

## County OKs phase one of solid waste program

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Hoke County Commissioners on Monday took action to ease sanitation problems in the area when they unanimously passed the first phase of the Solid Waste Collection Program.

The program seeks to reduce the amount of solid waste in the county by the use of compactor sites before waste is disposed of in landfill areas.

Speaking for the program was Claud "Buck" O'Shields Jr., consultant with the firm of Post, Buckley, Schuh and Jernigan Inc. of Wilmington.

O'Shields said the program would initially partially replace many of the "green

box" sites which are currently used for waste collection.

O'Shields said the program would protect the environment for residents by making sure toxic materials from various kinds of waste will not endanger water supplies. "The key to all of it is protecting the groundwater," O'Shields said.

He said some communities (such as Hoke County) are reaching a crisis situation in which landfill areas will reach their full capacity in only a few years.

The program calls for the installation of five compactor sites to be installed within the next four years and the gradual elimination of most of the green box sites.

The first phase of the program will cost a

projected \$179,951 and provide for the site, two compactors, a hopper, container, land and electrical hook up.

This phase will provide for employees, utility fees, supplies and equipment.

The total amount for the first phase of the program is \$250,751. The figure would be offset by the use of \$70,800 which may be provided by local option funds from the Community Development Block Grant, if awarded to the county.

During the meeting, commissioners approved the Grant application, including a \$50,000 cash match figure.

Before approving the program proposal Chairman Wyatt Upchurch said that the public needed to be educated on the matter

of the solid waste collection program.

Cowan urged Commissioners to take a definite direction in the matter.

Commissioner Cleo Bratcher said that it was time for action to be taken concerning waste collection.

Cowan said that with the program being established, two compactors would be installed and operational by Jan. 1, 1988.

In other business, commissioners passed an ordinance regulating parlors, health salons and clubs.

County Attorney Duncan McFadyen said the ordinance will regulate the establishment of the parlors as well as how the businesses are run.

Commissioner Tom Howell noted that

there was no opposition to the ordinance during the public hearing held on the ordinance earlier that evening.

In additional business, commissioners approved a revision to the Hoke County Subdivision regulations.

The revision is a procedural change on how to get a minor subdivision approved and changes the size of a this subdivision from five acres to a piece of land of any size.

During the public hearing held for public comment on the revision, various questions were fielded by commissioners, Cowan and McFadyen.



### Arts Festival

Students kick up their heels in the Mexican Hat Dance last Thursday at J.W. McLaughlin School. The elementary school joined others in the county in their celebration of the cultural arts festival this month. The

festival honors students' abilities in the arts, inviting the entire community to enjoy music, dance and visual arts in the schools.

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## School board adopts statement to assure equal access funding

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Members of the Hoke County Board of Education voted last week to pass a statement of assurances instead of a comparability policy as a method of insuring that all school children have an equal chance at state and local funding sources.

The statement is included with funding applications when the schools ask for state financial support, such as the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act Chapter 1 program.

During the board's monthly meeting, Bob Marley of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, was present to advise them as to what might be appropriate to

"make certain that all children get appropriations from state and local" funding.

He stressed that the board needs to make sure that this distribution of funds should be on an equal, or equitable basis, considering the needs of the students involved, rather than distributing resources on a per capita (per student) basis.

"How you do it is up to you", Marley said, referring to the equity issue of funds distribution. "I'm not here to suggest what the board ought to do."

Marley said that he knew of instances where schools in other states had misused Chapter 1 funds.

Dr. Ginny Hayes, associate (See SCHOOL, page 13)

## Horticulture program proposed by local Education Foundation

The Hoke Higher Education Foundation is proposing the creation of a one-year, certificate-producing horticulture program. The reasons for the choice of this field as a first step in strengthening vocational training here are important indicators of the foundation's concern for Hoke County.

"People who farm really love to see thing grow" said Jimmy Matthews during a meeting to discuss why and how Hoke might push for this program.

The agricultural incomes in Hoke County are now limited to a few large farmers and the few people who are needed to help them run machinery. The workers in Matthew's greenhouse had taken time off recently to set tobacco, but there is really no full-time farming work for them.

Learning new tasks that could qualify workers for jobs in greenhouses, grass maintenance and nurseries would help people

who have no job skills that are marketable. The turn from production of row crops to poultry and sod is evident in Hoke County. The soil is good here for production of turf and shrubs. A new era of farming is not far in the future.

Recognizing the realities of the high rates of illiteracy in this county, the foundation recognized horticulture as a hands-on field that could utilize the skills and energy of people who might not attempt further education because of poor reading skills.

Another consideration for the decision to support creation of the horticulture program is that Hoke County High School has graduates each year who need this program. Some of the local students enter the two-year program at the main campus of Sandhills Community College. Danny McGougan, horticulture instructor at Hoke High, said that the job prospects of a cer-

(See PROGRAM, page 3)

## Numerous break-ins reported in city, county

Numerous thefts were reported in the area recently, according to records at the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

Records say Mae Belle Morrison, Arabia Road, reported that someone took an air conditioning unit from her home sometime between 3 p.m., May 2 and 3:20 p.m., May 4.

The air conditioner, worth \$1,000, was taken from a window at the residence.

June McFadyen, Route 2, Raeford, reported that someone

broke into her residence sometime between 9 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., May 10.

Records say the subject took the screen off the window, opened the window and entered the dwelling and removed a 12 gauge shotgun.

Records say the gun was later recovered.

Magaline Jacobs, Route 1, Red Springs, reported that someone broke into her residence sometime between 9 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., May 10.

Records say the subject came

through the window at the porch and removed \$136 cash from under the rug in the bedroom.

Records say Dorothy Jones, Route 1, Shannon, reported that someone broke into her residence sometime between 8 a.m., May 12 and 8:45 a.m., May 14.

The subject forced open the back door and entered, pulled items out of the closets and took \$26 in cash including eight to ten silver dollars dating from 1922.

Records say damage to the door was worth \$150.

Willard F. Page, Jones Road, Raeford, reported that someone had vandalized the mailbox at his residence at 3 a.m., May 17.

Records say someone had removed the mailbox, worth \$50, from the pole at his dwelling on RP 1426.

According to records Tony Ray Jones, Route 4, Raeford, reported that someone vandalized the mailbox at Dundee Farms sometime between 6 p.m., May 14 (See BREAK-INS, page 3)

## Woodward challenges chamber

Motivational speaker Kirk Woodward last Tuesday challenged members of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce to take a close look at their organization and the community it serves. Woodward was the keynote speaker at the chamber's annual banquet held at the National Guard Armory.

"When you look out at the community, do you know where they are coming from?" Woodward asked. "What does the community see when it looks at the chamber?"

Woodward, the owner of People Centered Programs, a human resource development company headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is no stranger to chambers of commerce. At one time he served as the membership director for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the

largest regional chamber of commerce in the United States. Recently he has spoken at banquets in Rocky Mount, Troy, Ohio and Marion, Iowa.

In order to increase membership in the local chamber, Woodward said it is important to know what kind of people you need in the organization.

"You need people who will be excited about the work at hand," Woodward said.

He told the chamber to encourage prospective members to become involved in the work of the community and said the Turkey Festival is a good place to begin.

"If you can't find something that's exciting in the Turkey Festival, something is wrong with you," he said. "Get involved in the program 100 percent."

Woodward said that it's important to have a local chamber that encompasses both old and new ideas.

Also during the banquet, the chamber installed its first female president, Alice Glisson.

Glisson called the presidency "One of the greatest challenges of my life" and promised to "strive to make this one of the best communities in the state."

"No one person stands alone," Glisson said. "As a team we can be the movers and shakers who get things done."

Other new officers installed Tuesday evening were: Mary Archie McNeill, first vice president; Larry Bullard, second vice president; and Kevin Davis, secretary/treasurer. New directors installed were Bobby Britt, Elizabeth Burgess, Kevin Davis, Vardell Hedgpeh and Brown Hendrix Jr.



Kirk Woodward

## Around Town

By Sam Morris

The calendar date for summer is June 21. The 90-degree temperature Monday forgot to look at the calendar. It seems that summer has come a month early. It was in the 80s Sunday and the forecast is for more 90-degree weather Tuesday (as this column is being written on Monday night).

We could get some rain on Wednesday, but the hot weather will continue. The rest of the week calls for temperatures to be in the 80s during the day and in the 60s during the night.

A pair of eye glasses, found in the parking lot of Heritage Federal was turned into the office Monday. If you will describe them, you can pick them up at The News-Journal office.

A good crowd turned out for the (See AROUND, page 3)