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Competition held on Saturday at South

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Southport-Oak Island's most complete
list of available state properties



Sheep Island

Who controls it:
County or town?

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Who controls Sheep Island? Just about everyone can find Sheep Island, but where does it belong?

Long Beach commissioners dealt briefly with that question Tuesday night, but found no answer.

Town attorney James R. Prevatte says he will provide the answer next month.

Ownership of Sheep Island, a small island possibly created of just dredge spoils, a geographic anomaly by anyone's estimation, sits at the confluence of the Intracoastal Waterway and Lockwood Folly Inlet, bothering no one.

But the island "may be developable," Prevatte reported. In fact, Kings Lynn Inc., developer of the extreme western end of Long Beach, believes it owns Sheep Island and wants to know who to report to: Long Beach, or Brunswick County.

Kings Lynn officials claim Sheep Island is not a part of Long Beach.

In a January 28 letter to town manager David Poston, Kings Lynn president John A. McLendon said county officials had directed him to seek an action of the town's board of commissioners declaring Sheep Island is not within the jurisdiction of the town.

"In 1990 or early 1991 a question arose as to whether Sheep Island is within the corporate limits of the Town of Long Beach, as set forth in its charter," McLendon wrote. "At our request, your staff researched this question and you reported to us in a letter dated August 5, 1991, that Sheep Island is not located within the corporate limits of the Town of Long Beach. The town ceased collecting property taxes on Sheep Island in 1991."

From there, Kings Lynn officials
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Photo by Jim Harper
Kate Stuart, Annie Mae Woodside and Jessie Stevens Taylor -- women who packed considerable wallop in the community over the past two centuries, were portrayed by Betty Gavin, Susie Carson and Margaret Taylor Harper in the "Women of the Ages" show last Friday. The Southport Historical Society presentation was the first in a series of Southport Bicentennial programs.

Yaupon vote:

Moore, Broyles elected; Posey defeats Poole

Just over 45 percent of eligible Yaupon Beach voters went to the polls a second time Tuesday, re-electing two incumbent commissioners and substituting a newcomer for a third.

Darrell Posey, a political newcomer, was elected in this second municipal election, defeating incumbent Jim Poole, a former county commissioner who was appointed to the Yaupon Beach Board of Commissioners about a year ago upon the resignation of commissioner Howard Brackett.

Incumbent mayor May Moore and incumbent commissioner Joe Broyles easily won re-election in this do-over balloting.

On November 5, 1991, it was discovered ballots for the Yaupon Beach municipal election contained an error. Printed ballots last fall directed Yaupon Beach voters to select only two candidates from a field of six. Voters were actually entitled to three votes.

Before the printing error was discovered, 36 voters had cast their ballots. At a canvass of election results

two days later, the Brunswick County Board of Elections said it could not determine the intent of 23 of those 36 voters. The board then petitioned the state board of elections to set a new election in which all candidates would stand a second test.

Posey is the big story. In the disputed election of November 5, he appeared to edge Poole by as few as five votes. Moore and Broyles appeared to be clear winners in the fall election and their victories were just as clear Tuesday night.

Broyles led all candidates with 158 votes. He had only 128 discernible votes in November.

Moore was re-elected Tuesday with 133 votes. She garnered that exact number of discernible votes in the fall election.

Posey, on Tuesday, captured 139 votes to Poole's 102, thus becoming a commissioner-elect. It is likely Posey will be sworn to office when commissioners meet next in regular

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Former manager among candidates

Seven more candidates threw their hats into the ring by Tuesday of the second week in which the board of elections has accepted declarations of candidacy for office.

Among those filing notice for office from District 3 (Southport-Oak Island) were:

- William D. (Billy) Carter, a Democrat. A former county manager, Carter, who retired in 1988 for health reasons and who now serves as president of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, will seek a term as a member of the Brunswick County Board of Education. The seat he seeks is now held by Republican Bob Slockett, who last week announced he will run for county commissioner from this district.

- William F. Faught. A former ROTC teacher at South Brunswick High School, Faught will also seek the District 3 seat on the county board of education.

- Joseph Tyler Lenins. The owner of a Long Beach nightclub will seek election to the county board of commissioners as a Democrat. The seat is now held by Republican Gene Pinkerton, who has announced he will not seek re-election.

Others announcing their candidacies this week included:

- Donna Baxter, a Democrat from District 4, the current school board chairman who will seek a second term of office. She is a Boiling Spring Lakes resident.

- Pete Barnette, a Republican, who will seek to unseat Baxter on the county board of education.

- Janet Pope, a Republican, of Sunset Beach and District 1, who will attempt to replace Doug Baxley, District 1 Democratic incumbent on the school board.

- Gene Sellers, a Republican from District 4, who seeks incumbent Frankie Rabon's seat on the board of commissioners. Rabon has said he will not seek re-election.

Mayor criticizes 'slush fund'

By Richard Nubel
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Just as the municipal political season appeared to be over in Southport, mayor Norman Holden Thursday night charged his predecessor and the board that served him with depleting the city's unappropriated fund balance by about \$191,000.

Holden's charge came after staff presented board members with 24 budget amendments -- transfers of general fund unappropriated fund balance -- for expenditures made prior to the time Holden took office on December 12. The mayor said the unappropriated fund balance had

been over \$284,000 before the budget amendments were presented, but had fallen to just over \$93,000 with the revelation of 23 of the 24 budget amendments presented by staff Thursday night. Aldermen will address the budget amendments and try to justify them at a special meeting on February 27.

The unappropriated fund balance is an excess of revenues over expenditures that is built through the years and serves as a buffer against unforeseen expenditures, such as those that would be needed to make immediate repairs after a hurricane or other disaster. Monies in the unappropriated fund balance are also

used to fund capital needs not anticipated by the city's budget.

"I do not intend in any way to reflect on the past mayor or board, but there are 24 budget amendments to be presented to the board tonight," Holden said as aldermen met in regular session Thursday. "I spent ten years on this board, six as mayor, and I never saw that amount of money."

But by Monday of this week Holden was less circumspect. He charged his predecessor, C. B. Caroon, had deliberately withheld the budget amendments to paint a better picture of Southport's financial picture.

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'What they did was set up a slush fund and whenever somebody wanted something, they took the money out of fund balance.'

Norman Holden
Southport mayor

Report Card may miss mark

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Brunswick County schools scored poorly on the state's "Report Card", but is the system getting an unwarranted bad rap or are students not getting the education they deserve?

While test scores may not be at the top now, assistant superintendent Mose Lewis said he thinks Brunswick County schools will blossom in the near future.

"We have all the elements in place to be a top-notch school system," he

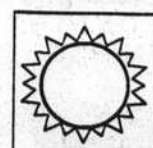
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1991 California Achievement Test Scores

GRADES	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	BRUNS. COUNTY	NEW HANOVER	NORTH CAROLINA
3	60.5	51	51	53	71	64
6	49	46	46	49	61	58
8	60	52	52	56	60	56



OUTSIDE



Forecast

The extended forecast for the Southport-Oak Island area calls for fair weather Thursday through Saturday. Expect highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s during this period, the U. S. Weather Bureau says.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20	LOW
9:25 a.m.		3:11 a.m.
9:56 p.m.		3:33 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21		
10:12 a.m.		3:01 a.m.
10:47 p.m.		3:18 p.m.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22		
11:00 a.m.		4:50 a.m.
11:37 p.m.		5:05 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23		
11:50 a.m.		5:42 a.m.
--- p.m.		5:52 p.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24		
12:29 a.m.		6:36 a.m.
12:41 p.m.		6:46 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25		
1:24 a.m.		7:32 a.m.
1:36 p.m.		7:43 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26		
2:24 a.m.		8:32 a.m.
2:34 p.m.		8:43 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.