (See BREAK-IN, page 4A)



Beauchamp



Godwin (above) works with a student. At left, Goolsby helps a student with technique. (Ken MacDonald photos)

## Arrows hit mark for military students

### After-school program aims to relieve stress military families face

BY KEN MACDONALD

You wouldn't have wanted to stand before them with an apple on your head as students at East Hoke Middle School tried their hands with bows and arrows recently. As Davit Goolsby, a Physical Ed teacher at West Hoke Middle and one of the leaders of the after-school program, talked about the group's progress, a young lady he had been working with let fly arrows toward a target perhaps 50 feet away and not a single one found its mark.

The students were taking part in a program created by the Department of the Army for

military children to give them something worthwhile to do after school. Coordinated by Ray Owens in Hoke County, the Army Youth Programs in Your Neighborhood addresses a need first targeted by the White House in 2010 to support and strengthen military families as a top national priority: how to help 1.2 million school-aged children who have at least one active-duty military parent.

Those children face stresses such as high rates of mobility, separation from parents, and the possibility their parent may be injured or killed. A little support from adults, academic help, physical activity and experience in cre-

ative arts got high priority.

In Hoke County, organizers came up with three initial activities for the county's three middle schools and two high schools: golf, an historical tour—and archery.

Enter Alton Godwin of Godwin Archery. He readily accepted a request for help, Owens says, and even provided instruction and bows, arrows and targets, which he trucked to schools for each of the three-week sessions. Helping him were Lisa Dobson, a 7th grade teacher at East Hoke, Owens and Goolsby. They supervised the use of various bows, correct handling (See AFTER-SCHOOL, page 6A)

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## Beavers believed behind shutdown of Lindsay Rd.

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD  
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A beaver dam, combined with heavy rainfall, is likely to blame for high water that required officials to immediately shut down part of Lindsay Road and block it to all traffic.

A section of Lindsay Road near the intersection with Adcox Road has been

closed since Christmas and will probably remain closed until at least late next week, according to North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Engineer Charles Vick. The heavy rain washed out the sides of the road and possibly damaged the roadbed itself.

"I understand that there's (See ROAD, page 4A)

## OTHER STUFF

BY KEN MACDONALD

The females in the family—the guardians of tradition, yet plotters of change—informed our family that, after 34 years of greeting Christmas morning in our house, we were packing up and moving the festivities to the home of the grandchildren. The announcement to me was cautious—"Now be calm when I tell you what we've decided..."—but it didn't really bother me. After all, Santa's gonna find ya, right? Wherever you are?

Part two of the announcement was that there ain't (See OTHER STUFF, page 4A)



DOT crews blocked Lindsay Road after it was washed out by flooding water Friday. The road remains closed between Stoney Point and Adcox roads. (Ken MacDonald photo)