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## Public hearing set for proposed subdivision ordinance

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Members of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on Monday accepted the proposed subdivision regulations prepared by the county Planning Board and set a public hearing for February 17.

The hearing is required before the regulations can be approved by the commissioners. The hearing will be held at 7:45 p.m. in the commissioner's room of the Pratt Building.

County Manager William (Bub) Cowan cited two changes which had been made by the Hoke Coun-

ty Planning Board during their study of the regulations.

One change concerns gifts of land to children and states that "when a parent makes a one time gift to each child of a parcel of land divided from the parent's property, the transaction shall not be deemed to be for the purpose of sale or building development. The resulting transaction shall therefore not be subject to any regulations enacted pursuant to this ordinance."

The second change concerns the water and sewer facilities to be installed at the development site.

The amended regulations state that "where public water and/or sewer systems are to be installed as part of the subdivision improvements, such systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with the standards and specifications of the health department and/or the governmental agency responsible for the approval of such systems."

Cowan said that the way the regulations were written before, they required that water and sewer facilities be installed before development takes place.

Now, he said, developers "only

have to certify that it (the site) is big enough for these facilities."

The commissioners also discussed the matter of establishing water systems. It was suggested a change should be made that requires that developers use existing water systems rather than installing their own system.

Chairman Wyatt Upchurch suggested this change could be made in the future if needed.

In other business, commissioners tabled a decision on whether or not to implement the Performance Management System, an employees' merit program.

The system is a means by which employees' performance can be evaluated and whereby communication among the levels in a work environment can be improved.

Cowan said the system can effectively help the good workers advance without the influence of personal bias in the evaluation process.

Cowan said the system doesn't deal with conduct, but deals strictly with performance.

The system, which is being used in areas such as Greensboro and Yadkin County, requires that the

employee decide on the four or five major work areas he is responsible for. The employees performance in these work areas would be judged by supervisors using about six different measurements by which to judge his performance.

Merit pay considerations are based on the points earned from overall rating of the work areas.

Three major levels of performance would be assigned in the evaluation: "highly proficient", having a two-step pay increase, "proficient", having a one-step

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### Center opens

State Rep. Sidney Locks, left, State Senator David Parnell, center, and State Rep. Danny DeVane cut the ribbon for the opening ceremonies last Thursday at the Adult Developmental Activity Program office on Elwood Avenue. The new program received strong legislative support. The Adult Developmental Activity Program is administered by the Sandhills

Center for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. The program provides developmental activities for mentally retarded and physically disabled adults. Senator Parnell said the center promises to use "resources that would go unchallenged if the center had not been established."

### Wastewater Treatment Plant

## City OKs plans for grit chamber

By Sally Jamir  
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Members of the City Council on Monday voted to proceed with plans to design and take bids for a new grit chamber for the waste treatment plant which may be completed in February of 1988.

Included in the action is also the go-ahead for an industrial waste pretreatment study, to be done by Black and Veatch engineering firm, and a sludge drying process study.

The action came after a staff retreat meeting with city-hired engineers held last week in Southern Pines for the purpose of studying the problems of the city water treatment and possible solutions.

Those attending the meeting were three members of the City Council, City Manager Tom Phillips, Plant Foreman Tim Mur-

ray, Utilities Director Jerry Jackson, City Clerk Betty Smith and Finance Officer Helen Huffman.

Tim Murray, Hiram Marciano and Larry Pearce, represented Black and Veatch engineering firm during the session.

"We tried to get a feeling for the current problems and what we would need to correct them," Phillips said. "We want to work into long-range planning."

"The main problem is the grit chamber. It's outdated and worn out and causes wear and tear on the pumps and other equipment in the plant," Phillips said.

The grit chamber at the water treatment plant is the part of the plant which takes out the sand and other debris which may be in the waste water coming into the plant.

"Another problem is that the plant is currently operating at the

biological level that is its maximum," Phillips said.

The pretreatment study authorized by the council to be completed by July 1 will look at federal regulations in this area.

Phillips said current regulations require that a water treatment plant be able to treat waste water to the point where it goes out of the plant at 30 parts per million (PPM) of BOD. The amount of BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) represents the amount of oxygen that is used in the decay of waste solids.

Phillips said the plant is right near the 30 PPM maximum, hovering somewhere around 27 to 29.

When the water comes into the plant it is around 700 ppm BOD. Phillips said that when the plant was originally built, it was design-

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## Raeford man charged with assault

A Raeford man was arrested and charged with assault last weekend, after wounding another Raeford man early Sunday morning, according to Sheriff's Department records.

Neal Archie Purcell, Culbreth MHP, Raeford, was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon and inflicting serious injury after shooting Ronald Leon Murray, 1348 Vass Road, in the side.

Deputy D.R. Hardin answered a domestic call at 5:45 a.m., February 1. His report said that the two men had been fighting.

Records say that the location of the shooting was the home of Cynthia R. and Ronald Leon Murray. Murray was given medical attention for the minor wound which did not require hospitalization, according to a Sheriff's Department spokesman.

Purcell was placed under a \$500 bond. The bond was posted and Purcell was released.

Perry McBryde, Route 4, Raeford, reported that someone

had broken the rear door of his residence and taken \$980 worth of property, including a gun, a Nikon camera and a chain saw.

Records say the property was taken sometime between 6:45 and 7:45 p.m., January 31.

Governor Locklear, Route 1, Red Springs, reported that someone damaged the wood on the door of his barn and entered the building located behind his residence.

Records say a sprayer, worth \$750, was taken sometime between 6 a.m. and 10:35 a.m., February 2. Charles Chason, Route 4, Raeford, reported that someone broke into his barn near his residence on SR 1406 near Rockfish.

Records say that a mattress and box springs, worth \$300, were taken sometime between 4 p.m., January 28 and 11:55 a.m., January 31.

Ricky Henderson, Route 2, Shannon, reported that someone knocked out the window and used a screwdriver to unlock the trunk

of his 1976 Ford Mustang.

Records say that property, worth \$125, including a pellet gun was taken from the trunk sometime between 4 p.m., February 1 and 6:10 a.m., February 2.

Records say damage to the car was worth \$125.

Olivia M. Jones, Cockmen Hill Road, reported the theft of a bicycle belonging to Stacy Crawford which had been left in front of her residence.

Records say that the bicycle, worth \$100, was taken sometime between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., January 27.

Charles Winston, Route 1, Shannon, reported that a bicycle was stolen from under the porch of his residence sometime between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., January 31.

Russell McAllister reported a break-in at Piney Grove Baptist Church, Route 5, South Hoke Road, Raeford.

Records say that someone

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## Citizens group forming to provide aid to county's economic growth

An organizational committee has announced plans for a "Committee of 100's" to provide support to the economic progress in the Hoke County area.

Acting Chairman Steve Parker and acting Secretary-Treasurer Harold Gillis are part of the formation team that seeks to solicit memberships in the "Committee" during a membership drive from February 9th through April 30th.

During this period, Parker, Gillis and others working with them, will be active in explaining the purpose of the "Committee of 100's" to local citizens and inviting memberships at \$50 per individual annually. From this drive, a non-profit corporation will later be formed, composed of those joining, with officers elected from the membership at a general membership meeting in late April.

The goal of the "Committee of

100's" is to aid in improving the quality of life in Hoke County by helping to promote economic development and orderly growth. Any person who would like to contribute \$50 per year to support the "Committee" and its goals is welcome to participate.

According to Parker and Gillis, the new organization is one "for the people" which will serve as a financial resource in support of existing economic development efforts. It will also be a group which works independently for positive progress in the community, but always with the overall objectives of the community in mind.

This is basically a supportive organization, according to Gillis, to assist with financing of programs and to engage as many of our people as possible in helping to create more jobs and an improved standard of living throughout the

Hoke County area. It is a committee which will have to work closely with the Raeford-Hoke Economic Development Commission and other city and county agencies and other organizations.

Acting Chairman, Parker has called this a "citizens endeavor," which stems from the three annual Mullet Roasts and the cooperative spirit seen there among individuals representing all walks of life in the county.

The organizational committee recently held a brief information session with elected officials of the city, county and Chamber of Commerce and members of the Raeford-Hoke Economic Development Commission to acquaint them with the "Committee of 100's" plans.

It is hoped that hundreds of local citizens will want to participate.



### First winner

American Legion Oratorical contest winner Leah Hendrix, center, a senior at Hoke High School, receives congratulations from District Oratorical Chairman Jim Conoly, left, and Post 20 Commander Freddie Williams. This is the first year the Raeford Legion Post has held the contest that is in its 50th year nationally. Hendrix, the daughter of Howard and Janet Hendrix of Raeford, will now go on to district competition.

## Cummings' assault cases continued to May 1

Two pending cases of assaulting an officer which were charged to Edward Lee Cummings were postponed last week in District Court until after his homicide cases are heard, according to District Court records.

The charges were brought against Cummings, accused of killing two women, when he was being removed from the prison cell last August 29.

The two charges are for assaulting Sheriff Dave Barrington and Detective J.R. Riley.

Cummings' lawyer, James R. Parrish, requested that the cases be continued from November 21 to May 1. The continuance report said that the defendant desires to continue the cases "in an effort to concentrate on the trial preparation in homicide and to reduce pre-trial publicity".

Cummings is currently being held in the Hoke County Jail.

The continuance was given in the January 29 and 30 session of District Court, presided over by the Honorable Judge Warren Pate as were judgments on the following cases.

Timothy Thompson, 20, Greenment Apartments, Southern Pines, pleaded not guilty to assault and inflicting serious injury.

Thompson also pleaded not guilty to assault and inflicting serious injury.

Records say Thompson was found guilty of the two charges and they were consolidated. He was sentenced to two years, suspended, and placed on supervised probation.

As a condition of probation, Thompson must pay a fine of \$250 and \$879.22 restitution. He was

also ordered not to assault or threaten the victim.

Records say Thompson was arrested November 28.

Darlene C. Suggs, Route 1, Box 106 A, Aberdeen, pleaded not guilty to injury to personal property.

Suggs also pleaded not guilty to assault on a child under the age of 12. Records says he was found guilty of the charges and they were consolidated for judgment.

Records say Suggs was sentenced to two years, suspended and placed on probation for three years.

As a condition of probation, Suggs must pay \$1031.64 restitution. Records says he was arrested October 4.

Leon Locklear, 31, Lisenby's (See ASSAULT, page 13)

## Around Town

By Sam Morris

The weather last week did warm up after the snow on Monday and by Friday it was 60 degrees. It seemed strange to see people on the golf course Friday in short sleeve shirts. Now this was like spring weather the last of January.

The weather has been cold at night, but the forecast is for the temperatures to be in the 50s during the day and not freezing at night. Maybe in the mid-30s. This should keep the outdoor activity going for another week.

I always like to mention about reunions in this column, because reunions always are first class in my book. Lawanna Hayes left a note on my desk last week and it concerns the 1962 Class of Hoke High School.

This class is getting ready to hold their 25th anniversary reunion. (See AROUND, page 10)