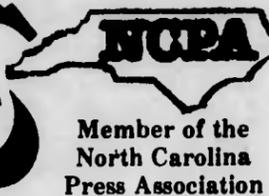




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Lifeline



The First Unit of Lifeline for Vanceboro has been placed in the home of Mrs. Carrie Lee McVicker.

Lifeline is a Community based program sponsored by the Craven County Council on aging in cooperation with Craven County Hospital.

Lifeline helps people live independently. It is a personal emergency response program provided as a community service. In a three year study funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Lifeline has proven to be an effective response program for both Medical and environmental emergencies. The study showed it is particularly useful for people who live alone. Lifeline provides reassurance to the users and their families that help is available when needed.

Lifeline consists of three parts:



Electronic equipment located in your home. A portable help button and home unit linked to your telephone are used to summon emergency.



An emergency response center, located in your community, where trained personnel provide 24 hour/day coverage.



People who have agreed to respond to your call for help. They're sent immediately in the event of any emergency.

Lifeline consists of seven steps for help. They are as follows:

1. You carry the small, wireless help button in your pocket or clipped to your belt or clothing. Whenever you need help, anytime of day or night, you just push the button to contact the community emergency response center.
2. Your call for help activates your home unit—attached to your telephone—which automatically dials the emergency response center. This Lifeline home unit can work even if your phone is off-the-hook and during a power failure.
3. At the emergency response center, trained coordinators are on duty day and night. When they receive your signal for help, they will:
4. Immediately try to reach you by telephone to see what help you need.
5. And send a "Responder" to your home if they are unable to contact you by telephone. "Responders" are people that you select in advance—a friend, neighbor, relative, or anyone else you choose to be called in the event of an emergency.
6. Upon arriving at your home, the responder signals the response center by resetting the Lifeline unit. The emergency response coordinator will then call the responder on your telephone to see what kind of help you need. If you need medical help, the responder can either take you to a hospital or have an ambulance sent to your home.
7. Lifeline has another important feature. It will call the the emergency response center for help even if you cannot use the help button. The home unit includes a timer. You reset the timer automatically every time you use your telephone. If you become unconscious, or are otherwise unable to reset the timer, Lifeline automatically calls for you and starts the emergency response procedure.

For more information contact Mrs. Lucille Stewart, Craven County Council on Aging telephone 638-2118.



Sheriff Pete Bland

Sheriff Speaks

Craven County Sheriff Pete Bland brought the local Rotary club up to date on the problems and solutions of the Sheriff's Department at its regular weekly meeting last Thursday night.

Sheriff Bland stated he is as proud of his department as any police work since he started in Texas in 1956. His department has at the present time 41 sworn deputies. These deputies have the responsibility of serving over 1200 papers per month and over 5000 calls per year.

He believes in preventative patrol, but it is impossible to have a deputy on hand in each community at the moment they might be needed. According to Bland, the department is relying heavily on the existing Community Watch members to patrol and report any unusual happening in the community. Bland stated the county is under the city of New Bern in several categories of crime.

A problem the department is facing is the staffing of the new jail. Since it is a multi-level structure, it will require a minimum of thirteen additional personnel when the jail opens. An average of 55 inmates per day is present jail occupancy.

The opening of the new jail brings up the problems of salaries. His hope is to increase the salaries of the jailers and dispatchers. The starting salary for these people is \$8,000 per year. The starting salary for his deputies is \$11,200 per year. An increase of \$1,000 for jailers and dispatchers should bring them in line with other personnel in the department.

The present budget for the sheriff's department is \$840,710 per year, plus \$390,685 per year for the jail and \$61,000 for communications. The sheriff's department will be tied into the 911 communications system recently approved by the County Commissioners and is to go on line July 1, 1984.

Merry Christmas From The Highlights Staff

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Football Contest 16th Week

Daisy Gentry was 1st place winner for the final week of our Football Contest \$20 and 6 points; 2nd place Jimmy Huff with \$10 and 4 points; 3rd place Huntley Brownell \$4 and 2 points.



Frankie and Wanda Anderson are having Christmas fun with their decorations of many lights on the side of their trailer home on Highway 43 in Vanceboro. If it is viewed from the corner of Highway 17 Business and Grand Avenue, the decorations have the shapes of animals or whatever your imagination wants them to be.