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## Calls for HCS resignations continue

BY JACQUELINE HOUGH  
THE DAILY HERALD

Halifax County Board of Education member Charles Hedgepeth wants his board members to do the right thing for students in the county by forcing the resignation of Superintendent Dr. Elease Frederick and Board Chairwoman Dr. Donna Hunter.

"It is about waking up the board," he said.

In his opinion, his fellow board members are not asking for information or bringing parents' or taxpayers' concerns to the meetings.

"They just sit there and agree with the superintendent, the board chair and the Department of Public Instruction, instead of investigating community concerns," Hedgepeth said.

He stressed his mission of doing what is right for the school district did not start last month but when he was running for office in 2012.

"When I was running for Halifax County Board of Education, I would ask for Dr. Frederick's resignation," he said.

"To get the school system to turn around, you need to remove the superintendent and administration."

At last week's board of education meeting, Hedgepeth asked why his motion from March's meeting, asking for the resignation of Superintendent Dr. Elease Frederick effective June 30, was not in the board's minutes.

At the time, the motion died for a lack of a second. He also made a motion for Board Chairwoman Dr. Donna Hunter to resign as chair of the board.

This motion also did not receive a second from any of the board members.

After finding out from Board Attorney Larry



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**Charles Hedgepeth**  
Halifax County Schools  
board of education member

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Casey Hux, left, and her pig 'Bacon' at the 2013 Eastern Carolina 4-H Meat Animal Show and Sale where they won Senior Division Hog Showmanship Champion.

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## Many 4-H champs

Agent: Youth took home more than ribbons

BY DELLA ROSE  
THE DAILY HERALD



Jordan Strickland is pictured with her prize lamb.

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Halifax County 4-Hers placed well in the 2013 Eastern Carolina 4-H Meat Animal Show and Sale (MASS), bringing home ribbons and making their families proud.

"The (show) was a huge success for Halifax County 4-Hers," said Ashley Brooks, Halifax County 4-H agent.

According to Brooks, Jordan Strickland, 14, won Reserve Champion Market Lamb, Casey Hux, 16, won Senior Division Hog Showmanship Champion, and Zachary Keeter, 10, won Junior Division Meat

Goat Showmanship Champion.

"The Senior Livestock Judging team won second place in their division, and team member Haley Duncan won top individual for Senior Meat Goat Judging," Brooks said. "I wish I (could) list all of the awards Halifax County 4-Hers received, but there are just too many. However, success means many things in 4-H."

Strickland, who won Reserve Grand Champion Lamb, said this means her lamb took second overall in her division.

She broke into a smile when she described her lamb as stubborn.

She remembers one day she took the lamb out for exercise. They were jumping water puddles, and the lamb took a running start, but slipped and fell right into the puddle.

"He didn't like water," she said, then laughed. "He jumped up all frazzled. This is a great program. It teaches a lot of responsibility. You have to work by yourself and learn to reach goals. There's a lot of other stuff you have to do, but it's a great program and it's a great way to meet new people and make new friends."

Keeter, from Enfield,

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## Community energizing 'Will Power Day' Sunday

KRIS SMITH  
THE DAILY HERALD

The community continues giving to a cause that has brought the Roanoke Valley together for the sake of a 7-year-old boy.

The "Will Power Day" fundraiser is set from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion Post 38, 717 American Legion Road just outside Roanoke Rapids.

The day-long event is for Will Hawkins, a Littleton boy injured March 10 who remains hospitalized.

According to event co-organizer David Burke, Angels Closet donated a Gucci shirt worth more than \$500 with the tags still on it.



Hawkins

Organizers have also received four tickets to auction off for Richmond's race the first weekend in May; and City Electric on 10th Street has donated a generator to be auctioned.

Hawkins was injured while he and his family

were making rubbings in the cemetery of Tabor United Methodist Church in Aurelian Springs. Hawkins' mother, Doris Boseman Hawkins, previously told The Daily Herald her son was climbing an obelisk-style headstone belonging to a World War I veteran when the top portion of the stone detached and fell on top of the boy.

To help get the word out about the event, Tracy Story, of Discount Tire & Automotive Service Center — 475 East 10th St. in

Roanoke Rapids — donated a full-page ad he won from The Daily

**'I DON'T** know (Will), but in my heart it doesn't matter. I feel like I know him.'

**Tracy Story**  
Discount Tire owner

The newspaper asked each of its Bracket Ball advertisers to

pick a team. If their picks went all the way through the college basketball competition, they would win ads in the newspaper, said Herald Advertising Director Carol Crittendon.

"When we noticed our team, Louisville, was progressing well, I told my wife, 'If we win, we are going to donate the page' to let folks know about Will," said Story. "Anytime a child is injured, it stays with your heart."

"I don't know (Will), but in my heart it

doesn't matter. I feel like I know him."

The fundraiser is organized by Burke and area businessman Mike Clark.

A barbecue lunch will be available for an \$8 donation, including barbecue with Fat Boy sauce, potatoes, beans, bread and sweet tea, unsweetened tea or water; soft drinks will be sold separately. Attendees can eat in or outside, or may take their lunch to go.

The gathering will

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Morning rain turns to sunny skies.  
High of 65, low of 42.

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