

# BROWSING THE FILES



Hoke Commissioner Tom Howell (left to right), Cheong Li, Angel Li and Raeford Mayor Bob Gentry open the Raeford Chinese Restaurant. (April 14, 1993)

## 47 Years Ago

April 15, 1971

The mayor and city council all announce plans to run for reelection May 4. After several weeks of indecision, Mayor John K. McNeill Jr. says he'll definitely seek a second term. "We have plans to pave the air strip and we have got to develop new water fields," he says. "We are fortunate to have a fine city manager and staff to keep our city progressing." H.E. Garrison is the first councilman to file, paying his \$5 fee Tuesday. Others are Graham Clark, Crawford Thomas Jr., Franklin Teal and J.D. McMillian.

A two-year-old is struck and killed by a car near Robbins Heights. The child's father was hit and killed by a car four months earlier near Upchurch School.

A partially paralyzed man is rescued from his burning home by passers-by after a chair is ignited by a cigarette. Richard Norris and Ed McNeill carry the man from the small house next to the post office on Elwood Avenue.

A new entrance is planned for the Raeford Cemetery, says city manager John Gaddy. The current drive is to be blocked and a new entrance constructed 500 feet east so large drains can be laid to alleviate a drainage problem on the south side of the cemetery.

Three citizens are honored by the Raeford Jaycees at the organization's annual banquet. Jerry Oxendine is named Outstanding Young Educator. Josephine Hall is given the Distinguished Service Award. And Outstanding Jaycee of the Year is given to Jim Blackburn.

Annie Kemp writes in the Letters to The Editor section how nice it is to return to Raeford from New York. "Boy, what a thrill it was to us to know this was our hometown. Everything was so quiet, clean and beautiful. No packed traffic, no paper, trash and old furniture laying on the streets. No wrecked cars and tore up streets, no old torn up ragged buildings on the street."

Joe Sugars of Raeford writes in an ad that it is "pleased to announce the association of Mr. Ed Hasty as Assistant Manager and Salesman."

## 25 Years Ago

April 14, 1993

A 12-acre shopping center is proposed on 21 acres of land on U.S. 401, but the occupants aren't



Members of Church of God churches board a bus for Brooklyn to attend the annual convention. Members from Mt. Calvary, St. Matthews, Bowmore Tabernacle and Solid Rock Church joined other area residents for the trip. (April 15, 1971)



J.D. McAllister (left) presents the Outstanding Young Educator award to Jerry Oxendine, a social studies teacher at Upchurch School. (April 15, 1971)

being announced. Approval of the shopping center is before the Hoke commission.

A 98-bed jail would raise taxes 15 cents per hundred-dollar valuation. Commissioners raised the tax rate eight cents last year to 80 cents. The jail would cost \$9.5 million.

Speaker of the house Dan Blue is scheduled speaker at the local Democrats' fundraising dinner April 23. Tickets are available from Jackie Haddon, Betsy Ann McNeill, Nancy Smith, Harold Gills and at Howell Drug Store.

A ribbon cutting is held for Raeford's only Chinese restaurant. Angel and Cheong Li are opening the store on Main Street.

Several businesses are opening

in "The Colonial House" florist. The Hair Shop, the Nail Boutique, Jacob O Balogun, CPA and Teretta's Subs and Sandwiches, Ice Cream and Yogurt are coming soon.

JOIN US FOR THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL  
**FRIENDS OF MONROE DAY**

CAMP Monroe

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
3 - 6 p.m.

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# 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 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.hcjcpc.org.

**April 20**  
OPERATION MEDICINE DROP-TAKE BACK DRUG MEDICATION EVENT will be held at Rockfish Pharmacy, 221 Flagstone Lane, Raeford, NC, (near Stone Gables Apartments and Lumbee River Electric). Bring all of your old outdated or unused prescription medications you are not currently taking and drop them off to be discarded from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sponsored by Hoke County Public Health Advisory Council - "Hope-N-Hoke" Prescription Overdose Committee and Mid Carolina Region Safe Kids Coalition. For more information, call the Health Education Office: 910-875-3717 ext. 2106.

**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, 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.

**April 30**  
The HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES will hold an open meeting at 4 p.m. in the agency's conference room located in the T.B. Lester, Jr. Building, 314 S. Magnolia Street, Raeford, NC. The public is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Hoke County Department of Social Services at 910-875-8725.

**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: 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) requesting this at least a week before its expiration.

**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)

FRESH START RECOVERY GROUP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS holds weekly meetings. Mondays from 8-9 p.m. at Hoke County Public Library, 334 N. Main St.; Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8-9 p.m. at Raeford United Methodist Church (enter rear door, leads to basement), 308 N. Main Street. 24-hour NA hotline number is 866-418-9500. (expires June 2018)

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@mocedc.org](mailto:mbdevelcenter@mocedc.org). (expires June 2018)

## what's in YOUR medicine cabinet?

Bring unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medicines to a TAKE-BACK EVENT near you. Find a location at [ncsafekids.org](http://ncsafekids.org).

**OPERATION MEDICINE DROP**

[www.ncsafekids.org](http://www.ncsafekids.org)

Date: Friday, April 20  
Location: Rockfish Pharmacy  
Address: 221 Flagstone Lane, Raeford, NC  
Time: 10a-2p  
Questions? Cpl. M. Davies @ 910-875-5111

Operation Medicine Drop is a program administered by Safe Kids North Carolina and the N.C. Department of Insurance. For more information or a calendar of events, visit [www.ncsafekids.org](http://www.ncsafekids.org).

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