

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, Dec. 18
BRUNSWICK TECHNICAL COLLEGE TRUSTEES will meet in the college board room, 7 p.m. Rescheduled from Dec. 17.

Friday, Dec. 19
DEADLINE TO ENTER the Dec. 21 Calabash Veterans of Foreign Wars Golf Tournament at Oyster Bay Golf Links. For more information contact I.G. Botts, Carolina Shores.

CALABASH EXTENSION HOMEOWNERS meet at the Calabash Volunteer Fire Department, 10 a.m.

A PRESCHOOL STORYTIME CHRISTMAS PARTY is planned at the Leland Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.

TURKEY SHOOT sponsored by Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department at the fire station, \$2 per shot, with turkeys and picnic hams as prizes, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

TURKEY SHOOT by the Calabash Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Calabash on N.C. 179 just north of the traffic light, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

SHALLOTTE AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets at Camp United Methodist Church, 8 p.m. This is a support group for families of alcoholics.

CLOSED MEETING of Alcoholics Anonymous for individuals who have a problem with alcohol, AA Building, Grissetown, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20
SANTA CLAUS will be at the Sunset Beach Volunteer Fire Department to visit with children who live in the fire district and their parents, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION at Sunnyside School in Shallotte Municipal Park, sponsored by the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce, with tree-lighting, caroling and a visit from Santa, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

TURKEY SHOOT sponsored by Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department at the fire station, \$2 per shot, with picnic hams and turkeys as prizes. Proceeds will be used to buy fire truck equipment, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

THE LAST TURKEY SHOOT in a series sponsored by the Calabash Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Calabash on N.C. 179 just north of the traffic light, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., with proceeds for the VFW Building Fund.

Sunday, Dec. 21
TURKEY SHOOT by the Calabash Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Calabash on N.C. 179 just north of the traffic light, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

OPEN MEETING by Alcoholics Anonymous at the AA Building, Grissetown, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22
THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY LIBRARY will temporarily halt bookmobile service until Jan. 6 and libraries will be closed Dec. 24-26 for the Christmas holidays.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES meets in the social services department, Brunswick County Government Center, 9:30 p.m. Open to the public.

BRUNSWICK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT board meets at James' Restaurant, Holden Beach Road, 6 p.m. open to the public.

LADIES AUXILIARY, Calabash VFW Post No. 7288 meets at Brunswick Haus Restaurant, 7:30 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING for individuals who have a problem with alcohol, Alcoholics Anonymous Building, Grissetown, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 23
PILOT CLUB of the South Brunswick Islands meets at Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. in Shallotte, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 24
BRUNSWICK TOASTMASTERS will not meet this week at the Ship's Chandler in Southport, due to the holidays. Meetings resume after New Year's Day.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE meets at the Sizzling Sirloin Family Steakhouse in Shallotte, 12:30 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING for individuals who have a problem with alcohol, at the Alcoholics Anonymous Building, 8 p.m.

Chamber Hopes Santa Will Donate Land

The South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce is hoping a benevolent Santa Claus will leave some land under its tree this Christmas.

Chamber President Alan Holden said he and the board of directors are hoping someone will donate land to the organization before Jan. 1, when the new tax laws will make it more difficult for someone to play Santa.

Someone who donates land to a non-profit organization, such as the chamber, before Jan. 1 can take a tax deduction equal to the market value of the property, Holden explained.

After Jan. 1, the only deduction one will be able to take is the actual cost or basis one has in the property, he continued.

Holden said the chamber needs the land in order to develop a permanent site for its annual N.C. Oyster Festival. It would also be available for other community groups to use. "We will appreciate anything, a lot, tract or whatever," Holden stressed.

The chamber board recessed a Tuesday meeting so it could reconvene on short notice between now and the last day of the year if Santa calls. A lawyer is on standby to complete the necessary paperwork by the deadline.

Court To Decide Value Of Condemned Land

A jury will decide what is a fair price for property condemned by the N.C. Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Shallotte bypass.

In a complaint filed in Brunswick County Superior Court Nov. 24, the state asks for a decision on the \$60,750 it is offering Robert H. White and H.D. White III, doing business as White Investments and Hughes Garden Center Inc., for land in Shallotte North Subdivision that will be taken by the state for the bypass.

The defendants and the plaintiffs have been unable to agree on the purchase price.

The tract lies north of Shallotte along U.S. 17 near Chapel Hill Cemetery and will be within the right-of-way of the bypass, which has a proposed routing from 1.2 miles east of S.R. 1136, Old Shallotte Road N.W., south of Shallotte, to 5.3 miles west of S.R. 1136, Red Bug Road S.W., north of Shallotte.

The state has deposited the money with the Brunswick County Clerk of Court for later disbursement should the court decide that amount is fair. If the court rules in favor of the defendants, the money will go toward the amount approved by the court.

The case was filed by Senior Deputy Attorney General Eugene A. Smith and Assistant Attorney General James E. Wagner, Jr. of the N.C. Department of Justice.

The Shallotte bypass is part of U.S. 17 to be four-laned from Bell Swamp to the South Carolina state line.

According to DOT Project Engineer Earl Willis, the three-mile project will cost about \$10 million and could be completed in 1990.

Police File More Charges

Additional charges have been filed by Holden Beach Police against three men arrested last week in connection with a series of break-ins.

Officer George Atkins said Tuesday that Arthur Edward Carter and Melvin Curtis Hoark of Kannapolis and Randy Eugene Sloup of Concord have been charged with three additional counts each of breaking and entering and larceny, for a total of five counts.

The men also were charged earlier with a felony larceny of a firearm, a .32-cal. revolver.

Their Dec. 6 arrests followed a search by town police of a residence at 349 Ocean Boulevard East.

Carter and Sloup have been released on bond; Hoark remained Tuesday in the Brunswick County Jail in lieu of bond exceeding \$15,000.

The charges relate to a series of break-ins of homes on the east end of Ocean Boulevard.

Atkins said additional charges could be forthcoming since the department still has some unidentified property recovered while making the arrests.

Audit Results Reported

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observed. In a five-page management letter to the commissioners, the auditors recommended several routine improvements in internal controls.

These included a move to centralized purchasing and acquisition of more computer memory, both actions proposed by the county; more consistent use of purchase orders for all disbursements and better control over budget amendments.

For example, there were instances where the county incurred obligations when there was no unencumbered balance in the budgeted appropriation to cover them. In another instance, some water bond proceeds were obligated and spent without formal budget approval.

Other Business

In other business, commissioners: • Following their executive session, voted unanimously to uphold the county manager's decision regarding Frank Adams, former county building inspector. Adams had appealed his recent dismissal.

• Agreed to let County Attorney David Clegg take vacation accrued in 1986 later since he is currently acting county manager and cannot take the time he has coming. County Manager Billy Carter is out sick.

• Set a joint meeting with the Utilities Operations Board for Jan. 5.

• Set a public hearing for 7 p.m. Jan. 12 in the public assembly building on the proposed paving of Lee Drive under the Department of Transportation's property owners participation program.

• Made several appointments, with Commissioner Jim Poole reappointing Dr. Peter Ahnrad to the county health board and Grace Heasley reappointing Donald Noe to the Brunswick Hospital Authority. Commissioner Chris Chappell delayed his remaining appointments to the Industrial Facilities Board and health board until January.

• Learned that in November the building inspections office issued 365 permits, including 155 building, 124 electrical, 56 plumbing and 36 mechanical, collecting fees of \$14,297.30. Of the building permits, 95 were for housing units. These included 13 detached single-family homes, 78 mobile homes and four condominium units.

• Agreed, on a motion made reluctantly by Ludlum, to allow Brunswick Technical College to transfer \$18,919 in unspent current expense funds to its capital outlay budget for construction of a utility building. Said Ludlum, a trustee of the college, "Let them have it this time. It's basically spent." But, in future, he said, the county would look more closely at budget allocations to the college.

• On Commissioner Poole's motion tabled, until the county manager is present, consideration of a proposal by Tax Administrator Boyd Williamson to eliminate tax listing in the field and to adopt a permanent listing of real estate.

• Presented certificates of appreciation to two contract electrical inspectors and their wives, Carl and Lois Lewis and Van and Edna Earl Weeks. The county building inspections office has employed its own full-time and a part-time electrical inspectors.

• Heard from Robert Hoff of Shallotte Point, who had several questions regarding the Utilities Operations Board and its attendance requirements. One member, it was noted, had a poor record of attendance. The board's bylaws stipulate that members who don't attend meetings regularly are to be replaced.

• Adopted a resolution presented by Commissioner Poole releasing the share of a new state economic development grant to the Cape Fear Council of Governments. The money will be used for economic development projects.

• Heard the adjusted 1986 property tax valuation is \$3.82 billion, creating a levy of \$17.77 million, plus \$133,312 in late listing penalties. The valuation for the Dasher Hospital District is \$177 million, creating a levy of \$97,431, said Tax Administrator Boyd Williamson.

• Adjusted retanage on several water line construction contracts as follows, on the recommendation of consulting engineers Lewis & Associates: Erected Steel Products Inc., to 5.5 percent of the total contract plus \$7,310 to cover five outstanding liens; Hall Contracting, to 5 percent, with coverage of an \$8,950 lien; and Brown Steel Contractors, to 5 percent on the Boiling Springs Lakes tank with liens only sterilization and filling with water.

Out-Of-Court Settlement Reached In Labor Dispute

An out-of-court settlement has apparently been reached in a month-long dispute between a shipping company and the International Longshoremen's Association.

Details of the settlement were not available.

A hearing on a temporary restraining order barring union pickets from the Carolina Caribbean Carriers port on Eagle Island and from acts of vandalism was due to be heard in Columbus County District Court Monday, but was not.

But a spokesman for Carolina Caribbean Carriers has been quoted saying the controversy has been resolved and that CCC will continue to use non-union labor to load its barges.

The dispute began last month after the company was taken over by Ponce Maritime Services of Puerto Rico and moved its loading operation

from Wilmington's state port to its new location at Eagles Island and began using a non-union dock gang.

Representatives of I.L.A. locals 1426 and 1786 in Wilmington and 1838 in Southport began picketing the company to protest the use of non-union labor, which they say are making a little more than \$4 an hour. Members of the I.L.A. earn \$17 an hour, according to an I.L.A. spokesman.

CCC said the picketing was disrupting business and obtained a temporary restraining order to bar the picketers from its property.

The company had considered moving its operation to ports in Florida because the protest was costing it money, but apparently is no longer considering it.

The company does plan to open a second port operation for barge traffic between the U.S. and Puerto Rico by mid-1987 at a Florida port.

Rains Continue Above Normal

Temperatures should average near normal over the next few days, while above normal precipitation is expected to continue.

Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady said the area can expect nighttime lows averaging around 49 degrees, with daytime highs of around 60 degrees, and about three-quarters inch of rainfall.

For the period Dec. 9-15, he recorded

ed a maximum high of 75 degrees on the 9th and a minimum low of 28 degrees on the 14th. An average daily high of 62 degrees combined with an average daily low of 46 degrees for a daily average temperature of 54 degrees. Canady said that is about six degrees above normal.

He measured 2.28 inches of rain at Shallotte Point during the period.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We're delivering our season's greetings right to your door. The merriest Christmas from our house to yours. For your loyal, friendly patronage, our gratitude.

Hwy. 17 N., Shallotte 754-8131

Bucanner Hills Man Found Dead

A 72-year-old man found dead in his mobile home Monday apparently died from natural causes, according to Brunswick County Coroner Greg White.

White said Edward Overfield of Bucanner Hills, off of Seashore Road, had been dead approximately four days when a postal worker

became concerned because Overfield's van was lame, but he wasn't collecting his mail.

At about 7:15 p.m. Monday, the postal worker called the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad. The Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department also assisted with the call.

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Layaway early for Christmas!

NATURE'S CLOSET

Resort Plaza, Shallotte, 754-9985

Hours: Mon. thru Sat. 10-6, Sun. 2-5 after Thanksgiving

And the Lion shall lay with the Lamb.

SOLAR UTILITIES

Milliken Shopping Plaza, Shallotte, 754-7533

MERRY CHRISTMAS

INLET VIEW MARINA

Off Hwy. 179, Between Ocean Isle & Sunset Beach, 579-6440