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## Arrests made for dog fight

By Linda M. Gibson

Eight area residents were arrested Sunday evening and charged with being connected with and using a place kept for the purpose of fighting dogs.

Officers Stewart Pait and Wayne Gardener, received calls about 9:20 p.m. from the sheriff's dispatcher to come by the office.

Upon arriving at the office, the dispatcher informed the deputies that an unidentified female caller had reported a dog fight in progress across from McQuage's Store.

The officers found two dogs in transport boxes in the back of two trucks on the premises of Nancy May Reed, Rt. 4, Box 454, Raeford.

According to reports, the two dogs found in the boxes were bloody and appeared to have teeth marks from bites.

Those charged were Nancy May Reed, Carlos Goodman, 29, Rt. 5, William Joseph Charles, 22, Rt. 4, Robert Anderson, 25, 3006 Old Trail Mobile Home Park, Berry Jackson, 34, Rt. 1, Mike Nordan, 24, Rt. 1, all of Raeford and Jimmy Jackson, 36, 5202, Spence Drive, Fayetteville, and Johnny Jackson, 29, Rt. 1, Shannon.

Sheriff Dave Barrington stated that pit bull fighting is a violation of the law.

"This department does not condone pit bull fighting or any other sport which results in a fight to the death," Barrington said.

"We don't condone any more than we do cockfighting, and we intend to put an end to it in this county."



In bloom  
Dogwood trees throughout Hoke County are in bloom this week as the warm winds of April blow through the area.

## County's share of state water funds will help eliminate smell

By Linda M. Gibson

Members of the board of county commissioners recently approved the transfer of \$40,000 in state water funds to be used for the replacement of blowers at the Raeford wastewater treatment plant.

The money, allocated to the county from Senate Bill Two funds, will go towards the purchase of four new blowers which will replace the plant's existing six blowers.

The total cost of the project will be \$160,000. The \$40,000 of the county's Senate Bill Two monies will be added to the city's \$40,000 of Senate Bill Two monies to help pay for the blowers.

The city must match the state funds with an equal amount of non-federal funds; the remaining funds will come from the city's operating capital.

The treatment plant's six positive displacement blowers are 20 years old and no longer function efficiently.

The four replacement multi-state centrifugal blowers are larger and more powerful than the existing six blowers.

The new blowers will not only be larger and more efficient but they will also be less expensive to operate, according to Raeford City Manager Tom Phillips.

For the amount of energy consumed, the replacement blowers will move more cubic feet of air.

Centrifugal blowers also have less moving parts so less maintenance will be required.

Another advantage the centrifugal blowers offer is a considerably quieter operation.

The city will not advertise for bids because in an emergency situation such as this the most important consideration is to get the blowers in place and in operation in as short a time as possible.

"We want to get the best price quality product as soon as possible," said Tom Phillips, City Manager.

"The replacement of the grit chamber is in the planning stages of design and evaluation," Phillips also commented.

"The county's growth is tied directly to the development of the city's water and sewer system. Whatever improvements we make are a direct benefit to the county," Phillips added.

"If any industrial development occurs we must extend the water and sewer lines," Phillips further stipulated.

At present, the sewage plant is operating under a scent screen of grape deodorizer.

The grape scent, according to Phillips, is merely a masking operation to replace the distasteful odor with a more pleasant one.

"It gets odors to a tolerable level. Regardless of what is done, there will always be smells from a sewage plant," said Phillips.

"Another phase of improvement we need to plan is the need to cover the drying beds with shelters," Phillips continued.

Phillips said the target date for completion of the blower replacement is in early May.

"Replacement will increase the quality of the plants operation," said County Manager William (Bub) Cowan.

In other business at the county commissioner's April 7 meeting, commissioners agreed to reschedule the May 5 meeting to May 12 to avoid conflict with the Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

## Cummings denied bond

Edward Lee Cummings, the man accused of murdering two women whose decomposed bodies were discovered in shallow graves in the McCain area on January 13, was denied bond last Wednesday in Superior Court.

Cummings, 44, was arrested in Wake County on January 23 and charged with two counts of murder in connection with the deaths of Marie Puryear, 22, and her sister, Teresa Annette Puryear, 15, both of Raleigh.

Reyler Baker, an employer and friend of Cummings' for approximately 27 years, told Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell that he would be willing to put his farm up for security to provide bond for Cummings.

Three other witnesses testified as former employers and neighbors of Cummings.

Sheriff Dave Barrington was called to the stand to testify concerning the physical evidence.

Barrington stated that Cummings' right thumb print was found on the gear shift of Karen Puryear's car and that the rest of the car had been wiped free of fingerprints.

Due to the incompleteness of the tests required on the physical evidence, Superior County Judge E. Brewer ruled that bond be denied at the present time.

Officials commented that it may be as late as November before Cummings will stand trial due to a possible requirement of two defense lawyers.

## Around Town

By Sam Morris

The weather over the weekend was like summer. The thermometer was in the 80s Sunday and again on Monday. It was windy Friday and Saturday, but it was still pleasant.

The forecast is for rain Tuesday and Wednesday and for the temperatures to be in the 60s. We need the rain and as long as it doesn't freeze, everything will be ok.

Dr. Ray Phillips, director of music at the First Baptist Church appeared before the 75th Anniversary Committee last Thursday. He is in charge of the music for the countywide worship service to be held Sunday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hoke High School Stadium. Ray asked the committee some questions and then offered suggestions and other things.

He would like to have a choir of approximately 100 people at the service. He wants to draw singers from all churches in Hoke County. This includes white, black and Indian churches in the county. The choir will have four rehearsals before the service. The first will be at the First Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 21. The second will be at the same place and time on Monday, April 28.

The final two rehearsals will be on Saturday and Sunday afternoon in the Hoke High Stadium and the time will be announced at the second rehearsal.

So if you can sing and would like to be a part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration, then go to the First Baptist Church next Monday night.

The tickets for the Hoke Diamond are moving at a fast pace and should all be sold before the week of the Jubilee celebration. The diamond is on display in the window of Kinlaw's Jewelry Store on Main Street. The value of the diamond is over \$4000.

Remember that only 750 tickets will be sold. This makes the odds much more in your favor to win. (See AROUND, page 2A)

## Jordan to speak at 75th

Lieutenant Governor Robert B. Jordan will be the principal speaker at the Monument Day Luncheon on May 7 during the week of the Hoke County Diamond Jubilee.

This luncheon will be held in the "new" National Guard Armory at 12 noon and will honor Josh and Jay Pate and Art Gore.

A buffet lunch will be served by the Hoke County Food Service Association along with the assistance of the Hoke County Home Economics Department of Hoke High School.

The Hoke High School Chorale will perform and all Eagle Scouts will be recognized. Cost for the luncheon will be \$7.50.

Tickets are available to the public and can be purchased at the Jubilee Headquarters in the Depot or from any Jubilee committee member and at The News-Journal, United Carolina Bank, Southern National Bank, Heritage Federal Savings & Loan and Progressive Savings and Loan.

Some months ago, Josh and Jay Pate undertook an Eagle Scout project the raising of funds to have a war memorial built to honor our veterans. The two young men secured the services of Art Gore, a native of Hoke County and a noted artist and photographer, to design and build this monument. The Hoke County Diamond Jubilee committee felt that during



Robert B. Jordan

the week of the Jubilee would be an appropriate time for this monument to be unveiled and received by the county.

Art Gore, the son of the late Arthur D. Gore, grew up in Raeford and graduated from Hoke High School in 1944. His interest in photography began during his high school days. Over the years, Gore has become an author, a world-renowned photographer, a sculptor, artist and a philosopher.

As a former scout, Gore was most interested in this project when contacted by Josh and Jay. The Lt. Governor was delighted. (See JORDAN, page 2A)

## Raeford-Hoke EDC adopts by-laws

The Raeford-Hoke Economic Development Commission formally adopted its by-laws of operation at a meeting last Wednesday.

"The creation of these by-laws goes to demonstrate to local citizens that the Economic Development Commission is a formal organization with structure, authority and purpose," Economic Developer John Howard said.

Having the by-laws also permits the commission to form a local development corporation to promote and finance economic development in the area.

Howard said he anticipates the establishment of both a Committee of 100 to assist with economic development and a local development corporation sometime this year.

The adoption of the by-laws comes just over a year after the commission was formed by a joint resolution between the City of Raeford and Hoke County in February 1985.

Since that time, the commission has been operating under provisions in that resolution.

"The comprehensiveness of the city and county resolution served us well for the first year of operation," Howard said.

In putting the by-laws together, the commission studied by-laws of

other economic development commissions across the state and retained sections of the joint resolution.

"The adoption of these by-laws strengthens the commission's goal of improving the county's economic outlook," Chairman of the Economic Development Commission Tom Howell said.

"The number one priority of the commission is to increase the number of jobs in the county and to raise the level of pay as much as possible to be consistent with salaries in the greater Fayetteville area," Howard said.

The decision last month by Presti Rubber Products, Inc. of New Britain, Pennsylvania to purchase the Hadley-Peoples building in Rockfish and begin mixing rubber compounds to be used to manufacture rereading tire envelopes was aided by the existence of the Economic Development Commission.

"Had we not had the commission formed, there is a likelihood we may have been overlooked by Mr. Presti's organization," Howard said.

"The very existence of the Economic Development Commission this past year has helped to bring attention to this area's economic need."

Howard said the climate of pro-

gress created by the Economic Development Commission also helped to bring about two other important changes within the community: the passage of Extended Area Service between the Raeford and Fayetteville telephone exchanges and the acquisition of a \$25,000 Economic Development Administration Grant to study the feasibility of locating an industrial park in the county.

Members of the commission are: Tom Howell, chairman; Frank Teal, vice-chairman; John Howard, secretary; Carrel McCall; Gerald Wright; Vardell Hedgpath; John G. Balfour and ex-officio members County Manager William Cowan and City Manager Tom Phillips.

In other business: Howard announced that Frederick J. Presti has recently negotiated sales contracts with Hadley-Peoples for the Rockfish building and has named the new company Hoke Rubber Products, Incorporated.

Work is currently underway at the Rockfish plant to bring in the necessary manufacturing equipment to begin operations at the plant.

Howard said it is still uncertain how the company will go about hiring the initial 18 local employees to begin the operation.

## Jail-A-Thon is a success

By Linda M. Gibson

About 40 Raeford residents were arrested last Tuesday and Wednesday.

They were picked up and placed behind bars for an indefinite period of time.

The object of the arrests was to raise funds for research by the American Cancer Society.

Over \$5,000 was collected during the local Jail-A-Thon event.

The money raised was a showing of the "wonderful warm spirits and good sports of Raeford," Ahee Glisson, Hoke County Unit Crusade Chairman, said.

"We owe a major debt of gratitude to the Sheriff's Department, the Raeford Police Department, to Chiel Wiggins, and to the United Carolina Bank employees who helped," she also remarked.

It cost \$25 to have an arrest made and those who sent out the warrants were allowed to suggest the amount of fine to be set.

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Fund raiser

Judge Bob Conoly, City Executive, United Carolina Bank, listens as Steve Parker, City Executive, Southern National Bank, tells his tale of woe. Parker raised \$200 for the American Cancer Society during his stay in "jail."