



Mayor-go-round

Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill and his grandchildren enjoy the new playground equipment at McLaughlin Park. (photo contributed by Linda Williams)

Cancer

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interested students in how to identify and respond to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. For more information on Health Department programs, call (910) 875-3717.

Dirt road troubles near

Stonegate

Several residents who own property down the Morgan Drive/Jackson roadway addressed commissioners about their concerns of damage to the road. The unpaved road is directly past the Stonegate shopping center, which does not have a direct turn-in from U.S. 401.

Some drivers are going past the shopping center, realizing they missed the turn, and turning down the dirt road instead while trying to get to the parking lot, residents said. Drivers with four-wheel-drive vehicles sometimes cut through an open field to get to the development.

It's both tearing up the dirt road and causing a dangerous situation for the people who use the road on a daily basis, one resident said, especially given the small size of the dirt road and the 55 mile-an-hour speed limit on U.S. 401.

Part of the problem is that there isn't a right-lane turn-off for the shopping center, Commissioner Tony Hunt pointed out. The state Department of Transportation wanted the Stonegate developer to make roadway improvements of over \$1 million to put up a stoplight and other changes, costs which the developer then would not be able to recoup, the commissioner said.

However, another developer is currently interested in property in the area and could potentially work out a deal that would allow a new driveway in the area, commissioners discussed. The board agreed to send a letter to the second developer to talk about

the options.

The dirt road is also having flooding issues with as much as two feet of water sometimes collecting on the roadway, a resident said.

Public comment complaint

During the public comment period, Hoke resident Sandra Goins spoke up about the number of large chicken houses being built in some areas of the county. A poultry company has been building them all around her property, Goins said.

"That means I'm going to have them on the right, the left and the back," she said.

Commission Chairman James Leach said he and the board sympathized with Goins on the matter, but that it was out of the county's hands. Under the state agriculture exemption, local governments don't have the authority to prevent companies from building agriculture-related facilities like poultry houses.

"As you ride down 20, they're everywhere...certainly this board joins you in looking at those chicken houses, even though this local board doesn't have any authority over agriculture. It's the state," Leach said. "What we should do, and will do, is send a resolution to our representative up in Raleigh to the state as they do agriculture... tell them we feel like enough is enough. We will join you in a resolution the rules for how many can come. This board has no legal rights whatsoever."

Under the North Carolina General Statute 153A-340(b) (2), agriculture – including poultry farms, and any kind of home placed on property for workers to service farms – are exempt from local zoning requirements or approvals. To be exempt, farms must obtain an exemption certificate from the Department of Revenue; a copy

of the property tax listing showing that the property is eligible for participation in the present use value program; a copy of the farm owner's or operator's Schedule F from the owner or operator's most recent federal income tax return; or a forest management plan.

"In the case of the poultry houses being put up along Highway 20, the owners have farm sales tax exemption issued by the North Carolina Department of Revenue. While they do not go through any site plan or zoning approval process the construction must still meet any applicable North Carolina Building and Fire Code requirements," County Planner Robert Farrell sent to the News-Journal in an email earlier this year.

Other business

In other business, the board approved an application for conditional use permit submitted by Harold Brock for the use of Rural Home Occupation – Real Estate & Leasing Office at 7463 Rockfish Road; a road name change petition submitted by Melanie Scott to change the name of 360-foot-long private road Lupburg Drive to Gary Trail; and a text amendment to the Chapter 13 Zoning Enforcement of the Hoke County Zoning Ordinance addressing unsafe commercial structures in Hoke County.

The board members approved a six-item consent agenda including surplus property, such as HATS buses that have reached the end of their usable life cycle. The board heard a presentation from the Abejas Futbol Club regarding use of county facilities for the soccer program for youth.

The commissioners did not have a closed session before adjourning. Commissioner Allen Thomas was absent from the meeting.

Two charged with taking from dead person's account

Investigators with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office have arrested two people from Fayetteville wanted for allegedly stealing \$20,000 from a dead person's bank account.

Deputies arrested Sean Michael Sullivan, 54, and Lisa Helen Ann Deskin-Williamson, 43, both of the 5500 block of Mesa Drive in Fayetteville, on felony charges of identity theft, obtain-

ing property by false pretense and conspiracy to obtain property by false pretense.

Authorities received information in June alleging that someone had taken more than \$20,000 from a deceased person's bank account between December 2018 and April 2019, according to a press release from the sheriff's office. After an investigation, detectives identified Sullivan and

Deskin-Williamson as suspects in the case.

Officers arrested the two suspects August 7 without incident and transported them to the Hoke County Detention Center. They each received \$3,000 unsecured bonds.

The two suspects are accused of taking money from the estate of the late Anthony Darryl Roberts, according to the sheriff's office.

And now to philosophy a bit

Instead of being the Frog Holler Philosopher, I am often more of a commentator, too often letting myself get dragged into the morass of "news" which is presented with inflated importance and controversy. It takes very little to stir up disagreement. As a species, we just love to argue. Almost any brush with historical political content—documentaries, old news footage etc.—reveals that the divisive issues don't change much, only the pages of the calendar.

I have recently seen a documentary on Reconstruction, that period after the Civil War in which African Americans were to be granted equal rights. The issues were racial equality and economic injustice. I am now watching a PBS series on the quest for the moon landing. There, with a group of black protestors at the launch of Apollo 11, was civil rights leader Ralph Abernathy. Amid the excitement of the launch, they were protesting racial inequality and economic injustice.

After 50 more years we are still having heated debates over racial equality and economic injustice. Is it not reasonable to deduce that these issues are constants? There are many such core issues that seem timeless and perhaps unsolvable. My philosophical question is "Can these issues be permanently resolved?" I am inclined to believe that they cannot or will not.

This doesn't mean that society should not strive to erode the barriers that divide us on these issues. Progress has been made in almost every area when compared to conditions that existed only 100 years ago. One hundred years is relatively brief when it comes to changing the norms of society. Perhaps 1,000 years would be a more reasonable time frame. Even so, I can imagine that in 1019 AD the basic issues were similar.

Does man really want to get along? In some deep-seated way, I believe the answer is no. Wars are good evidence that we can't live

Other stuff



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Bruce Cockburn), but another is Elton John.

My parents way-uncharacteristically splurged the Christmas of 1971 and gave me a top-of-the-line Lafayette RK-D40 cassette tape deck (with Dolby system), opening up a whole new quality of sound for me. The tape de resistance—the one I played until wow and flutter took my precious tape deck, was "Madman Across the Water," with its songs "Levon" and "Tiny Dancer." Shortly after that was "Honky Chateau," with "Rocket Man," and my favorite, "Mona Lisas and Mad Hatters." Even at age 13 I recognized genius in the indecipherable chords and masterful progressions of



Frog Holler Philosopher
Ron Huff

with peace. The concept of Yin and Yang, that good is balanced by evil and that one cannot exist without the other speaks to this. What would happen if suddenly the movers and shakers of the economy decided that the little guy should be paid enough that all his needs were comfortably met? Would it be great, or would the little guys just want more or lose their ambition? At what point would there be satisfaction? Does humanity, in some unconscious way, need both haves and have-nots? What would one be without the other? Is the desire for confrontation or superiority part of our successful evolution?

I would like to think that enlightened humans would seek a good balance, but who is to judge? Who seeks enlightenment and why doesn't everyone? It seems evident to me that not everyone can be happy. Do we all need at least some unhappiness? A little bit of closet racism would be more tolerable than overt racism, but are many just seeking confrontation? Is it necessary for some people to confront others to balance some perceived injustice and frustration? Does a desire for superiority push us to denigrate others?

Are some brains just wired for hate and chaos? Are the fates of saints and sinners fixed from birth? Without the trials and tribulations of life would its pleasures be greatly reduced? If too much sugar wasn't bad for us would we like it as much?

As a thought experiment, I have asked myself what being in heaven for an eternity would be like. Would euphoria be followed by boredom? Imagine doing exactly what you desire forever. Now imagine doing it again and again and again. Then

what? Would a quick visit to hell suddenly give greater meaning to heaven? Yin Yang.

The necessity to live with fellow humans has required that we try to get along. Norms evolved, religions were introduced, governments were formed and laws were written; all imperfect. I suppose all we can do is continue to struggle, but maybe we should realize that our ideals are personal and not universal. I once wrote in a song: Don't tell others what to think, they'll hate you if you do - and don't believe that right is right just 'cause it's right for you. That might be bordering on philosophy.

We can rise above the fray if we put our minds to it. I believe that seeking knowledge, useful work and the production of most anything, especially art, feeds the soul and adds more Yin to balance the Yang.

More later.

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IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
Before The Clerk
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
Linda Kay Russell
19 E 167

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Linda Kay Russell, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Alphonso Russell, Administrator, of the estate of the decedent at PO Box 1713, Raeford, NC 28376, on or before the 16th day of November, 2019, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administrator.

This the 14th day of August, 2019.
Alphonso Russell, Administrator
Of the estate of Linda Kay Russell
PO Box 1713
Raeford, NC 28376
24-27P

CREDITOR'S NOTICE
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
Before The Clerk
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
Mary S. Black
19 E 151

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Mary S. Black, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Mary Balch, Administratrix, of the estate of the decedent at 4204 Phillippi Church Rd., Raeford, NC 28376, on or before the 26th day of October, 2019, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administratrix.

This the 24th day of July, 2019.
Mary Balch, Administratrix
Of the estate of Mary S. Black
4204 Phillippi Church Rd.
Raeford, NC 28376
21-24NC

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Melissa Mechelle Medlin, late of Aberdeen, Hoke County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at Pinehurst Legal, 200 McCaskill Rd. East, Suite A, Pinehurst North Carolina, 28374 on or before the 17th day of October 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 17th day of July 2019.
Jessica Marsh
Attorney:
Executrix of the Estate of Melissa Mechelle Medlin
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200 McCaskill Rd. East Suite A
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Hoke County Schools Career & Technical Education

OFFERINGS AND NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

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Hoke County Schools offer a wide range of Career and Technical Education programs to middle and high school students. These programs help prepare youth for a broad range of careers that require varying levels of education, from high school, apprenticeships, postsecondary certificates, and to college/university degrees. Hoke County Schools offers programs in the following career clusters: Agricultural Sciences, Business and Information Technology, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Occupation, Marketing, Trade and Industrial, Career Development, and Technology Education.

Students in Hoke County Schools also have the opportunity to receive national certifications such as: American Welding Society Certificates, Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications (Publisher, Powerpoint, Word, Excel, Access), ASE Automotive Service Technician, Autodesk, Career Readiness Certification, Certified Nursing Assistant, CompTIA A+ Essentials, CompTIA A+ Practical Application, North Carolina Cosmetology License, First Aid, CPR, ServSafe, Pro Start, and NCCER Core Certification (National Center for Construction Education & Research)

Services are available to assist participants who are considered special populations according to Perkins IV (originally passed in 1984, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act).

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Hoke County Schools Career and Technical Education Programs does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, disability, military service or age in its activities and programs, including employment policies and practices.

The following person(s) has/have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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The mission of Career Technical Education is to empower all students to be successful citizens, workers, and leaders in a global society.

Las Escuelas del Condado de Hoke ofrecemos una gran variedad de carreras y programas de educación técnica a los estudiantes de las escuelas secundarias y preparatoria. Estos programas ayudan a preparar a los jóvenes para una amplia gama de carreras que exigen varios niveles de educación, desde la escuela preparatoria, prácticas profesionales, certificados postsecundarios, diplomados y títulos universitarios. El Condado de Hoke ofrece programas en las siguientes ramas de carreras: Ciencias Agrícolas, Tecnología en Información y Administración, Familia y Ciencias del Consumidor, Profesiones de Salud, Mercadeo, Comercio e Industria, Desarrollo Profesional y Educación de Tecnología.

Los estudiantes también tienen la oportunidad de recibir certificaciones nacionales en las Escuelas del Condado de Hoke tales como: Certificados de la Sociedad Americana de Soldadura, Certificaciones de Especialista en Microsoft Office (Publisher, Powerpoint, Word, Excel, Access), Técnico en Servicios Automotrices ASE, Autodesk, Certificación de Preparación Vocacional, Asistente de Enfermería Certificado, CompTIA A+ Básico, Aplicación Práctica de CompTIA A+, Licenciatura en Cosmetología de Carolina del Norte, Primeros Auxilios, RCP, ServSafe, Pro Start y Certificación Básica del Centro Nacional de Educación de Construcción e Investigación (por sus siglas en inglés, NCCER); (por sus nombres en inglés, American Welding Society Certificates, Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications, ASE Automotive Service Technician, Autodesk, Career Readiness Certification, Certified Nursing Assistant, CompTIA A+ Essentials, CompTIA A+ Practical Application, North Carolina Cosmetology License, First Aid, CPR, ServSafe, Pro Start, y NCCER Core Certification (National Center for Construction Education & Research), respectivamente.

Los servicios están disponibles para ayudar a todo participante que esté considerado como parte de la población con necesidades especiales según Perkins IV (pasada originalmente en 1984, El Acto de Educación Vocacional Carl D. Perkins).

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