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Police seek those responsible in horse's shooting death

BY STAFF REPORTS

HENDERSON — Police say they're investigating a shooting over the weekend in southwest Henderson that left a horse dead. Early on Jan. 23, officers were summoned to

116 Southern Ave. — next to the Oxford Road Convenience Mart — to look into a report of shots being fired and a car speeding away from the scene. Being that it was about 5:15 a.m. and still dark, they didn't see any "obvi-

ous signs" of damage in the surrounding area, though there was evidence of what Police Chief Marcus Barrow and his staff termed "a firearm-related incident." They also couldn't find any of the people involved,

or any residents of the property. The horse was in a pasture across Oxford Road. After the sun rose, a caretaker discovered it had been shot and killed.

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Vance animal shelter reopens

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HENDERSON — After a staff member tested positive for COVID-19 led to temporary closure of the Vance County Animal Shelter, it has now reopened to the public.

The local animal shelter has been open for a couple of weeks now, Chief of Animal Services Frankie Nobles said during a Friday phone interview. "I think this is the second week I want to say that we've been open," he said.

The shelter was on a 14-day quarantine because "we had had exposure ... one of the officers tested positive," he said. "So we had to wait our 14 days, but we also sanitized all of the

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Misty morning at Fox Pond



By Gill Clopton / Special to The Daily Dispatch

Fog hovers over Fox Pond in Vance County on Tuesday. The day had unseasonably warm temperatures after starting off with rain.

At session start, legislators pitch consensus with Gov. Cooper

BY GARY D. ROBERTSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH — The North Carolina General Assembly session begins in earnest Wednesday with Republican majorities still in place after the November election. And reelected Gov. Roy Cooper still has enough Democratic allies there to uphold his vetoes when they're united.

When this same dynamic began in 2019, House Speaker Tim Moore, Senate leader Phil Berger and Cooper dug in their heels, leading to a state budget stalemate that never got fully resolved. And while Cooper blocked the GOP's favored legislation on hot-button issues, much of his agenda got sidelined as well.

Heading into this next two-year session, all three politicians don't want to go through that again.

In separate interviews with The Associated Press, they've expressed a commitment to seeking consensus on big items, in particular those related to COVID-19, including aid to struggling businesses and K-12 students falling behind while learning from home.

"The voters chose divided government. That's where we are. And so we will have to govern accordingly," Moore said. "There's no use in having a budget impasse where we don't get anything else done because of that. Because there's so many



Gov. Roy Cooper

things so many good ways we can spend the money and so many needs out there."

Moore said overwhelming bipartisan support in 2020 for bills that meted out \$3.6 billion in coronavirus funds from the federal government signals more bipartisanship early this year as lawmakers distribute another tranche of COVID-19 funds. And locating money for expanded rural broadband coverage also should be well received.

Berger and Cooper have said they've talked many times since the

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Health department reports 2 more virus deaths

BY RAY GRONBERG

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OXFORD — Vance and Granville counties have each lost another resident to COVID-19 in the past 10 days, the local health department says.

The latest victim from Vance County, a 64-year-old man, died because of the virus on Jan. 16. The Granville victim, a 58-year-old man, died on Jan. 19, Granville-Vance Public Health reported Monday evening.

All told, 73 residents of Vance County have succumbed to the coronavirus since the start of the pandemic last spring, along with 71 residents of Granville County, 13 of Warren County and 40 of Franklin County, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services reported.

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Weather

TODAY

Scattered Rain
High: 50, Low: 30



TOMORROW

Mostly Sunny
High: 40, Low: 20



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Deaths

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| Henderson
Walter Scott, Jr., 69 | Vasel Lenwood
Dean, 84 |
| Norlina
Robert Darrell Perry Sr., 82 | Mrs. Mary Kate
Austin Faulkner, 100 |
| Oxford
Jeannette Maynor
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