

Rocky Mount company reveals home plans

By Ed Miller
Raeford could be without nursing home beds for as much as another year if a certificate of need, granted by the North Carolina Department of Human Resources last month, is appealed by Britthaven Inc., a spokesman for the Rocky Mount firm Autumn Care Corporation said last week.

Last month, Autumn Care was granted the certificate of need instead of Britthaven, who was heavily backed by local officials and business leaders.

"Depending on how far you push it, it could take a year," Doug Suddreth of Autumn Care said.

Suddreth was in Raeford last week to present his firm's plans to a group of local civic leaders.

If the appeal is filed, the cost of nursing care in Hoke County could go up from projected costs because of the funding needed for the legal procedures, said Suddreth.

To appeal the action will automatically cost about \$25,000 in legal fees, he said.

As of last Wednesday, no appeal had been filed, according to Raeford City Manager Tom Phillips.

Britthaven had 30 days from the time the certificate was issued to file the appeal, Suddreth said.

According to Suddreth, his visit to Raeford was to make up for the lack of public relations shown this

area when Autumn Care bid against Britthaven for the Raeford facility.

"We didn't do a good job with public relations. I recognize that," said Suddreth.

Autumn Care's corporate structure is set up differently from Britthaven's, said Suddreth, adding also that their views are different.

"When I enter a town, I don't ask what nursing home they want, I ask them if they want one," Suddreth said.

"Autumn Care runs nursing homes. That's all we do," he said, adding that the towns where Autumn Care has facilities now are well pleased.

Autumn Care does little things to help the residents of their facilities live a more normal life and to aid them in adjusting to life if they return to their homes, said Suddreth.

One of the things mentioned several times during the presentation is that Autumn Care puts chapel in each of their facilities.

"These are not multi-purpose rooms but chapels with lead stained glass and cathedral ceilings," said Suddreth.

Also, according to Suddreth, Autumn Care offers a higher standard of nursing care than Britthaven.

Britthaven has no 24-hour skilled nursing care. Autumn Care does, he said.



Waving in the sun

'Tis the time of year for dogwoods to bloom. All around Hoke County the trees, whether wild or in someone's yard, are putting out flowers. The leaves will soon come and the flowers will disappear until

next year. It may resemble snow under the trees when the petals start to fall.

Repub. convention scheduled Monday

Members of the Hoke County Republican Party will hold an annual convention next week.

The convention is scheduled for Monday at 7:30 p.m., party spokesman Evelyn Manning said.

All registered Republicans are encouraged to attend, Manning said, noting that the party is in a rebuilding stage in Hoke County.

The convention will be held at Manning and Associates on NC 211 east of Raeford.

Deaths & Funerals

Manchie Moll

Mrs. Manchie Moll, who died Tuesday morning, at Highland House in Fayetteville, will be buried in Grand Island, Nebraska, on Friday.

Mrs. Moll is survived by one daughter, Mrs. David Scott Currie, of Raeford and two grandchildren.

Lacy Scarboro

Lacy Carroll Scarboro, 69, died Saturday morning in Highsmith-Rainey Hospital in Fayetteville.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday morning at the

Crumpler Funeral Home by Rev. Russell Knoles.

Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

Survivors are his wife: Mrs. Lois S. Scarboro of the home; one daughter: Mrs. Betty Skipper of Fayetteville; Carroll Scarboro of Raeford and Kenneth Scarboro of Kissimmee, Florida; five brothers: Bill Scarboro of Monroe; Jack Scarboro of Wilson; Fred Scarboro of Statesville; Donald Scarboro of Statesville and David Scarboro of Rockingham; three sisters: Mrs. Frances Austin of

Wadesboro; Mrs. Marguerite Melton of Charlotte and Mrs.

Vivican Kitchens of Statesville and four grandchildren.

The family was served by Crumpler Funeral Home.

McKeever Watson

McKeever Watson, 71, died April 3.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. April 6, at Church of God of Prophecy.

Rev. James Anders and Rev. George McKeithan officiated.

Burial was in Highland Biblical Gardens.

Watson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruby Watson; two sons:

Willie Watson and James Watson, both of Raeford; two daughters: Mrs. Louise James of Lake Placid, Florida and Mrs. Joan Jackson of Fayetteville; one sister: Mrs. Juanita Tyler of Wilmington; 26 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; seven step grandchildren and two step great grandchildren.

Crumpler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Walter Harrell

Walter Madison Harrell, 77, died April 10. Funeral services were held April 12, at 3 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Mt. Airy.

Interment was in the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery, Mt. Airy.

Survivors are: his wife; Mrs. Beatrice Fain Harrell; three daughters; Mrs. Barbara Gail Pike, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Clara Faye Bryant, Mt. Airy and Mrs. Linda Marie Bowman, Mt. Airy; 11 grandchildren; three great grandchildren, three sisters; Mrs. Agnes Wall, Walnut Cove; Mrs. Frances Paul, Rockingham and Mrs. Alma Helpsey, Windsor, Missouri; three brothers: Kern Harrell, Mt. Airy; William Harrell, Raeford and John Harrell, Raeford.

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