

**Moving to a new home**  
County Dog Warden William Hales and City Warden Sharon Reese begin moving the 15 or more animals from the old dog pound to the new Hoke-Raeford animal shelter. The new shelter, at the city-owned landfill, was completed during April after a year of controversy about where to house the animals.

## Man gets 4 years for theft

A Raeford man was sentenced to four years in jail last week in Hoke County Superior Court.

David Lee Green, of Rt. 2 Raeford, was found guilty of non-felonious larceny; however, because of a previous probation violation, he received a jail term.

Green was arrested on November 8, records show.

According to court records, Green was originally charged with breaking and entering, possession of stolen property and non-felonious larceny.

The defendant was found guilty of only the larceny by presiding Judge F. Gordon Battle.

### Offices closing for Easter break

The Easter holiday will be observed by city and county employees on Monday.

All Raeford and Hoke County offices will be closed during the day.

In addition the Hoke County Health Department will be closed, as well as the city-county landfill. Normal operating hours will resume Tuesday.

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In other court action, Robert F. Lee, who apparently led law enforcement officers on a chase in mid-December, was found guilty of Driving While Impaired (DWI).

Lee was sentenced to two years suspended and five years supervised probation on the DWI charge.

He was also found guilty of hit and run with property damage, two counts of speeding to elude arrest, two counts of assaulting an officer, two counts of stop sign violation and driving 93 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone.

For these charges, Lee was sentenced to two years suspended with five years probation.

The 30-year-old Lee lives at Rt. 5 Raeford.

James Handon, of Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, was sentenced to five years supervised probation after being found guilty of second degree attempted rape.

The 24-year-old man was also fined \$100 and ordered to pay court costs.

A Laurinburg resident, Jay William Quick, also received a five year probationary, suspended two and a half year sentence after pleading guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury charge last week.


A 21-year-old woman was found guilty of selling and delivering a counterfeit controlled substance and given two years probation.

According to Superior Court records, Paula Kay Jones, of Rt. 4 Raeford, tried to sell a powdery substance, alluding cocaine.

She was also fined \$100 and made to pay court costs.

In other court action involving deceit, Michael McRae, 24, of Stewart Street in Raeford was given three years probation for uttering forged paper.

McRae was also made to pay \$150 for a court appointed lawyer and make restitution for the forged check of \$169.86 to Tucker's Grocery.

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## ... Airport deal draws closer

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Once the commission is created, it is to function much as any other public committee.

It will have a chairperson and may appoint other officers as it feels they are needed.

The commission may adopt rules and by-laws to govern its procedures, and it can make rules to govern the running of the airport.

This commission will have total control of the airport within the law, and should another airport or related facility be put in Hoke County, the commission will also have control over it.

Originally, the resolution said that the commission could accept any "gift, grant, bequest or donation of any personal property made or offered for airport purposes."

During the meeting Monday, however, the Commissioners expressed concern about the wording which might have allowed the airport commission to apply for grants without prior permission of the city council and the county board.

The wording was changed. The resolution says that the airport commission cannot obligate the county or the city under contract unless the money for such is budgeted.

For budgets and other purposes, the resolution calls for an annual, joint meeting of the airport commission, the city council, and the county board to be held in May of each year.

During this meeting, each council and board member has an equal vote and is allowed to vote on any matter in the meeting.

In other action taken by the board of commissioners Monday, members heard Hoke County Fireman's Association head Bobby Strother outline a proposal to initiate a "first responder program" for the county.

Strother asked for about \$9,000 to fund the program.

Under this program, some members of many of the county fire departments will undergo special trauma treatment training and will assist the county Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and the rescue squad when needed.

Strother said that in many parts of the county, emergency assistance is as much as 15 minutes away.

Under the first responder program, most emergencies could be reached in about four minutes because the members of the program, who would be on 24 hour call, could reach the scene faster than the other services because they are closer.

This program is not designed to take the place of the rescue squad or EMS, but that it was to offer aid to victims until other services could respond.

The program will be studied and brought up at another meeting.

Some commissioners expressed concern that county insurance rates for firemen would rise as a result of the program because there was uncertainty about whether a fireman could be called liable in the case of a death or injury.

The program is expected to be addressed during the May 7 meeting.

In other business, the commission took action on these matters:

•Appointed Kathy Hendrix to the EMS advisory council and Horace Stogner to the Private Industry Council.

•Allowed Alert Cable TV to use the radio tower behind the sheriff's department for transmitting. The agreement provides that if the company's use of the tower causes problems, Alert has 30 days to fix the problem or the equipment must be removed.

•Called a special meeting following the School Blue Ribbon Study Committee's public hearing on April 30. The commission will meet with the committee to receive their report.

## ... Local officers nab three

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J.L. Blackburn reported to deputies that he spotted the blaze, put it out and noticed footprints leading away from the scene and tire tracks in a nearby garden plot.

The blaze is being investigated as arson by sheriff's deputies.

A three-wheel motorcycle which

was apparently stolen from a Raeford man Wednesday was found later in the day abandoned in the Hillcrest area.

There are presently no suspects in the case, reports show.

On April 9, a Hoke High student reported that \$63 had been stolen from her pocketbook which was at

the school.

Following an investigation, a South Hoke area youth was arrested and charged with taking the money.

James E. Patterson, 17, was charged and the money was allegedly recovered, Wiggins said.

## ... City hires Troy man as manager

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Raeford," Phillips said, noting he and his wife, Carolyn, are currently looking for a place to live inside the city limits.

Phillips submitted his resignation to Troy this week. He was officially offered the job in Raeford last week by members of the city council.

In a prepared statement, Troy Mayor Roy Maness said that under Phillips' leadership Troy had "made progress," and that the manager would be missed at the helm of the Montgomery County city.

In Troy, Phillips oversees the duties of 30 employees of the municipality, which has a population of about 2,700.

He will be in charge of 60 employees in Raeford, and will

have responsibility for a budget which is in excess of \$20 million.

When Phillips started in Troy in 1980, the city police department was immersed in scandal.

At the time, stories about the department appeared regularly on the front pages of statewide newspapers and on television, Phillips said.

The average age of the Troy officers was about 22 years old and positions were turned over every three to five months.

Three years later, the department is running efficiently. The average age of officers is in the mid-30's, and a professional chief is at the helm of the department.

"We took the politics out of the department. We got it off of the front page," Phillips said, adding that the improvements also helped upgrade the image of Troy.

In addition, Phillips has had to correct a problem with the Troy sewer system that was similar to one which plagued Raeford until this year.

Troy has been unable to expand its system because of inadequate waste water treatment.

A new treatment plant will go into operation next month, and a state moratorium against the city is expected to be lifted, Phillips said.

A similar ban against Raeford was lifted in early February, after the city's industries installed pre-treatment systems.

Phillips also places improved recreation facilities on his list of accomplishments in Troy.

While he has been manager, Troy has improved its facilities and presently has a 20-acre in-city park under construction.

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