

District Court

The following cases were heard in district court last week:

Charles Junior McLaughlin, 30, Route 3, Raeford, probation violation; 45-day active sentence in Scotland County Jail.

Tony Lamont McRae, 30, Shankle Road, Raeford, driving with revoked license; 45-day suspended sentence, 18 months probation, \$200 fine.

Vrence Gil, 25, Lumbee Estates, Raeford, driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; six-month suspended sentence, two year probation, \$250 fine, \$60 costs.

Constance Delores McEachem, 40, Mockingbird Hill Road, Raeford, driving without a license; 30-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$100 fine.

Luther Durant Love, 25, Dakota Street, Raeford, driving with revoked license; 45-day suspended sentence, 18 months probation, \$300 fine.

Thurman Lorenzo Murchison, 27, Angel Drive, Raeford, driving with revoked license; 90-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$200 fine.

Thurman Lorenzo Murchison, 27, Angel Drive, Raeford, driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; 90-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$100 fine, \$175 fees, \$100 community service fee, \$60 costs.

Darryl Levone Cole, 21, Turnpike Road, Raeford, driving with revoked license; 45-day suspended sentence, 18 months probation, \$300 fine.

Frank Thorn Lamb Jr., 30, Lambert, driving with revoked license; 45-day suspended sentence, 18 months probation, \$200 fine.

Berkley Marc Sally, 21, Grandy Court, Fayetteville, driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; 90-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$150 fine, \$175 fee, \$100 community service fee, \$60 costs.

Betty Jacobs Locklear, 41, Red Springs, driving with revoked license; 45-day suspended sentence, 18 months supervised probation, \$200 fine.

Betty Jacobs Locklear, 41, Red Springs, driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; 90-day suspended sentence, 18 months supervised probation, \$175 fine, \$175 fee, \$100 community service fee, \$60 costs.

Belinda Morrison Farmer, 31, State Street, Raeford, driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; 90-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$100 fine, \$100 community service fee, \$60 costs.

Antonio Rosa Flores, 25, Spanken Church Road, Raeford, driving while

under the influence of an impairing substance; six-months suspended sentence, two years probation, \$200 fine, \$60 costs.

Antonio Rosa Flores, 25, Spanken Church Road, Raeford, driving without a license; 30-day suspended sentence, 18 months probation, \$25 fine.

Mary Ann Taylor, 33, College Drive, Raeford, driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; 60-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$100 fine, \$100 community service fee, \$60 costs.

Jimmy Woodland, 32, Jasper Place, Washington, D.C., driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; 60-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$100 fine, \$60 costs.

Jerry Ray Stone, 45, St Pauls, driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; 60-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$100 fine, 4100 community service fee, \$65 costs.

Bernard Thadeus Clowney, 34, Red Springs, driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; 90-day suspended sentence, two years supervised probation, \$200 fine, \$100 community service fee, \$60 costs.

Susie Chavis, 33, Reservation Road, Aberdeen, resist, delay and obstruct a public officer; 30-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$50 fine.

Wayde Benson Locklear, 26, Route 2, Maxton, misdemeanor larceny; 45-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$75 fine, \$100 community service fee.

Willie Lamont Copeland, 22, Scurlock School Road, Raeford, driving without a license; 45-day suspended sentence, 18 months probation, \$300 fine.

Corney Chavis, 39, Lafayette Mobile Home Park, Raeford, driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; two-year active sentence in North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Corney Chavis, 39, Lafayette Mobile Home Park, Raeford, driving with revoked license; 45-day active sentence in North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Larry Eugene Rameun, 41, Midway Drive, Raeford, driving with revoked license; 45-day suspended sentence, 18 months probation, \$750 fine.

Garry Lowry, Route 2, Maxton, misdemeanor assault on a female; 45-day suspended sentence, five years probation, \$70 fine.

Garry Lowry, Route 2, Maxton, misdemeanor assault on a female; two-year suspended sentence, five years probation, \$60 fine.

Garry Lowry, Route 2, Maxton, misdemeanor assault on a female; 45-day suspended sentence, five years

probation, \$70 fine, \$100 community service fee.

Willie H. Graham, 38, Scurlock, Raeford, possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia; 45-day suspended sentence, 12 months probation, \$100 fine.

Elisha Dial, 46, Johns Road, Shannon, possession of spirituous liquor upon premises not authorized by ABC laws; 45-day suspended sentence, five years probation, \$500 fine.

James Vonnie Locklear, 26, Hendrix Road, Raeford, driving with revoked license; 45-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$200 fine.

Todd Jeffery Dixon, 26, Route 1, Lumber Bridge, possession of half ounce or less of marijuana; 45-day suspended sentence, three years supervised probation, \$200 fine.

Tokishea Hollingsworth, 19, Vass Road, Raeford, probation violation; 45-day active sentence in North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Tokishea Hollingsworth, 19, Vass Road, Raeford, probation violation; six-month active sentence in North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Tokishea Hollingsworth, 19, Vass Road, Raeford, probation violation; 45-day active sentence in North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Charles Junior McLaughlin, 30, Route 3, Raeford, probation violation; two-year active sentence in North Carolina Department of Corrections.

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Rudolph Singletary, 49, Wooley Street, Raeford, probation violation; 30-day active sentence in Hoke County Jail.

Andre Walker, 24, East Eighth Avenue, Raeford, probation violation; 60-day active sentence in Hoke County Jail.

Angelina Locklear, 17, probation violation; five-hour active sentence in Hoke County Jail.

Andre Holt, 35, probation violation; 10-day active sentence in Hoke County Jail.

Vincent Harris, Lake Elizabeth Road, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon; 30-day suspended sentence, one year probation, \$100 fine.

Heron Martinez, 33, Route 1, Red Springs, communicating threats; 45-day suspended sentence, 18 months probation, \$200 fine.

Chris Lamar Murchison, 25, Grant Avenue, Raeford, driving while under the influence of an impairing substance; one-year suspended sentence, two year supervised probation, \$300 fine, \$70 costs.



Photo by Kristin Guthrie

Linden and Stephen Spears love these two dogs that are now residents of the Friends for Life shelter.

New shelter opens in county

By Kristin Guthrie
Staff writer

Unwanted dogs and cats roam the streets of Hoke County, uncared for and unloved — stretching the resources of Hoke's animal shelter.

Some of those animals — unwanted litters, dogs and cats driven from their homes — may have found a place that will offer them love, food and a little discipline.

Stephen and Linden Spear, both members of the Raeford-Hoke Humane Society, have turned their love for animals into a shelter for the county's abused cats and dogs. Friends of Love is their vision — a new no-kill animal shelter.

The couple said their mission is two-fold — to help abandoned and abused animals and to provide "pet therapy" for citizens of the county.

The shelter is not officially open to the public yet, because the property has to be rezoned and granted a conditional use permit by Hoke County's Planning Board and Board of Commissioners. The Spears are hopeful they will be granted permission for the shelter and will be open for service by August.

The Spears are dedicated to improving relationships between families and their companion animals by using a holistic approach to training and health care. The shelter will offer educational programs for all ages, they say, "celebrating the human-animal bond."

Lessons offered

In addition to providing shelter for dogs and cats, Linden also is certified to train dogs. She offers practical solutions to common challenges owners have with their pets

— house training, jumping up, leash pulling, scratching, aggression, fear and shyness, basic obedience, resistance to grooming, aging, arthritis, recovering from an injury.

Another service that the shelter will offer is assistance for pet owners with life-threatening illnesses geared toward reducing unnecessary pet-owner separations. To support people facing terminal illnesses, they will provide in-home care including pet Meals On Wheels, transportation for pets to the veterinarian, temporary foster care for pets during hospitalization of the owner and placement services for pets no longer able to remain with owners.

To the Spears, animals are much more than just another responsibility — they are companions and teachers from which humans can learn much. The Spears support T.L.A.C.T., Tellington-Touch Animal Companions Training, "a holistic approach to training and healing the body, mind and spirit of companion animals," a brochure said.

Linden has planned two sessions for teaching these techniques, June 29 and July 20. These fund-raising demonstrations will cost \$25 for each day and will address such topics as animal behavior, health, performance and learning exercises. The shelter needs eight animals for these demonstrations, chosen on a first come basis at no charge to the owner.

As the community's support of the shelter increases, so will the shelter's programs. Linden said, the shelter is a nonprofit organization, thus it operates from grant funding and donations from the community.

The Spears have made a benefi-

cial shelter out of a disastrous homeless problem for the county's animals. This shelter comes as an answer to what Linden calls "the plight of the companion animals in the area."

"You can judge a society by how it treats its animals and children," she said, adding that the lack of concern for the animals is the result of a dysfunctional society, one that is suffering from an economic breakdown.

Linden said the shelter is in its infancy stages still and its development will be a direct result of the how the community responds to such a need. At this time, Linden said their biggest need is for volunteers, but getting donations and reduced rates for veterinarian bills are also a real concern.

Linden said that because the Raeford Animal Clinic is already overwhelmed with business from the Hoke-Raeford Humane Society, they have contacted veterinarians in Moore County to care for the animals at their shelter.

Again, Linden and Stephen stressed that the people of the county have to take responsibility for the problem at hand. Linden says she understands that many people think the problem seems too big to manage, but she said that the problem can only be mastered one animal at the time.

Right now the shelter houses 15 dogs and 10 cats, but Linden said the capacity is much greater if the community is willing to support it with volunteers and funding. To find out more information, call the Spears at 875-6768 or visit Friends for Life at 400 Fulford-McMillan Road.



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