

BROWSING THE FILES

47 Years Ago February 13, 1969

Hoke High Principal Raz Autry tells a group of people—he had asked only optimistic people to attend—that he plans to approach the Hoke Board of Education about building a new stadium at the school. Autry, John Pecora, Jim Danks and Landwood Simpson had already been on trips to Sanford, Lumberton and East Guilford to inspect their new stadiums and have plans from two of the schools for those at the meeting to inspect. John Scott Poole says he represents a group of conservatives who have some questions about cost. A committee is appointed to begin finding ways to raise money. The committee is Leonard Frahm (chairman), William Poole, Palmer Willcox, Mrs. Ed Murray, J.D. McAllister, the Rev. Thomas Walker, Pete Sawyer, Dr. R.M. Jordan and C.D. Bounds.

The first still of the year is discovered and a 300-gallon liquor drum and loads of surplus food meal “flew to smithereens” when ABC and ATU officers fire TNT to it. Discovered about a mile from Rockfish on Dundarrach Road, the still is unattended when discovered. Empty bags lying around the area indicate the fuel for the still is fermented meal given to feed hungry children of low-income families.

In the column Around Town, author Sam C. Morris writes about the new pipe organ at the Presbyterian Church and says it “sounds fine to me,” though adjustments will still be made. He continues, “I don’t know anything about music, but guess this is the same as fine tuning a color TV set.”

The FBI may be brought in to investigate the uprooting and piling up of some 50 mailboxes in the

McLeod Cross Road area and across town in the South Freedom Church area. Sheriff Dave Barrington says, if there’s any mail in the boxes, the vandals may have committed a federal offense.

The year 1968 is called the Hoke Rescue Squad’s most successful ever. The squad answers calls for 134 auto accidents, four house fires, three auto fires, seven ambulance runs, two farm accidents, and two accidents at houses. The squad also gets called out once for riot control.

25 Years Ago February 13, 1991

Cindy Moore uses an axe to break a window and save her child from a pickup that rolled into a pond behind her home near Davis Bridge Road. Her son Tommy had put the truck into neutral as she returned to her house to fetch a pair of boots.

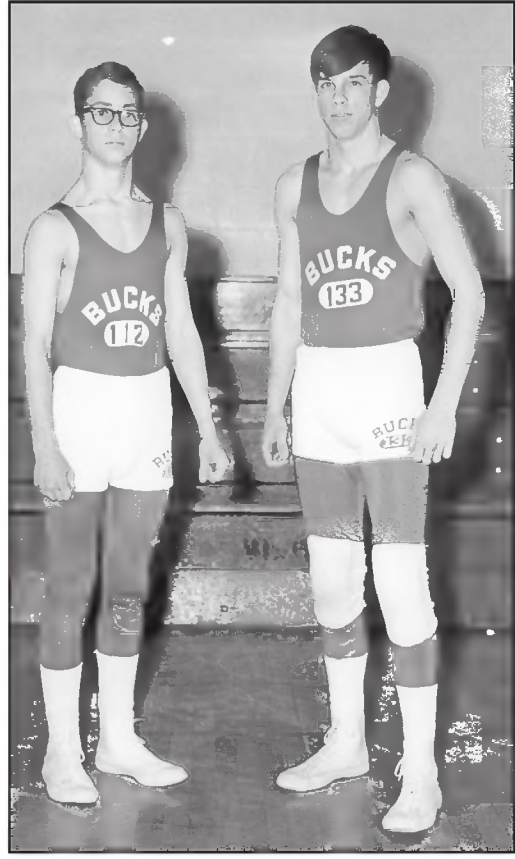
The Hoke School Board votes 3-2 to stop work on a replacement for Upchurch Auditorium, burned by an arsonist in 1989. A black group, the Upchurch Alumni Committee, wants to rebuild the structure but board newcomers Dwight Oxendine and Bobby Conoly spearhead a move to put the project on hold. At issue is the best use of insurance money in the school system, says Oxendine.

One deputy is fired and one quits, bringing the total to five gone since Alex Norton is reelected sheriff. One deputy says she supported opponent Jim Madden in the election, but Norton says she’s fired because “she just wouldn’t work.”

Sam C. Morris writes another friend dies this week. Eli Shankle, former chairman of the Hoke Commissioners, is the second former chairman to die in 1969. Fulford McMillan died in January.



Some 100 people gather to cheer on 32 Cub Scout Pack 404 Pinewood Derby contestants as they race home-built model cars. Jeff Upchurch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Upchurch, is grand champion and receives the award from Mayor McLean. Dave Barrington Jr., son of Sheriff and Mrs. Barrington, gets second place. (Maybe another drop of oil, Dave, reads The News-Journal caption.) Ronnie Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ellis, gets Best Craftsmanship. Runner-up in craftsmanship is Roy Wood Jr.



These undefeated wrestlers are Richard Davis (left) and George McFayden. Also undefeated but not available for the photo is Ronnie Branch.



Sales of Girl Scout Cookies are in full swing. Mayor H.R. McLean buys the first box from Beth and Becky Riddle. The Scouts’ leader is Mrs. Milo Postel.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Items should be submitted for the Community Calendar by noon Friday before the publication date. You are asked to keep in mind that paste-up of the calendar page is done on Monday before publication. Also, if an ongoing item has been discontinued or needs to be changed, you are asked to contact the editor as soon as possible.

February 11, 13 & 18

FAMILIES ALL READ (F.A.R.) is a Smart Start program designed to encourage parents to go FAR with reading with their children. Children 0-5, when accompanied by a parent, will receive a free book each time and a special book each 5th visit. A drawing is held for a special book for children and another drawing for parents during each program. February 11, 6:30 p.m. - Family Literacy Workshop - Hands On Fun With Words; February 13, 2 p.m. - Hearts and Flowers; February 18, 6:30 p.m. - A Great Day For Dinosaurs!

February 14

MAGGIE’S OUTREACH COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MOCEDC) will be sponsoring a Valentine’s Day event at the Rockfish Community Resource Building off of Lindsay Road. The event is from 3 - 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. There will be live entertainment, catered food and prizes to win. To purchase tickets, call 910-875-6623.

February 17

The **JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in the Hoke DJJ Conference Room at 1 p.m.

February 18

The **HOKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY** will hold their next meeting at PK’s Grill Raeford Airport at 7:30 p.m. You do not have to be a registered republican to attend the open portion of this meeting. For more information go to www.hokegop.com.

February 25

The next **ROCKFISH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING** will be held at the Rockfish Uhaul Building, 2950 Lindsay Road, Raeford. The meeting is open to any Hoke County Citizen and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

March 11, April 8, May 13 & June 10

AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASS SCHEDULE (Adult/Child/Infant) Classes are held from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Classes may be changed/cancelled depending on availability of instructor, holiday and inclement weather. To register or for more information, call the Hoke County Health Department at 910-875-3717 ext. 2106.

NOTICE: In order to keep our Calendar up-to-date, we are adding an expiration

date to the following announcements. If you would like the event to continue in our calendar after the expiration date, please call (875-2121), fax (875-7256) or email (robin@thenews-journal.com) requesting this at least a week before its expiration.

Military service-connected meetings

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS RALPH A. PANDURE VFW POST #10 meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at its Post Home, 14 Hanger Lane, Raeford Airport, Raeford. For information contact Commander John F. Harry at 910-987-9821, email johnfharry@yahoo.com or visit vfw.org. (expires May 2016)

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS- Hoke County Chapter 17 meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the National Guard Armory, Teal Street. For information, call Adjutant George Balch at 910-875-4410 or email: gbalch@nc.vv.com. (expires May 2015)

Calling all **ACTIVE AND RETIRED NAVY, MARINE AND COAST GUARD** to join Fleet Reserve Branch 259 located in Fayetteville. The Branch and Unit meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Retired Military Association building off Gillespie Street. (expires April 2016)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 20 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Teal Drive. All members and those interested are encouraged to attend. For information, call James McKee, 910-277-0597 or Tommy Strickland, Vice-Commander, 910-850-7007. (expires April 2016)

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 62, the “Sandhills” Chapter for Raeford, Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst, meets

the 1st Saturday of each month, 1800 hrs at the Southern Pines VFW Post 7318 Clubhouse in Southern Pines, 615 South Page St. All present and past Special Forces soldiers are invited to attend. For additional information, contact Chapter 62 President, Tom Galbicsek at: tnagabs@yahoo.com (expires April 2016)

Others

FRESH START RECOVERY GROUP holds weekly meetings. Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8-9 p.m. at 334 N. Main St.; Tuesdays and Fridays from 8-9 p.m. at 399 Oakdale Gin Road; Wednesdays from noon - 1 p.m. at 399 Oakdale-Gin Road. 24-hour NA hotline number is 866-418-9500. (expires June 2016)

MAGGIE’S OUTREACH COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MOCEDC) is looking for Mentors over the age of 21 to be a mentor to our Youth. We are looking for mentors to help change the lives of our At-Risk Youth (boys and girls) in the community. You must be able to pass a background check and be willing to commit to making a difference. If you are interested in learning more about the opportunities in mentorship, contact our office at (910) 875-6623 or mbdevelcenter@mocede.org. (expires June 2016)

ENROLLING NOW for **MAGGIE’S ROAD TO SUCCESS (RTS)** computer classes. We offer basic, intermediate, advanced computer classes and social media (Facebook) and/or Instagram classes. You do not have to know anything about the computer. Classes last for 8 weeks and are 2 sessions per week. We are located at 7350 Turnpike Road. Call 910-875-6623 for more information. (expires June 2016)

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