

## Health Board To Dine

Brunswick County Board of Health members will combine business with a social hour at their December meeting, which will be held Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sea Trail Links Clubhouse, Sunset Beach.

Following a half-hour social time, New Hanover County Board of Health member Carl Durham will speak at 7 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner at 7:30 p.m. for board members and their companions.

The health department will pick up the ribeye steak dinner tab of \$10 plus tip for board members, while members are expected to pay for their guests.

## Rabies Clinic Planned Dec. 7

A rabies clinic will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Brunswick Animal Hospital on U.S. 17 in Supply and at Cape Fear Animal Hospital on N.C. 87 in Southport.

Rabies shots will be administered for \$5 each. Distemper and parvo shots will be administered at the regular rate.

For further information, call the Brunswick County Animal Shelter at 754-8201 or the Brunswick County Health Department at 253-4381, 763-1312 or 457-5281.

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## Ribbon-Cutting Opens New Business

Sunset Beach Mayor James E. Gordon cut the ribbon officially opening the Design Center Saturday morning, as owners, employees, and their families and friends watched. County Commission Chairman Chris Chappell, who was scheduled to officiate at the opening, did not return from business in Florida in time to attend.

The Design Center, located on Hwy. 179 between Ocean Isle and Sunset Beach, is a new concept in home decorating, according to Miller and Tom Pope, who said they developed it to meet the growing needs of the county.

STAFF PHOTO BY EDDIE SWEATT

## Elections Board Short-Handed

The Brunswick County Board of Elections has been operating short-handed since early October, officials confirmed Tuesday.

One member of the three-member panel, Jim Jefferies of Boiling Spring Lakes, resigned before the Long

Beach primary in October because of poor health.

A replacement has not been named, elections board Chairman Larry Andrews said Tuesday.

Jefferies is a Republican, as will be his successor.

Andrews said the executive committee of the Brunswick County Republican Party must meet to nominate up to three candidates for the position.

The names will be submitted, in order of preference, to the State Board of Elections, which makes the final appointment.

Under state election law, the party that holds the governor's seat is entitled to two of the three seats on the county board and the minority party the third seat. Jefferies is a Republican.

Orie Gore of Southport is the Democratic member; Andrews is the



**JIM JEFFERIES**  
second Republican.

He said a date had not been set to nominate Jefferies' successor. GOP Chairman John Dozier could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

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