

## Hoke County



Staff Photo — STEVE ALDRIDGE

Cameron talks with Mandy Christianson, 9, a child who has made excellent progress in the special program

## 'Special' Children Have A Friend

By KIM ORIOLE  
Staff Writer

RAEFORD — During the week, director of the Hoke County Exceptional Children's Program Rhenda Cameron dresses in a business suit and carries a briefcase.

She's all business as she organizes, lobbies for and directs all of the educational services available to handicapped and gifted students in the county.

But when the weekends roll around, the energetic Hoke County educator pulls on her blue jeans and cowboy boots and goes "cow showing."

Cameron, her husband and two children raise and show Santa Gertrudis beef cattle on their farm in the McCain area of Hoke County.

They currently have a 40-head herd, plus horses and other assorted animals.

"Sometimes I call it the Cameron zoo," she jokes. But, when she talks about educating handicapped children, Cameron turns serious.

"I know a child who sits in a classroom and appears to be learning isn't always learning," she said. "Sometimes those students need special help."

"I wanted to reach out and help those children," she said about her attraction to working with handicapped youngsters. "That's what gives me the greatest satisfaction — picking out those students and helping them."

And it is that desire to help children with all kinds of mental, physical and developmental disabilities that keeps Cameron going in her administrative position.

"I do have a difficult job," she admitted. "There's just a monumental amount of paperwork."

"It's a lonely job and can be a thankless job because people see you as a paper pusher," she added. "But it gives the teachers, parents and students the services they need."

And to keep her spirits up, there are always the visits to classrooms around the county. Cameron



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Mackie McDonald, 10, enjoys attention from Cameron.

says talking to the teachers and students under her direction is the best part of her work.

The tiny sparkplug herself used to be a teacher of special and handicapped children, and said she still misses that while at her desk job.

"I miss teaching," she said sadly. "I miss the day-to-day contact with the children."

"I'd really like to be freed up from the massive paperwork to spend more time helping teachers and selecting materials."

"But being in a supervisory position, this is where the buck stops," she said.

"I don't get many calls like, 'You should see what Mary did today, it was beautiful.' Instead, I get calls,

"We really have a problem with Joe."

But she knows it is all part of her job, which she sees as essential to the smooth operation of Hoke County's handicapped and gifted educational programs.

Cameron said there are 5,000 Hoke County students going to school in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Of those, 800 have been diagnosed as either handicapped or gifted.

These 800 students are left in regular classrooms as much as possible and are given special attention by trained teachers and clinicians, Cameron said.

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## City Gets Deadline For Grant

A Staff Report

The City of Fayetteville and Southern Pines developer John Nagel have 60 days to respond to federal demands for binding commitments, cost estimates and a timetable for completion in order to keep a \$2.6 million federal grant for the Prince Charles Hotel renovation project.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sent word to City Manager John Smith on June 23 that the city has 35 days to send certain documents to the federal government or HUD will terminate the grant first committed to Fayetteville in 1984, according to published reports.

Smith told a City-County Liaison Committee recently that one of the financial commitments appears to be on track. Smith told city and county elected officials that the Minnesota-based bond underwriting firm of Miller & Schroeder has submitted a favorable letter to the city.

Nagel, who is vice president of Amherst Development Co. of Southern Pines, has said the Minnesota firm has expressed interest in backing the project. In addition, Mayor Bill Hurley was quoted in today's editions of The Fayetteville Times as saying in a memo to city council that Nagel has an option on some property important to the project.

Based on the commitment from the financial backer, coupled with Nagel's option, HUD officials agreed to give the city an additional 60 days in which to make an amendment to the original grant proposal, according to published reports.

But in the City-County Liaison Committee June 25, Smith said the downtown project is far from being a fact.

Nagel has proposed to buy the old city-owned hotel and nearby Amtrak train station for renovation into a luxury suite hotel, restaurant and lounge at an estimated total cost of \$17 million.

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## Basketball Goals Moved From Park

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As the sun skirted behind the clouds one afternoon last week, residents close to General Lee Park in Haymount sat on their porches, relaxing in the slight breeze, and chatted.

It was something they haven't been able to do for months, they say.

Before last week, the neighborhood was disturbed by adults and older children playing basketball at the park, sometimes until the wee hours of the morning.

Last week, at the request of residents, the basketball goals were taken down.

For those sitting on a porch almost facing the basketball court, it was like having a thorn removed from their sides.

"Sometimes at 12:00 a.m. I could hear that basketball bouncing," said one elderly resident. "Before the court became so popular, I could sit on the porch in the afternoon."

She said the players weren't the only source of noise, they also brought loud radios to the park. And they were messy.

"They did not think of the people who had to work," she said. "Many times I would have to clean up the next day. There are plenty of trash cans in the park, but they never used any."

According to Robert Barefoot, assistant director of the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department, the department is making an effort to remove basketball goals from the city's small neighborhood parks and move them to larger recreation centers, where the players won't disturb residents.

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## N.C. School Buildings Old, Unsafe

RALEIGH (AP) — Schools are not made of bricks and mortar alone, but thousands of neglected school buildings across North Carolina indicate that education often has taken a back seat to other forms of development, officials say.

"I think it makes a statement about where we as a society put our values that we have our children going to school in such bad facilities and put such a high value on other buildings such as shopping malls and our homes and our businesses," said Edwin Dunlap, associate executive director of the N.C. School Boards Association.

More than half of North Carolina's public schools were built before 1959, and about one-fourth date back before 1949. Most of those schools need to be replaced or renovated, said T. Darrell Spencer, director of the state Department of Public Instruction's school planning division.

"We have built well in recent years where we have built," Spencer said. "But we are not keeping pace."

Officials say the state isn't keeping pace in Pasquotank County, where the school system during the past three years lost one school to fire and a second plus parts of two others to condemnation, displacing 1,000 of the district's 5,200 children. The schools were more than a half century old. The displaced children were moved into mobile classrooms and into rooms offered by the U.S. Coast Guard and Elizabeth City State University.

In Waynesville, junior high school students attend classes in a two-story, 64-year-old brick building that state inspectors recently called "an excessive liability," according to the News and Observer of Raleigh.

The building's mortar is soft and weathered, the roof leaks, wooden floors sag and buckle because of failed joists, the wall plaster is cracked, doors are warped, and two of the rest rooms are padlocked because of disrepair.

After a recent survey, Spencer's office concluded it would cost \$3.2 billion to bring the state's schools up to acceptable standards. While legislative leaders think that's too high, the state House on Friday tentatively approved a plan to allocate \$3.2 billion through existing and new taxes in the next decade for school construction.

Other recent estimates of the need for school construction range from \$2.4 billion to \$2.9 billion.

While schools in some counties are rimmed with portable classrooms, school buildings in others are so old, run down and hazardous that administrators shudder at having to put students in them.

Waynesville Junior High School's outdated electrical system, which has a history of blowing fuses, is so overloaded that the circuit fuses are warm to the touch. The coal-fired boiler is near the end of its life. Yet the school is filled with fuel for a fire, including wooden wainscoting, wooden stairs, wall paneling, insufficient exits and fiberboard ceiling panels.

In a letter dated March 4, Spencer's office concluded the building was run down "in nearly all aspects," had numerous fire safety deficiencies and "should be phased out as soon as possible."

"I just don't feel good about having kids in Waynesville Junior High right now," said Superintendent Charles McConnell Jr.

It was the Basic Education Program that pushed the

issue of deteriorating and crowded schools into the spotlight in the General Assembly this year. Lawmakers realized that many school systems, particularly poor ones, do not have room for the new teachers, counselors, secretaries and other employees they will get through the program.

"No one thought about the impact on school construction," said John Dornan, executive director of the Public School Forum of North Carolina, a non-profit agency in Raleigh designed to strengthen ties among business, government and education.

The Basic Education Program will add 9,486 teachers over the next six years. To make room for more employees, some rural counties will be forced to keep open old schools they had been planning to replace or close, Spencer said. Others will become overcrowded and forced to put students in gymnasiums, cafeterias or portable trailers, he said.

Dornan said school officials tend to wait until the roof begins to leak or a floor collapses before they move to upgrade facilities.

School systems across the nation have been guilty of similar neglect, said Ben Graves, director of Education Facilities Laboratory, a consulting firm in Austin, Texas. School districts from Los Angeles to New York City, particularly in inner cities, are wrestling with seriously deteriorating schools, many of which were built before the turn of the century.

"We talk all the time about why Johnny can't read, but what kind of environment is he learning to read in," Graves said.

## Crash Survivor Is Improving

A Staff Report

One of the two survivors of Wednesday's C-130 crash at Fort Bragg has improved at Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Chief Public Affairs Officer Ray Dery said this morning that Air Force Sgt. Tony Holmes has been upgraded from critical to serious condition since Saturday. The other survivor, Lt. Marc A. Lenke, is still listed in critical condition.

Holmes, 28, and Lenke, 26, are the only members a six-man C-130 Hercules transport crew to survive when their plane bounced hard onto the dirt runway at Fort Bragg's Sicily Drop Zone and exploded after attempting a low-level cargo drop.

The airplane was attempting a low-altitude parachute extraction system maneuver before more than 4,000 spectators at an annual military capabilities exercise.

Four air crew members and an 82nd Airborne Division soldier died when the airplane crashed and burned as it skidded to the end of the runway and rolled down a hill into a line of trees.

Dead are pilot Capt. Gary M. Bardo Jr., navigator Capt. John Keiser III and loadmasters TSgt. Timothy Matar and Airman 1st Class Albert G. Dunse. The soldier killed in the crash has been identified as SSgt. Douglas Hunter. He was watching the maneuver from the end of the runway.

A memorial service for the four airmen was set for today at 2 p.m.





Pat Cash ... From bad back to appendectomy to Wimbledon champion in two years

Triumphant Cash Disproves Critics

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — When Pat Cash whispered, “We showed them,” into the ear of his coach, it said everything about the Australian’s crushing title victory at Wimbledon.

Written off as a youngster and injured for most of 1985 and part of last year, Cash’s 7-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory over Ivan Lendl Sunday was a triumph of will over adversity.

“I’ve been told that whatever happened, I would never make a tennis player out of Pat Cash,” Ian Barclay said after his pupil had dispatched Lendl, the world’s No. 1 player, with ease on a broiling Centre Court.

“People said his temperament would never allow it. But he’s proved them all wrong. We’ve both proved them wrong,” Barclay said.

Unlike many modern-day coaches, Barclay has been guiding Cash since the brash Australian was 11 years old and hitting his first tennis balls.

“When he was 15, he played in the doubles of an international junior tournament,” Barclay said. “I remember saying to my wife: ‘One day, this boy will win Wimbledon.’ Today, I had this wonderful gut feeling that my dream would come true.”

Once ranked as high as seventh in the world, Cash plummeted on

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—Ian Barclay, Pat Cash’s coach

the computer when a back injury kept him off the tour. Then he underwent an emergency appendectomy 17 days before last year’s Wimbledon.

Yet he reached the quarterfinals that year and later led Australia to victory in the Davis Cup.

So happy was Cash after a forehand volley gave him the championship Sunday that he amazed the capacity crowd by climbing into the stands to embrace his family and friends — and Barclay.

“I just wanted to share this victory with the people that helped me,” Cash said.

During all the jubilation, Lendl sat on a courtside chair, sipping a drink after another painful defeat at the tournament he yearns to win.

Lendl lost to West Germany’s Boris Becker in last year’s final, also in straight sets.

“It’s extremely disappointing because I worked really hard,” Lendl said. “But I will be back for many years to come. I still have my chance.”

In the women’s championship Saturday, Martina Navratilova won her record sixth consecutive Wimbledon singles crown, and her eighth overall, by beating Steffi Graf 7-5, 6-3.

It was Navratilova’s first tournament title of the year and snapped a 45-match winning streak for Graf, the 18-year-old West German playing in her first Wimbledon final.

Cash’s victory brought the men’s title to Australia for the first time since John Newcombe won in 1971.

Barclay said he hoped it would spark another tennis boom in his country, similar to the one that spawned Newcombe and Tony Roche in the 1970s, and Rod Laver, Roy Emerson and Ken Rosewall before them.

Roche is Lendl’s coach and had to watch with frustration from the stands as all the advice passed on to the strong Czechoslovak came to nothing. Cash gave Lendl a lesson in grass-court play.

Barclay tried to find consolation for Roche when they met after the match.

“I said to Tony at the end: ‘What a wonderful day for all our kids, all those with dreams,’” Barclay said.

Lendl, who said he would give up one of his three French Open and two U.S. Open crowns to win once at Wimbledon, went into the championship match a firm favorite and determined to prove himself a champion on grass, as well as on clay, cement and indoor carpet.

He had a 4-1 record against Cash, who was appearing in his first Wimbledon final and had never won a Grand Slam event.

Lendl had improved in every match during the two weeks of the tournament and, with Becker eliminated in the second round, appeared to have his best chance of winning the title.

But he struggled from the start, saving five break points in the second game of the match.

Cash served brilliantly, returned just as well, volleyed like a demon — even down by his ankles — and exploited Lendl’s unpolished grass-court game.

Troubled by his opponent’s speed around the court and quick net coverage, Lendl was made to work hard for every point.

No matter what he did, he could make little progress against Cash, who dropped only 15 points on serve, including two in the first-set tiebreaker, and none in the second set.

“Obviously, another year is gone,” Lendl said. “If I’m running out of time to win here, I don’t know. I think I’m still improving and I will be back for many years to come. I still have my chances.”

Cash, who was seeded 11th, automatically will move into the top 10 in the world after his victory, which netted him \$220,100. He came into the tournament ranked 13th.

A year ago, in the wake of all his injuries, Cash was ranked 413th in the world. His coach said his success over the past two weeks was down to sheer perseverance.

“He has this amazing willpower,” Barclay said. “Pat doesn’t know how to step back, he accepts all challenges, he tries his guts out.”

Cash, who dropped only one set throughout the tournament, said he was surprised with the way he played.



Ivan Lendl again feels the frustration of setback in Wimbledon finals

Wimbledon Retains Special Mystique

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — A splash of green in southwest London, Wimbledon is a special place for tennis players, one where some dreams are fulfilled and others shattered.

For Martina Navratilova, Wimbledon was redemption. For Ivan Lendl, the fortnight on grass was devastating.

Navratilova on Saturday won her first tournament title of 1987. But it came at Wimbledon, the place she calls home and where she has ruled supreme since 1982.

The left-hander from Fort Worth, Texas, now has won a record six straight women’s singles titles on the grass courts of the All England Club and tied a record with her eighth career singles crown.

“I haven’t forgotten how to win,” Navratilova said

after dispatching Steffi Graf 7-5, 6-3 and snapping the 18-year-old West German’s 45-match winning streak. “I haven’t forgotten how to win Wimbledon.

“I’d rather win this and nothing else than the other way around.”

And she won, convincingly.

Like Navratilova, Lendl was hungrily seeking a title at Wimbledon.

“You know very well how much it would mean to me and how hard I’ve worked for it,” Lendl said before the final. “I would give up one U.S. Open (title) to win this. The good part is that I don’t have to make that decision. I’ve won two U.S. Opens and I’d settle for one and one.”

But he fell short, losing to Pat Cash of Australia 7-6, 6-2, 7-5. It was his second consecutive trip to the final

and his second straight loss in straight sets.

And it raised once again the whispers of how Lendl can’t win the major tournaments.

He has won the French Open three times. For five straight years Lendl has been a U.S. Open finalist, capturing the title the last two years.

But he has lost eight times in 13 Grand Slam tournament finals. And he has yet to win Wimbledon.

Winning Wimbledon “means a lot to me for different reasons,” Lendl said, “because it’s so much harder for me to play well here and it would be much more of an achievement in terms of tennis.”

He will try again. The mystique that is Wimbledon will continue it’s siren call on Lendl and every other tennis player who has the drive to be the best in the world.



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Some Legion Advice

The lady on the phone declined to identify herself, except to say she was the mother of one of the players on the Hope Mills Post 135 American Legion baseball team.

But unidentified or not, the hurt in her voice was unmistakable. She had read the story in Sunday’s Observer-Times about the disqualification of Hope Mills from the American Legion baseball playoffs.

Like a lot of other people, she was trying to sort out exactly what happened. Why had this team been allowed to go an entire season in violation of American Legion rules governing enrollment, only to have its on-the-field efforts wiped out by a technicality?

There are no easy answers, but first, a few points should be made.

There is no crook, no bad guy, no person involved in this incident who deserves to be the object of finger-pointing, name-calling or anything of that nature.

As far as I can tell, everybody who had a hand in what happened interpreted the rules of the American Legion baseball program as they understood them and a fair decision was made on that basis.

But if you are looking for something to get riled about, I suggest you vent your frustration on the American Legion rules and the way they are enforced.

I have long contended, going way back to my high school days in the American Legion hotbed of Rowan County, that the rules are extremely complicated and easily violated.

Another thing I’ve never understood is the legion’s practice of reviewing each team’s rosters, birth certificates and the like at the end of the season instead of the beginning.

What logical reason is there to wait for the entire season to be completed and totally wasted because somebody make a mistake back in May that could have been caught and corrected then?

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association checks eligibility records prior to the start of a season and its system works a majority of the time.

Can’t the legion people do the same thing? I think it’s something the national office should seriously consider trying.

Until that does happen, I think we’re going to continue reading stories like the one about Hope Mills, and I’ll keep getting phone calls from disappointed mothers trying to sort out what happened.

● On a cheerier note, it appears Cumberland County’s outstanding football reputation around the state is helping further the careers of a couple of local assistant coaches.

Seventy-First’s Tim Weaver and E.E. Smith’s Milton Butts are about to move out of the assistant ranks into head coaching positions of their own. Weaver is just about set to become the next head football coach at Athens Drive High School in Raleigh. He served just one year at Seventy-First, but he couldn’t have picked a better one since the Falcons captured the state 4-A title last season.

Butts has been at E.E. Smith three years and will be moving on to become head football coach at Pender High School.

Unlike Weaver, Butts has been in this area for some time, coaching at Cape Fear prior to moving over to E.E. Smith.

Foster Homer Lifts Generals To Victory

GREENSBORO — A three-run homer by Paul Foster, his 15th round-tripper of the season, carried the Fayetteville Generals to a 6-2 triumph over Greensboro in South

Atlantic League baseball action Sunday night.

The victory improved Fayetteville to 10-8 in the South Atlantic League’s Northern Division. Greensboro is 7-11.

Darren Hursey picked up the victory for Fayetteville, giving up just four hits in seven innings to boost his record to 8-7.

Torey Lovullo sparked Fayetteville at the plate, going 2-for-4. Lem Pilkinton had two hits for Greensboro, including a solo homer, his first of the season.

Fayetteville plays two more games in Greensboro, tonight and Tuesday, before returning home Wednesday for a four-game stand with Gastonia.

Two special promotions are scheduled during the homestand. Wednesday night is family night with all families of up to five

FAYETTEVILLE	ab	r	h	bi
Cuvier cf	4	0	1	0
Beveler 2b	4	1	1	0
Clark c	4	1	0	0
Foster 1b	4	2	1	3
Lovullo 3b	4	1	2	0
Cabrera lf	2	0	0	0
Martin rf	4	1	1	1
Doster dh	3	0	0	0
Solano ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	33	6	4	4

GREENSBORO	ab	r	h	bi
Paris cf	2	0	1	1
Martinez rf	4	0	0	0
Pilkinton 1b	3	1	2	1
Molero 3b	3	0	0	0
Cooper ph	1	0	0	0
Rosario ss	4	0	0	0
Williams dh	3	0	0	0
Hansen ph	1	0	0	0
McGehee c	2	0	0	0
Sommers ph	0	0	0	0
Hill lf	4	0	0	0
Marchese 2b	4	1	1	0
Totals	30	2	4	2

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All-Stars

Three members of the Fayetteville Generals baseball team have been selected to play in the South Atlantic League All-Star Game July 13 in Charleston, S.C.

The three are catcher Phil Clark, outfielder Milt Cuyler and first baseman Paul Foster.

Second baseman Manny Mantrana was also selected, but he is still on the disabled list recovering from a broken wrist and will not be able to play.

Clark is currently batting .296 with eight home runs and 56 runs batted in.

Cuyler has a .307 average with one homer and 21 RBI.

Foster has a .262 batting average. He is the club leader in homers with 15 and in RBI with 65.

members admitted to the general admission seating area for only \$5.

Thursday night is youth league night. Any youth league participant, age 18 and under, who comes to the game in uniform will be admitted free to the general admission area.

Kirby Places Third In Putting Tourney

RICHMOND, Va. — Bill Kirby Jr. of Fayetteville, N.C., finished third in the Professional Putters Association national championship Sunday, winding up the two-day event with a 218 total.

Ray Miller of Columbus, Ohio, was the winner with a 210 total, 78 under par. He earned \$3,000 from the \$20,000 purse.

Richmond’s Scott Sekerko was second with a 214.

Another Fayetteville putter, Matthew Delph, tied for 33rd position with 232 and won \$100 while Fayetteville’s Johnny Byrd placed 244th and also won \$100.

In the novice division, Fayetteville’s Genia Burgess and Essen Daley of Virginia Beach tied for second with a 251. Steve Buoffard of Huntsville, Tex., won the division with a 239. Bill Burgess, Genia’s father, shared sixth place with a 258.

The amateur champion was Jim Schaffer of Norcross, Ga., who shot a 225. Ed Aitken of Fayetteville turned in a 248 while another Fayetteville putter, Russell Cooper, shot 252.