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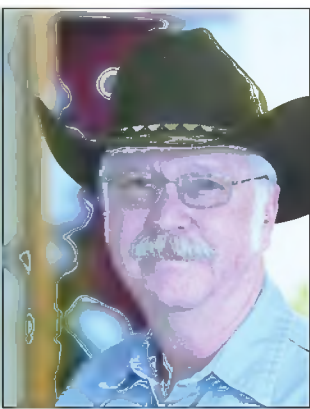
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Crumpler enters race for sheriff

Former Raeford police chief says public service runs in his family



BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Former Raeford Police Department Chief Kemp Crumpler announced this week he plans to file to run for election to the office of Hoke County sheriff.

Crumpler has served in law enforcement for more than 30 years, beginning with decades of service with the North Carolina Highway Patrol and followed by more than five years of leading the Raeford Police Department. Crumpler retired

from that position in August 2017.

The idea of running for sheriff has been with him for a much longer time than that. He's thought about it ever since he was in high school, Crumpler said.

"My family's been in public service since 1960. Law enforcement is not a career, it's a calling, and I've been doing it for so long and I'm still so young – I'm not even 60 yet – I really feel like I still have a lot to offer the community," he said.

Crumpler said his reason for running for the office is about giving Hoke citizens an opportunity

for change.

"I don't want to run because the sheriff's been a bad sheriff—he's been a good sheriff. He's a good man. (Sheriff candidate Darin) Bronson's a good man. Between the three of us and our law enforcement experience, I think we have the opportunity to offer Hoke County citizens something they haven't had in a while. Some people want change. I'd like to be that change. If people want to know what that change is, they have to tell me," Crumpler said.

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8 to be inducted into Hoke High Athletic Hall of Fame



Dockery

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer



Langdon



Hollingsworth



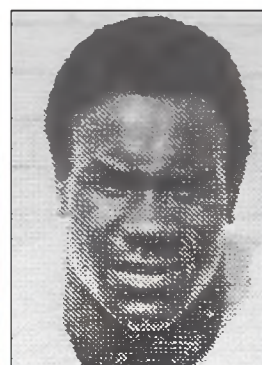
James



Morrissey



Beatty



Kershaw



Winston

The 7th class of the Hoke County High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be inducted this Friday night during a banquet at West Hoke Middle School. Inductees are Santes Beatty,

Class of 1993; Donielle "Dezi" Dockery, Class of 1987; William Howard Kershaw Sr., Class of 1970; Glenn Langdon, Coach 1969; Michael Morrissey, Class of 1989; and Winfred Winston, Class of 1987. The Roll of Honor inductees are the late Jimmy James Sr., band director, and William

Kershaw Sr. from Upchurch High. The Legacy Award will go to William E. Hollingsworth Sr., from Upchurch High School.

Inductees

Santes Beatty was a 1993 graduate of Hoke County High School where he excelled in the

classroom and on the athletic field. He played football, basketball and baseball, earning the Antler Award his sophomore and senior years. He served as co-captain in all three sports and was respected by teammates and coaches for his leadership ability and his competitiveness. Beatty lettered three

years in football, and earned the Iron Buck his junior and senior years. He led the 1991 team to the second round of the state playoffs. Beatty was All Conference his junior and senior years, won the Best Back Award in 1991 and Most Valuable Player in

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House survives 160 years, and now apparent arson attempt



AnnaRosa Hoback says she saw teens running from the woods behind this house.

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
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AnnaRosa Hoback was walking her dogs on East Edinborough Avenue the evening of December 16 when she spotted four teenagers running from the woods behind an empty house she owns. They ran from the fenced-in yard of the house, located at 423 East Edinborough Avenue, going toward the sports fields across the street just behind the Old Armory building, she recalled.

"Five minutes later, the police call me and tell me that the house is on fire," she said.

Over a month later, the case is still open and investigators

are searching for clues. Hoback is hopeful that someone in the community might have information that could help find whoever is responsible for the fire.

The house and its outbuildings are historic properties, Hoback said. It was built in 1858, long before Raeford or Hoke County even existed. The historic home still has many of its original features, including hardwood floors, old fireplaces and a wide covered front porch.

Before the fire, it also had two original outbuildings in the fenced-in yard that backs up to forested land off of East Donaldson Avenue. The fire completely destroyed the two outbuildings, including boxes of items that

Hoback had stored there.

"Unfortunately I have to go and demolish everything, so it's history disappearing," she said.

The house itself survived, but the intense heat from the blaze melted part of the brand-new siding, broke windows and even warped the old ceiling inside the kitchen, Hoback said.

The house has been empty and on the market for sale for about two years. Hoback intended to use the property as an investment and poured thousands of dollars into fixing it up. However, she didn't have insurance on the house, and now has had to reduce the asking price to account for the damage.

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OTHER STUFF

BY KEN MACDONALD

The plane that flies the American Airlines route from Fayetteville to Charlotte ain't no fancy big Airbus A380. In fact, it's not even an American Airlines plane. There's probably not much status in being the crew for a PSA Airlines CRJ700. But on that flight Thursday you would have found the world's best flight attendant, a young woman who acted like she was Living. The. Dream. She cheerfully zipped through the cramped cabin, attending to the usual departure and safety matters, greeting passengers, and genuinely inquiring of their needs. Then a young child tuned up. The kid refused to put on his seatbelt. When she approached he instantly fell for her and her bribe of a cup of ice, and just like that, everyone was happy. I was struck by how one person, not just doing her job, but doing it

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Overseer Artie McPhatter dies



McPhatter

Elder Artie Mae Carthens McPhatter, the wife of the late Neil McPhatter, Hoke County's first black County Commissioner, died last week at the age of 93.

McPhatter was a steadfast member of the Hoke County community and worked as a team with her husband, former Hoke County Commissioner Ellen McNeill said.

"I have known Mrs. McPhatter for more than 50 years, and she always set an example that other women should strive to emulate. Proverbs Chapter 31 could have her picture with it. Truly, she was a loving, kind and generous person. She was wise and always had an encouraging word for others," McNeill said.

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