

Nobles briefs Kittrell watch group about Animal Services

KITTRELL COMMUNITY WATCH

KITTRELL — Kittrell Community Watch met at Union Chapel on Aug. 15 to learn about Vance County Animal Services from Chief Frankie Nobles. Also, Sheriff Curtis Brame and Deputy Bill Mitchell provided an update on the local crime situation.

President Edward Wood-

lief welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order. The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Roy of Plank Chapel UMC opened the meeting with prayer.

Chief Nobles was the featured speaker. Nobles began by describing county animal services including animal-cruelty cases, trapping nuisance animals and local ordinances. Nobles said

the county works with animal rescue organizations to provide homes for lost and abandoned pets. Only 130 of the 1,358 animals brought to the shelter this year had to be euthanized. Also, Animal Services provides the required rabies vaccinations for only \$5 and has a low-cost spay and neuter program that is free to low-

income households.

Deputy Mitchell briefed the group on recent criminal activity with emphasis on fraud and drugs. He said heroin is a major problem with an average two or three overdoses a day. Sheriff Brame said the county has become a hot-spot for heroin activity because of its large geographic area coupled with limited

police manpower. A lively question-and-answer period followed.

Before adjourning, President Woodlief announced that the next meeting will be Oct. 17 at Union Chapel. More information on Animal Services and Kittrell Community Watch programs is available at <http://KittrellCommunityWatch.com>.