



The Heilig-Myers store burns. (May 19, 1993)

## BROWSING THE FILES

### 47 Years Ago May 20, 1971

Knit-Away will double its present size to add a knitting operation for its menswear division. Construction on a 75,000 square foot addition will begin immediately and 600 to 700 jobs will be added by mid-1973.

Twelve high school students are named to discuss the possibility of forming a Teenage Planning Council sponsored by the Recreation Advisory Board. They are Shelby Jean Bratcher, Andy Bullard, Joe Cothran, Kathy Currie, Patricia Dial, Ronnie Dockery, Lee Gillis, Ricky Huff, Kelly Jordan, Patricia McKoy, Sam Ray and William Windley.

The 90-member Hoke High School Band will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in the high school gym. Selections include "Tunes of Glory," "Aposso," the first movement from "Symphony in B Minor," and "Ode For Trumpet," featuring Ken Davis.

Paul Dickson writes in an editorial: "People who feel that a newspaper mishandles the account of an event must wonder what steps are taken to do this, if the editor or reporters say to themselves, 'Let's just see how unfair and cruel we can be with this one,' or do they think nobody really cares what the product is like, whether it's factual or who gets hurt, just get something printed and make a day? {snip} The vice-president has expressed the opinion that the press of the nation is peopled by smart liberals who deliberately mishandle their power and choose news and ways of presenting it that lead people toward the wrong kind of thinking. {snip} So, when an event takes place in Hoke County, it is not my right to decided arbitrarily whether people of the county should know about it or not. It is my obligation, as a newspaperman, to see that the true facts are made available to them as exactly and as honestly as I can. If it's a fact, the truth is its own defense, and the truth must be in the public interest. Sure, we agonize over the fact that an item may break some mothers heart, but concealing the fact will have a worse effect on more people. We must try to use our best judgment to be true to the public interest, but at the same time to be fair, to be just, to try to be kind. We must respect other points of view, and be quick to acknowledge our errors. These things we pray for and work at in this business, and for the ability, with humility, neither to fear the frown nor court the smile of anyone. We win some and we lose some."

The Long Beach Fishing Pier advertises that it's the "longest pier on the N.C. Coast," with a grocery, arcade and restaurant. Motel guests are entitled to free fishing.

### 25 years Ago May 19, 1993

At 12:40 a.m. Raeford Police are summoned by a burglar alarm to the Heilig-Myers Furniture Store



William R. Windley (left), director of Samuel Leonard School, and L.V. Bosley, principal (right) accept a gift to the school from student at Hoke High. Shelby Bratcher, left and Rene McAllister (right) delivered the box. (May 20, 1971)



VFW officers are, left to right, Gene Thacker, John Talley, Thomas Macko, Robert Carpenter and Johnnie King. (May 20, 1971)



Dancing Raindrops—Charlotte Blume School of Dance dancers are, left to right, front row, Samantha Burke, Stephanie Hasty, Gail Leach and Sharon McNulty. Back row, Jo Ann Leach, Ann Furr and Linda Everette. (May 20, 1971)



Clyde Upchurch (left) gets a trophy and a handshake from Doug Wallace after winning the championship flight of the Lions Club Golf Tournament at Arabia. (May 20, 1971)

at Main and Harris. Shortly after arrival they see it go up in flames. "They hadn't been there long and that whole front blew out," Raeford Fire Chief Crawford Thomas says. Employee Kevin Maddox, who just started working there, lives down the street and sees the smoke, but says he didn't think it was coming from the store. Now, he's worried about his job. It's the fourth Heilig-Myers store in North Carolina to burn in four years.

# Raeford man named director of mental health office



Darrick D. Cunningham in 1985

A Raeford native has been named director of the Office of Program Analysis and Coordination in the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment in the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Darrick D. Cunningham, LCSW, BCD, a 1985 graduate of Hoke High School, served more than 30 years in the U.S. Air Force and worked as one of a select few mental health consultants to the Air Force Surgeon General.

As director, he will work with all 50 States, 4 U.S. Territories and

the District of Columbia to carry out the agencies mission of "Enhancing the well-being of all Americans." Cunningham, a board certified/licensed mental health professional with advanced expertise in substance use disorders, will work to advance the agency's top priority, addressing the nation's opioid crisis.

His day-to-day responsibilities will include managing a \$1.2 Billion budget, supporting the Center's implementation of programs and policy by providing guidance in the administration, analysis, planning, and coordination of the Center's programs, managing the Center's participation in the agency's policy planning, budget formulation, program development and clearance, and internal and external requests, including strategic planning, identification of program priorities, and other agency-wide and departmental planning exercises. Additionally, he

performs Center-specific functions such as impact analysis of proposed legislation and rule making, council management, support and liaison administrative functions, special studies, data analysis and coordination, liaison for special populations/initiatives, Government Performance and Results Act (GPR) reporting, performance partnerships, and regulatory activities.

Cunningham says he is a product of Hoke High's JROTC program, where he attributes much of his professional success to the foundation laid by his late JROTC instructor Command Sergeant Major Aaron Williams. He is the son of the late Dorothy Cunningham McKoy and Jackson Knight, and grandson of Geneva Knight and the late L.C. and Lucille Cunningham. He holds two undergraduate degrees from UNC-Charlotte and a graduate degree from Fordham University, New York.

## Citizens urged to get REAL ID

In just one year, more than 445,000 North Carolinians have obtained REAL IDs from the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles since the new identification debuted on May 1, 2017.

REAL ID is the single form of identification that meets new federal security requirements for boarding a commercial airplane and visiting federal facilities, including military installations. The requirements are already being enforced at Camp Lejeune.

"While many North Carolinians are ahead of the deadline, we have two short years to get four million of our residents prepared," DMV Commissioner Torre J. Jessup said. "I encourage everyone to gather their documents and obtain their REAL ID now. Traveling by air will be easier with a REAL ID when the Transportation Security Administration begins enforcing tougher identification requirements at airports in 2020."

The N.C. REAL ID is like a traditional North Carolina license or ID, but has a star in the upper right corner. The federal REAL ID

Act established the requirements and the program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

To obtain their first REAL ID, residents must bring the following verification documents to a local driver license office:

- One proof of identity, date of birth and/or legal presence (lawful status): certified birth certificate or unexpired U.S. Passport
- One proof of name change: certified marriage license or certified divorce decree
- One proof Social Security number: Social Security card, W-2 or 1099 tax form with full name and number
- Two proofs of current address: driver license, vehicle registration card, voter registration card, cable bill, utility bill or bank statement

DMV officials have a few tips for residents preparing to visit the DMV office for their first REAL ID:

If your license or ID card expires in 2020, plan to renew your license as a REAL ID within six

months of your expiration date. Your renewal fee will be the same.

If your license or ID card expires after 2020, make an appointment now to obtain a REAL ID for \$13. Once your card expires, you can renew it online.

Bring your certified marriage license or court documents if your current name does not match your certified birth certificate or U.S. Passport.

Decrease your wait time by scheduling an appointment at (919) 715-7000 for any driver license office.

Residents who choose not to get a REAL ID will have a license or ID card noted with "Not for Federal Identification."

Without a REAL ID or U.S. Passport, travelers will have to provide additional identification to board a commercial flight and visit federal facilities beginning Oct. 1, 2020. The required identification may vary.

For more information about REAL ID, including the complete list of verification documents, visit NCREALID.gov.

## DOT reminds of bicycle safety

The N.C. Department of Transportation, through its Watch for Me NC program, is reminding drivers to "Make Room for Bikes" and bicyclists to take steps to be safe on the state's roadways during Bicycle Safety Month.

May is recognized as Bicycle Safety Month, both in North Carolina and nationally, as a time to celebrate the benefits of two-wheeled transportation. A variety of events are scheduled this month, including National Bike to School Day on May 9, National Bike to Work Week May 14-18, and National Bike to Work Day on May 18. As such, NCDOT expects more bicyclists to be on the roads, and take steps to make sure everyone stays safe.

The Watch for Me NC campaign, a statewide effort to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety through better education and enforcement of the state's pedestrian and bicycle laws, offers the following safety tips:

For Bicyclists: • Wear a helmet. It could save your life. • Use a light and reflectors when bicycling at night, and be as visible as possible. • Ride in the direction of

traffic. Drivers may not be looking for you if you are riding the wrong way. • Obey all signs and signals. This includes stopping at stop signs and red lights. • Use all your senses – watch and listen for cars, particularly at intersections and driveways. • Avoid distractions such as listening to headphones, texting or speaking on mobile phones when riding.

For Drivers: • Look out for bicyclists, drive at slower speeds,

and avoid distractions. • Before making a turn, be sure the path is clear of any bicyclist, particularly those traveling in bicycle lanes. • Slow down in areas where you are likely to find bicyclists, such as near schools and playgrounds. • Keep an eye out for bicyclists at night. • Avoid distractions such as eating, speaking with passengers and using mobile devices. Talking and texting while driving is dangerous and illegal in many places.




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