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29 have applied for Roxboro city manager post

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As of Tuesday afternoon, Roxboro City Council had received 29 applications for the position of city manager.

Mayor Samuel Spencer said Tuesday that the advertisement for the position would run until July 15 in the League of Municipalities' newsletter, *Southern Cities*. The city also advertised the position in newspapers.

Spencer said, after the cut-off date for applications passes, he and council would take a look at the applications and narrow the field down to those candidates they believe to be most qualified.

The finalists will then interview with council members and Spencer.

Spencer reiterated this week that he and council members believed it best not to look at any of the applications until after the deadline had passed. He said council members did not want to look at submissions and possibly form opinions about candidates before receiving all applications.

Spencer said earlier that the city was looking for experience and relevant education in its search for a manager.

He said the city would be "very careful in looking at the qualifications, to see if the applicant meets the desires of the entire council. Spencer said he was not surprised at the number of people that had applied for the job thus far.

"There are people coming out of school who have degrees" in business or have taken municipal government courses, Spencer said, "and others who are looking for advancement."

Spencer mentioned the former city manager, Jon Barlow, who served as Roxboro's manager for five years. Barlow resigned in March to take a similar position in Fuquay-Varina. This week, Spencer said Barlow "wanted to

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Jo Hancock finds the bronze casting of her hand on the Community Column where Person County was represented in the Veterans Park as Linzy Rimmer (center) and Hancock's husband, Al, look on.

'It's one of the greatest honors I've had'

Personians attend opening of Veterans Park in Fayetteville

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FAYETTEVILLE — On this Independence Day holiday, a group of Person County veterans and their families joined a crowd of over 1,000 to attend the dedication of North Carolina's first park to honor all veterans.

Not only were Personians in attendance at the dedication in Fayetteville, but tributes to the sacrificial service of Person County veterans and their supporters have been specially woven into the park's design.

"The North Carolina Veterans Park has been created to honor the lives, service and pride of all veterans — past, present and future," declared Fayetteville Mayor Tony Chavonne during Monday's dedication ceremony.

"This beautiful living park has been designed to reflect the stages of a veteran's journey — life before, during and after service — and to reflect the homeland they fought so diligently to protect."

On the park's Oath of Service Wall, a bronze casting of Person County veteran Hassell Painter's hand is displayed amongst those cast from the hands of 99 other

veterans, one from each county in the state. Painter, who served in World War II, Korea and Viet-

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Herbert Harris (left), R.O. Slaughter (center) and Gwendolyn Harris listen attentively to the 82nd Airborne Division play at the start of the North Carolina Veterans Park dedication Monday.

State trooper injured in Friday night accident

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A North Carolina Highway Patrol trooper suffered serious injuries Friday night in a one-vehicle wreck on Allensville Road.

Trooper John L. Pointer, 35, was transported via medical helicopter to Duke University Medical Center after the accident. Pointer has since been released from Duke University Medical Center.

The accident occurred at approximately 11 p.m., east of Roxboro, just past the intersection of Gentry Ridge Road. The scene of the wreck is in a curve prior to Allensville Road's intersection with Dirgie Mine and Mollie Mooney



Trooper John L. Pointer

roads.

The 2009 unmarked Dodge Charger cruiser driven by Pointer reportedly ran off the left side of the roadway, struck a culvert and overturned.

According to North Carolina Highway Patrol 1st Sgt. Robert Pearson, the investigation into the accident is continuing.

SILVER ALERT ISSUED FOR HURDLE MILLS WOMAN

The N.C. Center for Missing Persons issued a Silver Alert Tuesday for a missing Person County woman.

Barbara Ann Abrams, 62, was reported missing from her home on Charlie Long Road in Hurdle Mills.

She was reportedly wearing a blue shirt, white Capri

pants and white tennis shoes. She is believed to be traveling in a blue 1998 Oldsmobile Silhouette van with North Carolina tag number ZWR-6448.

Anyone with information about Abrams' whereabouts is asked to contact the Person County Sheriff's Office at (336) 597-0500.

Planning meeting set for Rougemont residents

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A meeting is scheduled for Thursday night to provide information and answer questions about the possibility of Rougemont becoming an incorporated town.

Last month, House Bill 292 was ratified by the state Legislature. The bill gave Rougemont the opportunity to incorporate, if a majority of residents who are registered to vote approve a referendum that will be held on Nov. 8, in conjunction with the City of Durham's municipal elections.

Rep. W.A. (Winkie) Wilkins, D-Person, said, following the bill's passage, that he had worked to get it ratified since he was first elected seven years ago to represent Person and the Northern section of Durham County that includes Rougemont proper.

Only Rougemont residents who live in Durham County will be allowed to vote on the referendum, and only Durham County residents would be affected by the incorporation. There are Rougemont addresses in Person and Orange counties as well.

Should the November referendum pass, the incorporation will be along the U.S. 501 corridor, extending out along

Red Mountain Road and Bacon Road. A map of the areas included in the proposed incorporation will be available Thursday night, according to the Rougemont Incorporation Steering Committee.

Also during the meeting, committee members will provide information about timelines and the pros and cons of incorporation. They will also answer any questions.

An important part of the process will be to elect town council members, should the referendum for incorporation pass, according to the committee. The committee is looking for people who would be willing to run for a spot on the five-member council, and serve either a four- or two-year term on the council.

The deadline for filing to run for Rougemont town council is noon on Friday, July 15. Those interested may file at the Durham Board of Elections, at 706 W. Corporation St., near the old Durham Athletic Park. There is a \$5 fee to file.

Thursday's meeting, the first of two that are planned, will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Rougemont United Methodist Church.

Another informational meeting is planned for Monday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. at New Red Mountain Baptist Church.