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A Farewell To Summer

Butterflies flutter from plant to plant as they do their swan song of the season. September, and the advent of cooler weather, will mean the departure of these gloriously decorated insects who have given extra bursts of color to the summer months. (Staff Photos by Dianne T. Rodwell)



Road Paving Requests Received

Final Approval Is Given By Board To Application For Perdue Grant

Warren County commissioners Monday gave final approval to an application for a state grant to finance a portion of the cost of extending water and sewer lines to the Manson site of Perdue's proposed \$3 million hatchery.

A total of \$138,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds is being sought.

The Warren County Committee of 100, a private organization formed to promote industrial development in the county, last week pledged \$5,000 and the commissioners have earmarked \$20,000 in county funds for the project.

The board also accepted a bid of \$11,751 from Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company for installation of a new phone system for offices in the county courthouse.

According to County Manager Charles J. Worth, Carolina Telephone was the sole bidder on the project, which will provide 22 16-line telephones, two single-line telephones to be used in the event of a power failure, and three connections for answering machines.

Clerk of Court Richard E. Hunter, Jr., who was summoned during the meeting to explain the need for the updated system, told the board that the system currently in use in the clerk's office was "antiquated to the point that the phone company can't repair it anymore."

The new system will replace three separate systems now used and will enable the various offices within the courthouse, including the clerk of court, register of deeds, tax supervisor and tax collector's offices, to transfer calls to each other.

The county's savings from the system, according to County Finance Officer Susan W. Brown, will be around \$40 a month.

Commissioner J. T. Fleming questioned whether it might be more economical to have a central courthouse number with a switchboard, but Worth countered that the cost of hiring a full-time operator would cut the cost efficiency of the system.

The board also accepted a low bid of \$30,962 from Southeastern Emergency Equipment Company in Wake Forest for a 1986 Ford ambulance.

Bids of \$32,962 from Frontline Emergency Vehicles of Florida for a 1986 vehicle and \$39,370 from Craft Steel Industries, Inc. of Farmville for a 1987 vehicle were also submitted.

Funds for both the purchase of the phone system and the new ambulance were included in the county's 1986-87 budget.

In other business, the board:

—Approved a resolution to the N.C. Department of Transportation requesting that Magnolia Court, Pine Court and Beech Court in Wildwood Point subdivision be added to the state system and that S.R. 1117 be paved. Petitions from road residents are routinely forwarded by the board to DOT for consideration.

—Appointed John W. Shearin of Vaughan as an alternate member on the County Zoning Board of Adjustment to complete the unexpired three-year term of Jesse Pegram, Jr. who is now a resident of Halifax County.

—Appointed Marion Hege to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.

—Appointed Commissioner Francis Alston, Leon Harrington, Debra Davis, and Diane Tant to the Kerr Tar Rural Transportation System Steering Committee.

—Voted to find an appropriate way with a plaque or certificate to show its appreciation to Julian Farrar, county director of Social Services who retires next month after more than 30 years of service.

—Tabled pending receipt of further information a request from Warren CATV, Inc. for a franchise for installation and operation of a cable television system in the county.

—Received from Chairperson Eva M. Clayton a Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Plan for Warren County to be reviewed by the board and discussed at a later date. The plan seeks to provide minorities and women equal opportunity for participation in county construction, contracting and procurement programs.

Homecoming Is Scheduled At Norlina Baptist Church

Norlina Baptist Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 14.

Morning worship at 11 a.m. will feature special music and the sharing of the church's history and letters from former pastors.

The sermon will be brought by the Rev. Joe R. Babb, director of missions for the Cullom Baptist Association and a call for commitment to the service of Christ in Norlina will be extended.

Littleton Man Is Charged Following Armed Robbery

Panda Lawn Is Target

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A 24-year-old Littleton man has been charged with an armed robbery on Sunday at a Lake Gaston motel-lawn maintenance business, according to the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

Herome R. Hooten was arrested Sunday morning some five and one-half hours after James E. Watson, night clerk at the motel, reported the hold-up to the sheriff's department.

According to the report, Watson had been watching television in the motel office when a gunman entered and demanded the money on hand.

After taking some \$850, the robber ordered Watson to lie down on the floor.

Watson followed the orders and reported the incident to the sheriff's department shortly after 5 a.m.

Sgt. Lawrence Harrison responded to the call and was assisted by Sheriff Theodore Williams in the investigation and arrest. Hooten was arrested at his residence in the Eaton's Ferry community and charged with one count of armed robbery.

He is in the Warren County Jail under \$20,000 bond, awaiting a preliminary hearing in district court today (Wednesday).

George Edward Trent of Danville, Va. was arrested Tuesday afternoon by Danville authorities and charged in a weekend break-in at Rooker's Store near Norlina.

Weldon F. Rooker reported Monday afternoon the theft of a jar of silver coins, 22-caliber pistol and miscellaneous change from his store, which had been entered through a side window, according to a report in the sheriff's office.

Damages to the building and items taken were estimated at \$1,000, according to Deputy T. H. McCaffity, investigating officer.

Trent has been charged with breaking and entering and larceny and larceny of a firearm, both felonies. He is also charged with misdemeanor larceny in the theft of a license plate from William Foote Rooker.

A Danville court judge is expected to decide today whether to authorize extradition of the defendant to North Carolina to answer the charges.

Firemen's Association Plans Big Day Saturday

The Warren County Firemen's Association will be hosting the fourth annual Firemen's Day in Warrenton on Saturday.

The day's activities will include judging of fire apparatus on the streets surrounding Mariam Boyd Elementary School beginning at 9 a.m., a parade through downtown Warrenton to the Warren County Fair Grounds at 11:30 a.m., where lunch will be



Andy Park of WTVD-Channel 11 greets persons attending the Festival of Life Saturday in Littleton. Sponsored by the Merchants Association and Downtown Turnaround Revitalization Committee, the event was held to raise funds for downtown improvements. Crowds of people turned out to enjoy the crafts fair, entertainment and food in what is expected to become an annual event.

(Staff Photo by Dianne T. Rodwell)

Investigator Is Hired To Combat Fraud Here

The Warren County Department of Social Services has increased its efforts to combat welfare fraud, Director of Social Services Julian Farrar said this week.

In May of this year the Board of Social Services hired A. W. Lamberson to fill the position of eligibility investigator. Lamberson is responsible for investigating possible overissuances of Food Stamps, AFDC (Aid to Families With Dependent Children), Medical Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance and Commodities Distributions, Farrar said.

Since May he announced, 20 Food Stamp investigations have been completed with overissuances amounting to over \$7,000. Overissuances in AFDC and

Medicaid have also been identified.

Since Lamberson was employed an investigation of the three major programs have taken place and the agency has seen an appreciable amount of pay back of benefits for which clients were found ineligible, Farrar said. In cases where incorrect information is given to eligibility specialists, required information is withheld, or not reported timely, the county will pursue prosecution, he said.

North Carolina already requires public assistance recipients to be computer checked for income with the Employment Security Commission and Social Security. Recipients are also checked for automobile ownership with the Department of Motor Vehicle records.

Later this fall recipients will be computer checked against Internal Revenue Service records, Farrar said. Citizens are demonstrating intolerance to welfare fraud by reporting abusers of public assistance to the Department of Social Services, he said. All these methods are used to discover and prevent abuse of public assistance programs.

"Prosecution of offenders and vigorous collection efforts will help deter welfare fraud and maintain program integrity," Lamberson said.

Television Show Has Local Angle

Two Warren County men will appear on television Sunday evening in a program sponsored by "National Geographic."

Ernest B. Harris of Inez and Danny Bolton of Oine, who participated in April with seven other cowboy-hobbyists in a cowcatching excursion off the coast of Virginia, will be seen in "The Cowboys and the Conservationist." The program will be telecast by WTBS in Atlanta, Ga. at 8 p.m.

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