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Governor will attend Turkey Festival

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Governor Jim Martin will be in Raeford on September 17 to attend the opening ceremony of the 1987 North Carolina Turkey Festival, Evelyn Manning, Turkey Festival chairman, announced on Monday.

The date of the opening ceremony coincides with the date in 1787 when the delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed the U.S. Constitution. Because of the Bicentennial celebration, the governor has received invitations from all over the state that day but has chosen to make his second appearance in three years at the Turkey Festival. In appearances Monday before

the county commissioners and city council, Manning and Lynne Maxwell, vice-chairman and general manager of the festival, expressed their appreciation for the cooperation they are receiving from Hoke County's governing bodies.

Manning presented the commissioners and the councilmen with 1987 Turkey Festival T-shirts. The shirts are red, white and blue this year in keeping with the patriotic theme of the Bicentennial.

John Howard, coordinator of the opening ceremony, said the ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on an outdoor stage beside the Hoke County Public Library on Main Street. Prior to the ceremony, a Fort Bragg parachut-

ist will perform a drop with the 1987 Turkey Festival flag at 9:45 a.m.

Hoke County state Representative Danny DeVane will be master of ceremonies for the opening event. North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham is expected to attend.

Following the opening ceremony, a cooking seminar will take place at 11 a.m. in the library. After the seminar, a turkey cooking contest will take place at noon under the chairmanship of Pam Foster.

As part of the nationwide Bicentennial celebration at 4 p.m., there will be a Bicentennial Bell Ringing for 200 seconds. Church

bells all across America will be ringing at the same time.

The Turkey Festival parade, with WRAL-TV broadcaster Ray Wilkinson as master of ceremonies, will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Main Street.

Several tournaments and special events are scheduled throughout the three days of the festival and during the week preceding the festival. According to Ann Pate, coordinator of special events, there will be something for everyone.

On Friday September 11, the North Carolina High School Turkey Bowl football game will take place at Hoke County High School Stadium. The game will be between Hoke County and

Southview. The game will be featured as the game of the week on WRAL-TV with sportscaster Tom Suiter.

A volleyball tournament will take place on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13 in MacDonald Gym at Hoke High School.

On Tuesday, September 15 there will be a bridge tournament in Gibson Cafeteria at Hoke High.

Tennis and golf tournaments will be held the weekend of the festival, beginning Friday, September 18.

There will be a street dance on Friday night featuring the Part Time Party Time Band. The dance (See GOV., page 9)



Gov. Jim Martin

City water planned for McLean Road

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Members of the Raeford City Council agreed Monday to a request made by McLean Road property owners asking the city to extend water to their property. The request was made in the form of a petition signed by the property owners.

City Manager Tom Phillips said the city could finance the project, which will cost \$15,000 in materials with the city furnishing the labor, and get its investment back in four years.

Phillips cited the advantages of the project. He said it is an opportunity to add new customers. It will improve service to present customers by increasing water pressure in the Palmer Street area and will open up land for development.

In another matter, council discussed the Central Communication System plan as approved by the county commissioners. In a memorandum to city council, the city manager noted that the "plan of action differs substantially from the recommendation of the Central Communications Advisory Committee and from the system as approved by prior City Council actions on May 4, 1987."

"I don't like all the things that have been done," Councilman Bob Gentry said.

Gentry recommended that the Central Communications Advisory Committee, of which he is a member, be reactivated and then report back to the county commissioners.

"I think they'll be open to additional input," Gentry said.

Also at the meeting, Phillips presented to council members the preliminary plans for the new grit chamber at the wastewater treatment plant.

The plans have to be approved by the state. When the plans are approved, they are returned to the city so the project can be put out for bids.

In additional business, the council approved an amendment to a city ordinance restricting parking. The amendment states that "No commercial vehicle may be parked on city property located within a Residential District as defined by the City of Raeford Zoning Ordinance." (See CITY, page 9)



McCain hospital patients at work

Dolphus Gentry, left, Clarence Douglas, middle, and Harold Hairston, right, pot plants in the greenhouse at McCain. Kay Collins, hortotherapy program assistant, is on far right.

Prisoners appreciate hortotherapy

The pleasures of growing and eating fresh vegetables are enjoyed by many people in the summer. Some inmates at McCain Prison Hospital are discovering those pleasures for themselves through a hortotherapy program.

The program was started soon after McCain, a former TB hospital, became a minimum security unit of the North Carolina Department of Correction in 1983.

The hortotherapy program was begun in conjunction with Sandhills Community College. The college, as part of its continuing education program, paid the salary of a horticulture teacher. In addition, the college donates plants from its own horticulture program to McCain.

A horticulturist from the North Carolina Botanical Garden at Chapel Hill also came to McCain to help get the program started in 1984.

Under the supervision of rehabilitation therapy coordinator Mary Mercer, the program has become self-supporting. Through the sale of

plants and vegetables from the gardens and greenhouse, the hortotherapy program is able to buy seed and the other supplies needed to maintain itself.

Foliage plants, bedding plants and hanging baskets can be bought from the greenhouse at very reasonable prices. A pretty hanging basket, for instance, sells for \$3.

The public can buy from the greenhouse on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30. The greenhouse is outside the fence and adjacent to the visitor's parking lot.

Another way the program sustains itself is through sales at the Turkey Festival. At its booth, the McCain program will have plants and hanging baskets for sale, as well as ceramic and woodworking items.

A maximum of 15 inmates can participate in the program at any one time. An inmate who expresses an interest in the program can be referred by his case manager. The inmates who do take part have been carefully screened.

The men in the program are generally paraplegic or geriatric patients, or younger patients who are in poor health. Most of the inmates in the hospital are not eligible to participate in the program because their health won't permit it.

The men maintain two gardens and two 50-foot greenhouses. In the gardens the men are growing cantaloupe, watermelon, squash, okra, string beans, tomatoes and corn. This year for the first time they also have a herb garden.

The vegetables and herbs are used in the hospital kitchen so the men themselves enjoy the fruits of their labor.

In addition to the vegetables, the men maintain flower gardens in front of the hospital as well as in the horticulture area of the grounds.

At the men's request a rose garden was added to the lawn in front of the hospital. In it are rose bushes donated by Jackson and Perkins. Jim Walls, a rose expert from Whispering Pines, has helped the men learn how to grow and care for roses. (See McCAIN, page 8)

Chamber president asks commissioners for junkyard rules

By June Lancaster
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The president of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Board of Commissioners on Monday and asked for help in regulating the appearance of the county's junkyards.

Chamber President Alice Glisson told the commissioners that Chamber of Commerce board members and several private citizens had voiced their concern to her about the development of unsightly areas along the thoroughfares of Hoke County.

The unsightly areas are considered to be detrimental to the economic growth and development of Hoke County, Glisson said.

Chairman Wyatt Upchurch said the matter is already under study. Commissioners discussed the issue and considered several options.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Cleo Bratcher, the board voted to send letters to junk dealers in the county expressing the board's concern. County Manager William Cowan suggested looking at a draft ordinance before such letters are sent.

Glisson said she was pleased by all the favorable comments made by the commissioners in supporting the chamber's position.

In a matter continued from the July 7 commissioner's meeting, the board granted Charles Averette's request for a variance from the Hoke County subdivision regulation in Twelve Oaks subdivision.

The variance, contingent upon an independent engineer's certification that the dam is safe and suitable for use as a travel way, will permit access to lots Averette is developing on the far side of the dam.

Another provision of the variance is that a home owner's association or similar group assume responsibility for maintaining the road.

The road on the far side of the dam should be built to state standards, the board decided.

The matter of the developer filing a security agreement with the board of commissioners, guaranteeing the improvement will

be made, was discussed. This would permit the developer to sell lots from the preliminary plat rather than holding up the subdivision development any longer.

In other business, the board approved a resolution authorizing the exchange of property owned by George A. Zacher and Chong C. Zacher adjacent to the Rockfish Community House with property owned by the county.

In another matter concerning the Rockfish community, the board was given copies of the Rockfish Park conceptual plan.

In a work session, the board heard recommendations from the county manager on the proposed minimum design specifications for private streets in Hoke County submitted by the planning board.

Chairman Upchurch appointed Commissioners Tom Howell and Cleo Bratcher to a committee to meet with the county manager to come up with a recommendation for presentation at the next commissioner's board meeting.

The commissioners discussed a report from Denise Rice Melton, Parks and Recreation director, on the attendance of recreation commission members. Concern has been voiced by the commissioners several times concerning attendance records of people serving on appointed boards.

Commissioners reappointed Tony Austin and Pat Scott to the Parks and Recreation board and appointed new members James Quick, John D. Melton and William C. Jones to replace Walter Blue and James Cunningham, who have served two terms and are therefore ineligible for reappointment, and Jimmy Wood who has resigned.

Upon the recommendation of William T. Niven, coordinator of the Hoke County Emergency Management Agency, the commissioners appointed the following people to the Hoke County Emergency Planning Committee: Danny DeVane; Dave Barrington; Mike McNeill; William T. Niven; Mike Wood; Jerry Jackson; Dr. George Barth; Leo McMillan; Ron Anderson; Mark Wood; and

(See COUNTY, page 8)

Series of larcenies reported

A series of larcenies were reported throughout the county during the last week of July.

Almost \$10,000 worth of electronic equipment, jewelry and miscellaneous items were stolen from a trailer on Rt. 1, Red Springs, on July 27, Hoke County Sheriff's Department records show.

Michael Van Horn reported he lost two TVs, a VCR, a typewriter, silverware, watches, rings and other items in the robbery.

A riding lawn mower was stolen from Jean Hodges of Stable Place, Raeford, sometime between July 28 and July 31. The mower was valued at \$800.

A window air conditioner was stolen sometime between July 25 and July 29 from Rhonda Elaine

Velevs of Rt. 5, Raeford. The Hotpoint air conditioner was valued at \$700, according to sheriff's department records.

A Felder window air conditioner was stolen from Scurlock School between 4:30 p.m. on July 23 and 7:30 a.m. on July 24. The air conditioner had a value of \$700.

Water pumps were stolen from two locations on Rt. 3, Raeford. On July 30, it was reported a water pump valued at \$188.75 had been stolen from Freedom East Presbyterian Church. Also on July 30, a water pump, valued at \$150, was stolen from the residence of Pamela Miller Bullard.

Phillip Ray, Rt. 1, Raeford, was charged with misdemeanor breaking and entering at the residence of Mary McNeill Cagle of Raeford.

Ray was placed under \$500 bond.

Raeford Police Department records show a 1985 Chevrolet Nova was stolen from the A & P grocery store parking lot on July 28. The car, valued at \$5,000, belongs to Dora Soloman of Central Avenue. She was in the store approximately 20 minutes during which time the car was stolen.

On July 25, someone entered a car belonging to Janet Patterson while the car was parked at the House of Raeford parking lot. A stereo and a fuzz buster with a combined value of \$500 were taken.

Kaye Hooks of Fayetteville had a pocketbook stolen from her car parked on Campus Avenue on (See CRIME, page 8)



Gifts

Paul Pierce, 2nd from left, and Emmet Murphy receive NC Turkey Festival T-shirts and video tapes of the Olympic Torch Run (courtesy of Luke McNeill) from Chamber of Commerce Director Iawanna Hayes, left, and Jan Carnahan. Pierce and Murphy, both from Ireland, will complete their six-week stay in Raeford with the Larry Carnahans on August 11.

Around Town

By Sam Morris

The weather continues to be hot with the temperature Monday about 95 degrees. Last week the thermometer stayed below 90 during the day and we ended the week with rain Saturday afternoon.

According to reports we had about 7/10th of an inch in Raeford. Caroline Parker of the Puppy Creek section of the county said that they had a tenth two times during the week. There have been scattered showers and in some parts of the state more than three inches of rain fell last week. Hoke County is dry and we need more rain.

The forecast for the remainder (See AROUND, page 8)