



# The Buck Times

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MRS. TEETS' JOURNALISM CLASS

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## BUCKS SMASHING RECORDS AND WINNING AWARDS IN 2024!

Written by Ashley Teets, Editor

Happy New Year! We are #BUCKTOWNPROUD of these students!

**TOP (L-R):** *Jalen Bethea: 100 Career Wrestling Wins*

*Kierra Rush: Most Outstanding Wrestler*

*William Leak: 4A Indoor Long Jump State Champ*

**BOTTOM (L-R):** *Jaylen Sturdivant: 1000 points*

*CJ Giffin: 151st Career Wrestling Wins (School Record)*

*Hailey Cabell: 2nd in Conference Individual Bowling Tournament*

*Tournament*





# Around Bucktown



## **BUCKTOWN ON THE GROUND**

On Friday, February 9th, a Groundbreaking ceremony took place for the new Hoke County High School Construction project. School board members, Administration, and County Commissioners were in attendance (among others).

## **SGA ON THE SCENE**

*Written by Jayda McRae*

The Student Government Association (SGA) has accomplished notable events like Homecoming and most recently, honoring HCHS veterans in November. They're actively seeking servant leaders for SGA next school year, with officer elections scheduled for September. General membership is open to students with good standing – no failing grades, excessive absences, or write-ups. Participating in SGA offers a chance to contribute to the school community and make a positive impact.





# Academic Accolades

## A CONVERSATION WITH DR. BENSON

*Written by Brian Hutchins*

Dr. Benson is the principal of Hoke County high school and has worked there for ten years. For his career, you must have at least a couple of years of teaching and gone back to school for a Masters of School Administration. When dealing with an insubordinate student he talks to them or their parents to see why they won't listen. He says that "It's very rewarding because seeing children grow and mature is very important to me."



## ACT "QUESTION OF THE DAY" MOTIVATES!

The following students won a gift card in the ACT "Question of the Day" weekly drawing:

*Valeria Hernandez (2/2), Right  
Heather Walters (2/9), Left*

The event will continue to take place during the month of February. The ACT Assessment is March 7th.





# Around Bucktown



Check out our Spirit Week feature on the next page of "Around Bucktown"



# Around Bucktown

## **SPIRIT WEEK EXCITEMENT AT HOKE HIGH**

*Written by Mariah Pitts*

**Monday:** The halls of our high school were buzzing with an unusual vibe as students and teachers swapped roles – at least in fashion sense! Students donned button-ups, glasses, and even carried around coffee mugs, mimicking their favorite teachers. Meanwhile, the faculty threw it back to their teen years, sporting hoodies, graphic tees, and the latest sneaker trends. The day was filled with laughter and a fresh dose of mutual respect as each side walked a mile in each other's shoes – or should we say, outfits?

**Tuesday:** Black out day transformed the campus into a sea of solidarity for cancer awareness. Everyone donned black attire, symbolizing unity and support for those touched by cancer. The event fostered heartfelt discussions, personal stories, and spurred students to action with fundraisers for cancer research and support groups. This powerful movement reached beyond school grounds, amplifying the message of hope and collective resolve through social media and community engagement.

**Wednesday:** Students brought all sorts of interesting items instead of backpacks-like tote bags, messenger bags, or even rolling suitcases. It was a day full of unique fashion statements and practical alternatives.

**Thursday:** It seemed like the 90s made a major comeback, as most people were rocking their best 90s-inspired outfits. From flannel shirts and ripped jeans to chokers and scrunchies, the halls of our high school were transformed into a time machine. It was like stepping back into the era of boy bands, grunge music, and iconic sitcoms.

**Friday:** We all came together to show off our Hoke County High pride by wearing our school colors – red, white, and black. It was such an awesome display of unity and school spirit. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the sense of community and pride that comes with supporting our school. Plus, it's always fun to see how everyone interprets the theme and shows off their personal style while still coming together as one big team.

It's days like that which make me super proud of our school!





# Around Bucktown

## **WEST FORSYTH AJROTC DEFEATS HOKE COUNTY JROTC**

*Submitted by Erik Anderson*

### ***JROTC Press Release***

West Forsyth AJROTC defeated Hoke County AJROTC 970.9 to 792.6 in the 2024 National Air Rifle New Shooter League. West Forsyth AJROTC was led by Christian Ortiz Vargas who shot a 259.1. The remaining contributing members were Gabriela Gonzalez, Alexander Oxendine, and Janluca Chinchilla. They are from Clemmons, NC, and are coached by MAJ Richard Sugg.

Overall West Forsyth AJROTC is ranked twelfth. They have a 1 - 0 record.

Hoke County AJROTC was led by Miguel Sanchez Jimenez who shot a 237.9. The remaining contributing members were Jalyn Fernandez, Alexander Robinson, and Tyler Stanley. Hoke County AJROTC is from Raeford, NC, and is coached by Harold Thacker. Overall Hoke County AJROTC is ranked thirty-eighth. They have a 0 - 1 record.

This coming week West Forsyth AJROTC has a bye week. While Hoke County AJROTC will compete against U. S. Grant MCJROTC from Oklahoma City, OK. U. S. Grant MCJROTC currently has a 0 - 1 record.

These two teams are competing in the National Air Rifle "New Shooter" League.

Sponsored by Scopos, the league is a national team league exclusive to athletes in their first year of competition. Teams are from high schools and junior rifle clubs throughout the United States. Over 10 weeks each team competes in 8 games. Each week, each team is paired with another team with a near equal skill level.

In each game the teams compete in what is known as a Three-Position Air Rifle match. The match is modeled after Olympic Rifle competitions but adapted to high school age athletes. Each athlete will shoot 10 shots in three different shooting positions, kneeling, prone, and standing. Each shot is worth a maximum of 10.9 points. The sum of points scored in the 30 shots is the athlete's total. The team score is comprised of the best four athletes from each team.

**For more information, visit the  
AJROTC Hoke County Team Page:**

**http://**

**www.orionresults.com/team/League**

**Team.aspx?TeamID=2430**



# Around Bucktown

## **JHCHS RAIDER TEAM MEET WITH OTHERS AT NORTH BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

*Written by MaKayla Jennings*

Sgt. Ford, Instructor of the HCHS JROTC Raiders meets with other schools at North Brunswick HS, on Feb 24, 2024. This program is important to not just its members but their parents as well. These students pride themselves on always being motivated and intent on completing their missions. The Raider team can allow up to 35 JROTC cadets to join, who have shown their ability to keep up with their other class and meet the PT(Physical Training) standard. For females, their mile time must be 9 minutes or below, 30 push-ups and above, and 40 sit-ups and above, while for the males their mile time must be 7:30 minutes or below, 43 push-ups and above, and 45 sit-ups and above. Being and staying motivated and being physically fit are two main traits needed to be a part of a raider team. Raider meets can vary around seven each year but can be more or less. A common challenge among these raiders is endurance, being able to mentally push through this challenge is what it's all about in Raiders.



Sgt. Ford, JROTC Raiders Instructor (Above)  
HCHS Raiders Team (Below)



## **FFA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BRIDGING COMMUNITIES AND MAKING PAWSITIVE CHANGES**

*Written by Estrella Hernandez*

Creating opportunities for contributions to the community and animals in need, donations are wanted for the Animal Shelter in Raeford hosted by FFA/PreVet, ending on February 29th. The FFA club has done several things to help the community, such as partaking in a vaccine-drive, entering competitions, and has donated to animals in need. Their love for the community has never ceased and never will, along with the love of animals. If you have donations, please feel free to drop it off in Room V40 or V37. (See *Advertisements* for official flyer)





# Around Bucktown



## **YOUNG MEN OF VALUE DISTRIBUTE THE LOVE ON VALENTINES**

HCHS' "Young Men of Value" assemble & distribute CRUSH bags on Valentines Day to raise funds for Hoke's mentoring program. Each bag had candy and a CRUSH soda. A special thanks to Mr. Covington, Mr. Little, Mr. Francois, & Mr. Monroe for your guidance and mentorship!

# Sports



*Lets*  
**TAKE IT**  
*to the*  
**MAT**

## HOKE HISTORY MAKERS: A CONVERSATION WITH GIRLS WRESTLING

*Written by Geoffrey Douglas*

**Do you have any upcoming events/games in the next month?** Yes.

**What:** Individual state tournament.

**When:** February 15-17.

**Where:** Greensboro coliseum

**Additional info:** Wrestling starts at noon.

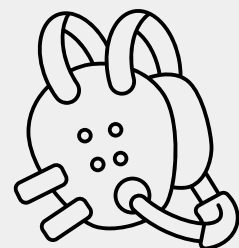
**What has your organization accomplished?** 2023-2024 Regional Championships, 2023-2024 Dual State Championships and 7 individual state qualifiers.

**What is your organization currently working toward/on?** Individual state titles and individual state qualifiers.

**Is there anything else you would like to let us know about?** Hoke County girls wrestling has been blowing through the season in a dominating fashion, not just as a team but as a family as they continue to beat the odds by making history as the first ever girls state champions in N.C.



**The Hoke County High School Women's Wrestling team has made history by winning the North Carolina State Championship!**





# Sports

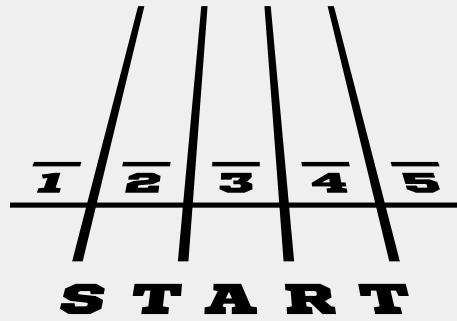


We are #BucktownProud of our WRESTLERS! Many got together to Send-Off our 15 wrestlers who qualified for states on Thursday, 2/15.





# Sports



**HCHS Indoor Track Meet  
January 16th  
(Winston Salem)**

*Photos by Hendo's Photography*





# Staff Spotlight



HCHS teacher, Tralicia Turner (*above*)  
HCHS teacher, Sean Marshall (*below*)



## **CHORUS TEACHER AND DIRECTOR AT HOKE COUNTY HIGH, MS. TURNER, DESCRIBES HER MUSICAL UPBRINGING, THE BEAUTY OF MUSIC, AND HER PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.**

*Written by JaKhia Ross*

Tralicia Turner has been a chorus director at the local high school for four years. She grew up with singing aunts that let her ride-along to gigs which inspired her to pursue a career in music. Performing her first solo at seven years old, Turner loved the response from the crowd and found her passion. "Music is such a beautiful thing. It transcends racial inequities, religious persecution, and gender inequality. Everybody can relate to music in some way and that's how it brings people together". The process of hard work towards a goal drives her to excel in her field, whether it fails or comes to fruition. In the future she plans to continue to put together events for Hoke County High and her community.

## **PASSIONATE CHEMISTRY EDUCATOR, MR. MARSHALL, INSPIRES GROWTH AND INCLUSIVITY AT HOKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

*Written by Jayda McRae*

Mr. Marshall, a Chemistry teacher at Hoke County High School, is dedicated to professional and personal growth. He focuses on student engagement and aims to implement innovative strategies to enhance student involvement in the learning process. Mr. Marshall enjoys "talking to students about stuff that isn't related to school", fostering connections and understanding. He likes providing a spectrum of learning options to accommodate diverse learning styles and preferences. His adaptability and problem-solving skills are evident in his ability to navigate challenges and achieve desired learning outcomes. His dedication to growth, student engagement, and inclusive education inspires the next generation and the educational community.

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**SCAN ME**

***AYPYN FORMS must be turned in in order to stay for tutoring or a club.***



**ACT QUESTION OF THE DAY**

Attn Juniors: Every day this month, you will be given access to ACT practice questions on your computer. Participating every day will allow you to respond to questions, and each week, we will draw names for a chance to win a gift card. The ACTs are quickly approaching, but you can achieve great things with hard work and dedication.

**Who among you will join the 20+ Score club this year?**







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**AFTER SCHOOL  
BARBER TUTORING  
IS ON TUESDAYS-  
THURSDAYS FROM  
3:45-4:45PM.**



Need help  
with your  
classes?



**PEER TUTORING  
IS AVAILABLE!**




**SPONSORED BY THE HOKE FUTURE  
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Peer Tutoring will take place each Tuesday by  
**APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Email HFTC Secretary, Haley Nelson:  
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appointment.

**\*You must have a AYPYN form on file.**

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classroom. It's a lifelong journey."**



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*Need some help?*

**ENGLISH  
TUTORING IS  
AVAILABLE**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4-5pm  
Room B54 with Ms. Brasfield**

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HOKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

# SOLE MATE SNEAKER BALL

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH**  
6PM - 8PM

MacDonald Gym  
Hoke County High School

PURCHASE TICKETS  
THROUGH QR CODE



Limited Tickets and No Refunds  
Tickets are **FIRST  
COME, FIRST  
SERVED**. Students  
have to use link and  
student ID to  
purchase.

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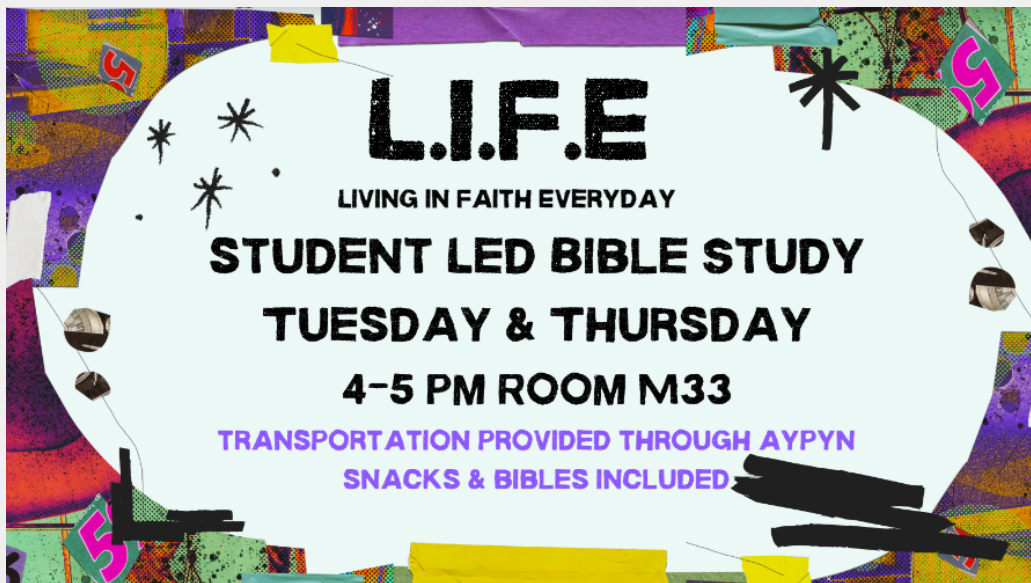
Made by SGA | @bucksga

The poster features a white background with a red and pink heart theme. At the top, there are illustrations of two pairs of feet wearing black and white sneakers. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the event title in large, bold letters. A red banner highlights the date and time. The location is listed below. A QR code is provided for ticket purchase, and the price is prominently displayed. A note about limited tickets and no refunds is included. The bottom of the poster has a decorative border of small hearts and a larger pink heart.

*Rescheduled  
Feb. 22nd*



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**L.I.F.E**  
LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY  
**STUDENT LED BIBLE STUDY**  
**TUESDAY & THURSDAY**  
**4-5 PM ROOM M33**  
TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED THROUGH AYPYN  
SNACKS & BIBLES INCLUDED

The poster features a white circular background with a colorful, abstract border. The text is centered and includes the acronym L.I.F.E., the tagline 'LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY', and details about the student-led Bible study sessions. The sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 PM in Room M33. It also mentions that transportation is provided through AYPYN and that snacks and Bibles are included.

## Sassy Silk Clinics & Audition 2024-2025

### *Clinics*

*April 2-25th*

*4:15 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.*

*Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday ONLY*

### *Auditions*

*April 27th 10 A.M.*

*MacDonald Gym*

### *Required Attire:*

*Plain White Shirt, Black Leggings, Sneakers*



*Questions? [coachdri.ss4l@gmail.com](mailto:coachdri.ss4l@gmail.com)*

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## Collecting Pet Supplies for Hoke County Animal Shelter

Sponsored by  
Hoke High FFA

### ITEMS NEEDED:

- DRY KITTEN FOOD
- WET FOOD (DOG, PUPPIES, CATS, KITTENS)
- DOG/ CAT TREATS (NO MILK BONE PLEASE)
- BLANKETS (NO SHEETS PLEASE)
- GOOD SMELLING CLEANERS
- DISINFECTANT WIPES
- DISH SOAP
- DOG/ CAT TOYS
- LEASHES
- COLLARS



#### Collection dates

Starting: February 1st

Ending: February 29th

### Drop off locations

Animal Science Classroom: V40

Horticulure Classroom: V37



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Hoke County  
High School

presents

## PROJECT PROM

A prom apparel event

March 23, 2024 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MacDonald Modular

Event will include FREE prom dresses with all sizes,  
styles, and colors available to Hoke High students.

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LET'S CELEBRATE

**BLACK**

**HISTORY**

**MONTH**

MCDONALD GYM

**FEB 22** **2:15PM**

HOKE COUNTY HIGH

The poster is a vertical rectangular graphic with a vibrant, geometric design. It features a central column of text and graphics flanked by decorative borders. The top border is yellow with a black zigzag pattern. Below it is an orange horizontal bar with the text 'LET'S CELEBRATE'. The main title 'BLACK HISTORY MONTH' is presented in three stacked, trapezoidal shapes: 'BLACK' in white on a red background, 'HISTORY' in yellow on a green background, and 'MONTH' in black on a yellow background. Below the title is a white horizontal bar with 'MCDONALD GYM'. The date and time are split into two colored boxes: 'FEB 22' in white on a red background and '2:15PM' in black on an orange background. The location 'HOKE COUNTY HIGH' is in white on a green background. The bottom border is red with a black zigzag pattern. The left border is green with a repeating pattern of red squares, and the right border is red with a repeating pattern of black spirals. The bottom right corner has a green vertical bar with yellow dots.



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N A S A

## *Native American Student Association*

### WHEN

Next meeting is  
February 14th after  
school till 4:30.  
Meetings will be held  
every other  
Wednesday.

### WHERE

located in the data  
room  
\*where the bus  
information was near  
MCD cafeteria\*

### HOW

Just come to the  
meetings! If you have  
any questions please  
contact the emails  
listed below or the  
Instagram listed  
below.



INSTAGRAM: HHS.NASA

brlocklear@hcs.k12.nc.us /  
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**APPLICATION PROCESS**

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- Complete In-Person Parent Meeting
- Membership Accepted!

**SPRING INTEREST MEETING**

26 JANUARY, 2024  
5:30P  
HOKE COUNTY LIBRARY

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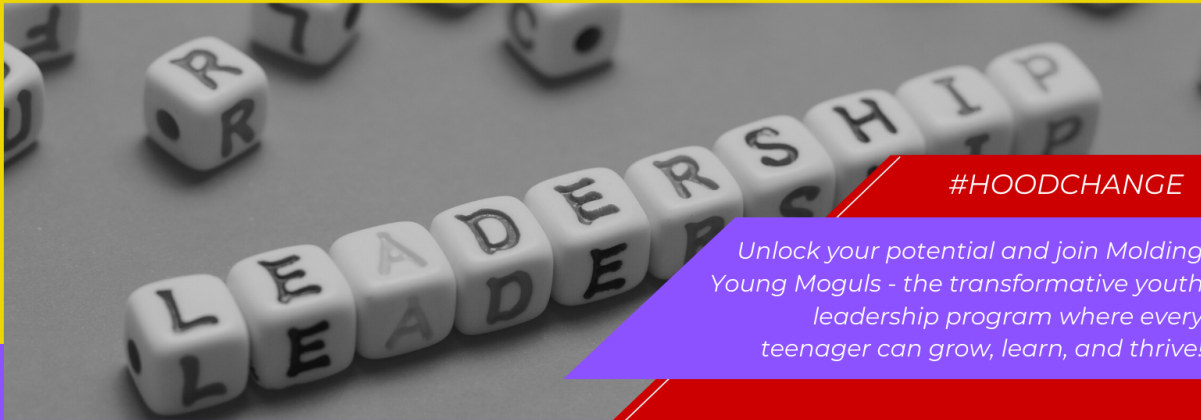
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ACCELERATOR**

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

### *ELIGIBILITY*



Middle/High  
School Student



Hoke County  
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Parental Consent



#### **EAGER FOR A FUN OUTLET**

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#### **NAVIGATING CHALLENGES**

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#### **SEEKING SUPPORTIVE CONNECTIONS**

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**ACT TEST**

**TUESDAY,  
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