

# BROWSING THE FILES



Silver Grove Baptist Church gets a new classroom building. The Rev. W.K. Mitchell cuts the ribbon. Trustees from left are Will Pope, Harrison Peterkin, James Cobington, the Rev. C.J. Cooper, Mitchell, John Worley, Bernice McLaughlin, Carnell McColl and Lawrence Butler. (April 8, 1971)



James T. Johnson presents a check for \$5,500 to help purchase a 60-acre landfill for the county. Accepting the check is T.C. Jones, chair of the county commissioners. With him are Richard B. Wallace, M.R. Mills, T.B. Lester and Ralph Barnhart. (April 8, 1971)

## 47 Years Ago

April 8, 1971

A recreation program is planned throughout the county this summer—if aid is received from Ft. Bragg. A committee announced programs at six locations—Upchurch, Raeford Elementary, McLaughlin, West Hoke, South Hoke and Rockfish. “We don’t have the money or people to equip even one park, let alone six,” said W.K. Morgan, recreation director. “If we don’t get the help from them, then we will have our basic recreation program of softball, boys’ baseball and such like we’ve had before.”



Bridges Hollingsworth clears the bar to break the Hoke High School record twice in one week. He jumped 5'11.75" to set a new school record. Two days later he broke it, jumping 6'1". (April 8, 1971)

A community Easter service sponsored by the Raeford Ministerial Association will be held at 6 a.m. Sunday at Highland Biblical Gardens. The Rev. Allan Smyth will be guest speaker.

The city approves a proposal to operate a joint city-county landfill. The landfill will be managed by city personnel and operated with city equipment. The county will pay \$10,000 for the first year's operation.

A medical examiner system goes into effect. Sudden or unnatural deaths here will be investigated by a medical examiner from now on. Three doctors are appointed—Riley Jordan, Robert Townsend and W.J. Steininger of McCain. A law to provide statewide medical examiners was enacted in 1967 and implementation began in 1968.

Columnist Sam Morris writes “we can’t remember ever seeing the number of cars that were parked” at Arabia Golf Course Saturday morning. “We were talking to Brown Hendrix later in the day and he stated that the

first 17 people that came up that day all were in an automobile.”

An ad for Raeford Savings and Loan offers 6% paid quarterly on a minimum of \$15,000. Passbook savings are at 4.75%

## 25 Years Ago

April 7, 1993

County Manager Barry Reed quits his job to take a position in Person County. He leaves Hoke nearly four years after starting the job. He says, “I think the direction the board wants to go is incompatible with what I as a person and I as a county manager believe in. I think the board wants to violate what a county-manager form of government is about.”

He says the budget should be developed by the manager and presented to the board, not with prior constraints as the board is enacting. Plus, Reed isn't happy commission chairman L.E.

McLaughlin instituted a hiring freeze, bypassing the manager.

Prison Legal Services files a lawsuit against the Hoke jail for inadequacies. The organization says the suit follows Hoke’s “snail pace” reaction to complaints.

Seventy-five residents of the Thomasville and College Drive areas fill the City Council chambers and complain of plans to annex them. “You really don't have anything to offer us,” one resident tells the board.

West Hoke Middle principal Jack Burgess will be transferring to McLaughlin Elementary next year at his request. Glenn Langdon will become principal at West Hoke Middle.

In a continuing battle over debts at the local radio station, the Rev. James Ross says the tower still belongs to him. The building and property were auctioned off last Wednesday.

# 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.

**April 7**  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST for II Lions Futbol Club at HWY 55 from 7:30 - 10 a.m. Pancakes and bacon, \$5 per plate.

**April 11**  
Hoke County Parks & Recreation will host SENIOR BINGO in the Hoke County Public Library from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. There will be prizes and refreshment. All seniors ages 50 and older are welcome. Call 910-875-4035 for more information.

**April 12**  
The HOKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY will be having our monthly meeting at 6 p.m. We will be meeting in the conference room of the Hoke County Public Library, 334 N. Main Street, Raeford. All registered Democrats are invited to attend.

**April 18**  
HOKE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING will be at 1 p.m. at the Hoke County Public Library. This meeting is open to the public. Lunch will be served. For more information, please contact Lorraine Landry, JCPC Coordinator at 910-494-4380 or check out [www.hcjpc.org](http://www.hcjpc.org).

**April 20**  
REGISTER TODAY FOR A FAMILY CAREGIVER RETREAT “Taking Time for Me”, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Rockfish Camp & Retreat Center, 26 Camp Rockfish Road, Parkton, NC. This one-day retreat will give the caregiver emotional, physical, spiritual and mental respite that is vital for the caregiver. Respite services are available, allowing caregivers to attend the activities and receive all the benefits of the retreat. To register and inquire about respite services for the retreat, call Rachell Hodnett, 910-775-9779 or email [rvh@lrcog.org](mailto:rvh@lrcog.org), by April 6. Space is limited.

**April 21**  
The HOKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY will host its 2nd Annual DENIM GALA at the Hoke County Senior Service Center, 423 E. Central Ave., Raeford. Four elected officials will be honored during this event. They are as follows: Raeford's Mayor, John K. McNeill; Hoke County Commissioner Chairman, James Leach; NC State Representative, Garland Pierce and NC State Senator, Robert (Ben) Clark. Tickets are on sale by calling (910) 875-3737.

**April 23-28**  
Hoke County Parks and Recreation still has space available for the trip to the ARK ENCOUNTER. The cost is \$525.00 per person double occupancy; \$505.00 for a triple and \$720.00 for a single. Contact Pat Graham at 910-878-1255 for more information.

**May 1 & June 5**  
COFFEE WITH COPS will be held at Hardee's at 4 p.m.

**May 4 & June 8**  
AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASS SCHEDULE (Adult/Child/Infant) Classes are held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Classes may be changed/cancelled depending on availability of instructor, holiday and inclement weather. Call the Hoke County Health Department to register or for more information at 910-875-3717 ext. 2106. Class fees: CPR/AED only - \$45; First Aid only - \$45; First Aid/CPR/AED - \$60.

**May 5**  
Hoke County Parks & Recreation will host the annual SENIOR CITIZENS MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON from 12 - 2 p.m. in the LE McLaughlin Bldg. (senior room). We are accepting the first 50 participants to call 910-875-4035 or come by the office to register. The deadline for registration is April 27.

**May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 3 & January 8, 2019**

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM CALENDAR - Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Hoke County Health Department. Call 910-875-3717 ext. 2106 for more information. Topic & Program Coordinator: April 10 - Know It Control It, High Blood Pressure Program - Sessions 3: Eat Smart, Slow Down on Salt - Ulva Little-Bennett; May 8 - Topic: Know It Control It, High Blood Pressure Program - Sessions 4: Eat Smart, the Mediterranean Way - Healthy Meal Demonstration - Ulva Little-Bennett & Shirley Smith; June 12 - Stanford Chronic Disease Program - Session 1: Introduction, The Mind-Body Connection, Getting Enough Sleep - Ulva Little-Bennett; July 10 - Stanford Chronic Disease Program - Session 2: Dealing with Difficult Emotions, Introduction to Physical Activity and Exercises, Falls and Balance - Ulva Little-Bennett; August 14 - Topics: Stanford Chronic Disease Program - Session 3: Making Decisions, Pain & Fatigue Management, Endurance Exercises - Ulva Little-Bennett; September 11 - Stanford Chronic

Disease Program - Session 4: Better Breathing, Healthy Eating, Communication Skills and Problem Solving - Ulva Little-Bennett; October 9 - Stanford Chronic Disease Program - Session 5: Making Healthy Food Choices, Medication Usage, Treatment Decisions, Depression Management - Ulva Little-Bennett; November 3 - Diabetes Health Fair; November 13 - Stanford Chronic Disease Program: Session 6: Working with Your Health Care Professional & Health Care Organization, Weight Management - Ulva Little-Bennett; January 8 - to be scheduled.

**May 19**  
ANNUAL HOKE COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY AND YARD SALE: Free screenings such as blood pressure, blood glucose, HIV/STD, car seat safety checks and health information will be held at Hoke County Health Department, 683 East Palmer Road, Raeford, from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This event is sponsored by Hoke County Public Health Advisory Council and Community Partners. For more information, call the Health Education Office 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](mailto:robin@thenews-journal.com)) requesting this at least a week before its expiration.

**Military service-connected meetings**  
RALPH A. PANDURE VFW POST 10 meets the second Monday of each month at its Post Home, 145 Hanger Lane, Raeford. It is located off Doc Brown Road at the Raeford Airport. For information contact Commander George Balch at 910-875-4410, e-mail [gbalch@nc.rr.com](mailto:gbalch@nc.rr.com) or visit us on Facebook. (expires June 2018)

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 17 meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 145 Hanger Lane, Raeford. It is located off Doc Brown Road at the Raeford Airport. For information contact Adjutant George Balch at 910-875-4410 or e-mail [gbalch@nc.rr.com](mailto:gbalch@nc.rr.com) (expires June 2018)

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 May 2018)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 20 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Teal Drive. All members and those interested are encouraged to attend. For information, call Calvin Ely, 910-261-6716 or John McRae, Adjacent, 910-286-1705. (expires June 2018)

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 Galbicksek at [tngabs@yahoo.com](mailto:tngabs@yahoo.com) (expires May 2018)

### Others

If you would like to be a part of giving back to our schools and community, please join HCAA, PO Box 2113, Raeford, NC 28376. To find out more about this great organization and to register, please visit our website and Facebook page. Website: <https://hokecaa.wixsite.com/HCAA>; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HokeCountyAlumni/#HokeCountyAlumni> (expires April 2018)

The ROCKFISH COMMUNITY BOARD meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockfish Town Hall Building, 2950 Lindsay Rd. Anyone can attend these meetings. More information can be found on our Facebook page - Rockfish Community Board and on our website at [www.rockfishreview.wordpress.com](http://www.rockfishreview.wordpress.com). (expires June 2018)

The HOKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY meets the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at different locations countywide. For more information visit our Facebook page - Hoke GOP or visit our website at [www.hokegop.com](http://www.hokegop.com). (expires June 2018)

HOKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WIC hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted. Call 910-875-2298 to schedule an appointment. (expires May 2018)

HOKE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES is open to all seniors 55 and older. Free use of exercise equipment, table games and other games are available everyday from 12 - 4 p.m. (expires June 2018)

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