

LENOIR (WJRI) The Lenoir City Council met in regular session last night where they approved a measure that will allow residents to shoot nuisance animals inside of the city limits. The ordinance will require citizens to have passed a hunter safety course or have a hunting license and the Chief of Police will be able to regulate the type of gun and ammunition that is used. Before the measure passed, only police officers were allowed to discharge a firearm within the city limits.

NEWTON (WKVS) A Hickory man pleaded guilty yesterday of kidnapping charges. 31-year-old Quintin Trout Abernathy admitted to first degree kidnapping and felony indecent liberties with a child. Abernathy is a former employee of the Hickory City School System and the victim was a student at Hickory High School. The victim told the court that Abernathy had texted her and called her even though he was instructed by the court not to. He allegedly told the victim not to come to court. The text messages were read aloud in court because the District Attorneys Office only learned of the contact during the victims testimony. Abernathy was sentenced to between 7 and 9 years in prison and must register as a register sex offender upon his release.

MORGANTON (WKVS) The Lowes Foods Store in Morganton on Avery Ave. will be one of the companies stores that will be closing. The Morganton News Herald reports that the store is slated to close next Month. Each of the employees within the store are being offered other positions in other stores in North Carolina according to company officials.

LENOIR (WJRI) Lenoir Police are investigating a breaking and entering that occurred yesterday. Sometime yesterday afternoon someone entered a home on Triplett Dr. through a window and once inside took numerous clothing items. Anyone with information about the crime should contact Lenoir Police at 828-757-2100.

HICKORY (WKVS) Hickory Police are investigating the theft of phones from a Hickory Company. Officials with Convergys told police that between July and September, 67 cell phones were sent to an address by an employee of the company. The phones were valued at over \$44,000. No one has been arrested to this point.

MORGANTON (WKVS) The Burke County School Board met Monday night and heard of a savings to the schools system following a technical adjustment. The Morganton News Herald reports that the board was told that by switching firewalls for the web service for the system, the system is set to save \$15,000 in the beginning, and over three years will save around \$80,000.

HICKORY (WKVS) A man in Hickory fell from a hospital window. The man fell two stories from a fourth story window on to an overhang at Frye Regional Medical Center yesterday afternoon. Emergency officials lowered the man from the overhang and took him to the emergency room. The man was said to be alert and talking following the accident.