

...Cruelty Law OK'd

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 access request, some concern was expressed over "county liability."
 "I think we should sit down with the city and humane society to discuss rules and regulations," Upchurch said.

"We are going to need those once the shelter is completed," he added.

Construction on the new animal shelter facility is scheduled for completion the early part of March, Hoke County Manager James Martin said.

"I would love to see us get the dog pound situation straightened out," Commissioner Cleo Bratcher said.

"I have been on this board for a year now and this situation has been around almost that long," he added.

"I hate to see something like this linger for a year," Bratcher said.

In further business, commissioner began the first phase of the Community Block Grant application that could net \$750,000 for improvements within the county.

The first of two public hearings was held Monday night to get input from county residents to determine where needy areas in the county exist.

No one voiced an opinion during the hearing which lasted less than 30 minutes.

Commissioners decided during an earlier meeting to renew efforts to gain the block grant funds which were denied last year.

"There are a lot of counties that go after this money. You have got to receive a high ranking to be eligible," Lumber River Council of Governments (COG) spokesman Dan Stroh said.

Stroh will be assisting the commissioners with this year's application.

According to the COG spokesman, there are "a wide variety" of areas that can be funded through the block grant.

Among those are fire protection facilities, construction of senior centers and parks, rehabilitation of housing and street improvements.

"Whatever you choose must benefit a great majority of low to moderate income people," Stroh said.

"That is an important requirement," he added.

At present, Stroh and the commissioners are looking into prepar-

ing an application for the Shawtown area or the Oakdale Gin road area.

An application in the Shawtown area would deal with housing rehabilitation plus sewer and street improvements.

Work in that area would benefit approximately 43 families.

The Oakdale Gin Road application "could be made" for weatherization of homes with insulation and storm windows.

"These are just suggested areas. We can look into other possibilities as well," Stroh said.

Although there are no matching funds required in the application, Stroh said "it would help" the county's chances if some local funds were used.

"It would make the application look that much better and probably score that much higher," Stroh said.

During Monday night's meeting, board members also approved the use of over \$900 in Bicentennial funds for the purchase of a video converter and a television to be placed in the county library.

The recorder and television will be used to keep records of "any historic event that takes place in the county." Bicentennial fund chairman Robert Gatlin said.

"We need to have a record of our county's history and heritage," Gatlin added.

The equipment will be placed in the library for public use.

"It will be used primarily for the viewing and recording of historic events and not just for entertainment," Gatlin said.

"I think this is a good idea. We need to preserve the history of this county for the generations to come," Commission Chairman John Balfour said.

In other business, board members granted Hoke Department of Social Services (DSS) director Ken Witherspoon permission to sign a contract for psychological services that are aimed at reuniting children and other family members through a treatment process.

"We utilize the local Sandhills Center. This contract just allows us another option," Witherspoon said.

Although the county board remained in executive session for over 45 minutes to discuss a "personnel matter," no action was taken.



Two years attendance

These JRA Industries employees were honored recently for two years perfect attendance. They are (from left) Jimmy Maynor, Sai Hwa Mitchell, Emma Harris, Jerry Williams, Mary White, Shirley Gibson, Bennie Graham and Therman Chavis.

JRA Honors Employees

JRA Industries, Inc. held a reception in the Hoke Library Conference Room on February 14, to honor 37 employees with perfect attendance.

A certificate of appreciation and a cash award was presented to the employees.

Those honored for one year were: Helen Lee, Tommy Smith, Maggie Bronson, Rosa Jones, Mary Johnson, Annie Baldwin, Evelyn Breeden, Doretha Ferguson, Effie Baldwin, Venetta Monroe, Pauline Cox, Louise Scott, Jimmy Hayes, Mae McEachern, James McQueen, Elmer Murchison, Cheryl Butler,

Mike Watkins, Ronnie McRae, and Joyce Payne.

Two years awards were: Jimmy Maynor, Sai Hwa Mitchell, Emma Harris, Jerry Williams, Mary White, Shirley Gibson, Bennie Graham, and Therman Chavis.

Mae Wilson was honored for three years.

Donnie Monroe received four year honors.

Five years honors were: Pat Ray, Dot Monroe, Edmond Burney, Bill Lawrence, Lee E. Purcell.

Allene Bullock and Billy Currie had perfect attendance for six years.

... Manager On Hold

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applications and make a good choice," McNeill said.

The council has received 15 applications for the city manager's position with "one or two local people" applying, according to McNeill.

"We are going to begin discussing these applications at our next regular meeting," the mayor said.

According to McNeill, the council will probably pick out "two or three applications that look promising" and invite them down for an interview.

"That will give them a chance to look us over while at the same time we can check them out," the mayor said.

"I don't really think there is any hurry in making this decision," he added.

"It will probably be two or three months before a decision is made but it could be in the next few weeks," McNeill said.

"That is the council's decision," he added.

This will be the first time in five years that the city has had to hire a new manager.

...Around Town

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 of our schools. So let's all back the work of the plant seekers.

The following article was brought in by Heston Rose. The trooper named in the article is his son.

Modern Lone Ranger Ropes Suspect

By John Wharton
Daily News Staff

Law and order has come a long way since the Lone Ranger and Tonto roamed the range, but their spiritual descendants rode to the rescue this weekend when they lassoed a fleeing DWI suspect on U.S. 17.

The highway patrolman who made the arrest is grateful for the help of the two unknown men, one of whom spotted the foot chase and said "Don't worry officer. I'll get him."

The story begins on U.S. 17 south of Jacksonville, where Trooper W.B. Rose spotted a white pickup truck skirting the shoulder area of the highway as it turned down Old Bridge Street early Sunday morning. Rose stopped the pickup truck and put its driver in his patrol car for a ride to the Highway Patrol station.

"As I got to the Highway Patrol station, he stepped out of the car and took off running," Rose said. Rose chased the man across U.S.

17 to the Triangle Motor Inn parking lot, where the suspect darted toward an opening between the motel and the Carolina Barbecue and Seafood restaurant.

The escapee was charging toward freedom when the riders, not on a white horse but in a black Chevrolet pickup truck, showed up to save the day.

"They came sliding into the parking lot and stopped in front of the suspect," Rose said. "As the suspect ran by the vehicle, the passenger stepped out and said to me "Don't worry officer, I'll get him.""

"He took his rope and started twirling it above his head and then lassoed the suspect... (who was) a good 15-to-20 feet from him when he threw the rope," Rose said. "He pulled back on the rope and the suspect fell to the ground."

The troopers handcuffed Emporia, Va., resident Louis Biro Jr., 22, who was later charged with driving-while-impaired and resisting arrest.

The wrangler and his driver, both dressed in cowboy garb, did not identify themselves before they left, however.

"They shook my hand and rode off into the moonlight," Rose said. "They were tough. I appreciate their help. If I found out who they were, I'd have thanked them."

Cable TV Takeover In Beginning Stages

Raeford and five other municipalities are now under a new cable franchise that promises additional and better channel selection.

Friday, February 10, Alert Cable T.V. merged with the Red Springs based Jones Intercable.

Alert Cable began operations in North Carolina in 1974, and now serves approximately 70,000 subscribers.

With the addition of offices in Red Springs and Elizabethtown, Alert will have thirteen facilities throughout North Carolina.

All present management, technical and clerical personnel will be kept on at the Alert Com-

pany to avoid and "assure" that the 3800 subscribers will not be "inconvenienced nor service interrupted during the transition period."

"The only changes our customers should see are in the name, and various improvements as we go along," Alert Vice-President Edwin Pettis said.

Subscribers who have suggestions or inquiries should direct them to Alert Cable TV of North Carolina, Inc. at P.O. Box 751, Red Springs, NC 28377. They should be addressed to the attention of Harrison Daniels, Manager.

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Look for Opening Date in News-Journal

Sandhills Community College is conducting a study to determine whether the College should establish a branch campus in Hoke County. The College needs your help. If you would like to attend classes at the branch campus, please complete the following questions.

Mail the completed form to
Mr. Earl Fowler
Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 96
Raeford, N.C. 28376

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

HOKE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE
 (Please place a check in the appropriate box.)

1. If Sandhills Community College establishes a branch campus in Hoke County, do you plan to take courses taught at the Hoke County campus?
 1 YES
 2 NO

If the answer to question 1 is "Yes," please answer questions 2-5. Otherwise, please omit these questions.

2. When would you prefer to attend classes? (You may check more than one.)
 2 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 3 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 4 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
 5 Saturday

3. What types of courses would you like to take? (You may check more than one.)
 6 Courses which would teach me to read and write and do basic arithmetic.
 7 Courses which would allow me to earn a high school diploma.
 8 Courses such as nursing or automotive mechanics which would prepare me to enter an occupation.
 9 Courses such as principles of supervision or word processing which would help me upgrade my job skills.
 10 Courses such as English, mathematics, or science which would transfer to a four-year college.
 11 General interest adult education or hobby courses.

4. If you are interested in taking courses which would prepare you to enter an occupation, please indicate which occupation(s) you plan to enter.

First choice _____
 Second choice _____
 Third choice _____

5. If you are interested in upgrading your job skills, please indicate some courses which would be helpful to you.

Please feel free to make additional comments regarding the establishment of a branch campus or your educational needs.