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## Crumpler gets Long Leaf Pine Order award

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The year that Hoke County Corner G. Franklin Crumpler was first sworn into office, Dwight Eisenhower was president, Harper Lee's famous novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" was still at the printer's, and Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong was nine years away from

taking mankind's first steps on the moon.

Crumpler is the longest-serving elected official in the United States, and last week at a surprise celebration honoring his dedicated service, state and local officials presented him with the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Normally, Crumpler has a lot to say, he said, but there

was only one thing he could say upon receiving the honor.

"Thank you. Thank you so much," he said to cheers and applause from a crowd gathered at the old Armory to recognize his accomplishments.

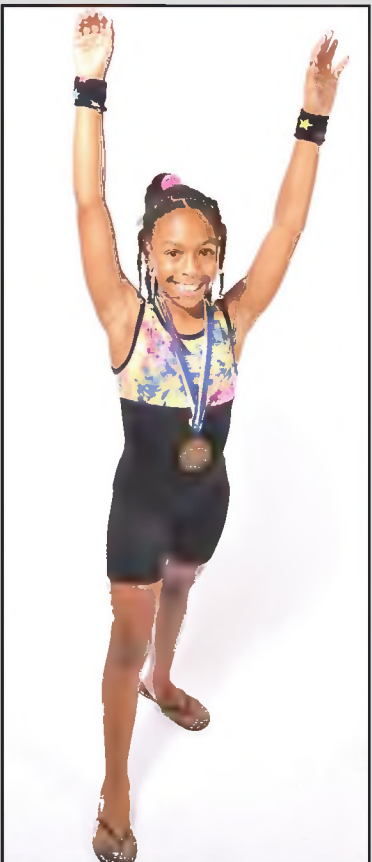
Crumpler was appointed coroner for Hoke County in 1960 after the serving coroner moved out of the county. He served the previous

coroner's unexpired term for three years and then ran for election to the office. He has won reelection to the position of county coroner more than a dozen times and served a total of 55 years in office, longer than any other official in the country.

Crumpler was born in Sampson County to the late Margaret Bradshaw (See CRUMPLER, page 7)



Crumpler holds plaque, surrounded by son Kemp (left to right), Sheriff Hubert Peterkin, State Rep. Garland Pierce, son Kel and wife Dayne.



Clockwise from top left: Aubrielle Ball, 2; Kate Jarzyna, 8; Gloria Hicks, 6; Dixon Welborn, 9; Anaiyah Wike, 9.



## HALLOWEEN

### Cuteness comes to Costume Contest

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## Home Food reemerges with farmer's market flavor

### Local produce, fish, meat draw them in

By CATHARIN SHEPARD  
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It's been more than a year since Hoke County's oldest grocery store changed over to a more farmer's market-style business, and owner David McNeill said the new focus has helped the store keep its returning customers happy while

catering to newcomers, too.

"I do miss some aspects of it, but I see this as being a positive influence for myself and for the community as well," he said.

The first change most long-time customers noticed was the giant hole in the wall. The owner decided to cut through (See HOME FOOD, page 12)



Proprietor David McNeill (above) is working to re-invent Home Food. The emphasis is on local produce, fish and meat.



## Trick-or-treating begins at dusk

By CATHARIN SHEPARD  
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As the sun goes down Saturday, little ghosts and goblins – and occasional princess, Jedi, or pumpkin – will hit the streets in Hoke County for another year

of trick-or-treating.

Halloween trick-or-treat times for Raeford and Hoke County are from dusk until 9 p.m. this year, Raeford Police Department Chief F.K. Crumpler announced.

(See TRICK-OR-TREAT, page 7)

## Tuesday is city Election Day

By CATHARIN SHEPARD  
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Raeford residents who are registered to vote will cast ballots next week to

decide who will represent them on the city council for the next four years.

Election Day for the municipal election is Tuesday, November 3. The polls (See ELECTION, page 6)

