

## Calendar Of Events

### Thursday, Oct. 29

**STORYTELLER JESS PARKER** will tell ghost stories to adults, at the West Brunswick Branch Library, Shallotte, 2 p.m.  
**GHOST WALK** for all ages begins at the Main Library in Southport, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
**GAME NIGHT** at the American Legion Post one mile south of Shallotte, U.S. 17, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 30

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME HALLOWEEN PARTY** will be held at the Leland Branch Library, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.  
**STORYTELLER JESS PARKER** will tell ghost stories to adults at the Main Library, in Southport, 2 p.m.  
**SPECIAL MEETING** of the Calabash Town Council to authorize attorney Mike Ramos to proceed with plans for water system assessments, at the town hall, 4:30 p.m.  
**SHALLOTTE ALANON 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.  
**SHALLOTTE WHEEL AND DEALERS** Square Dance Club dances each Friday at the American Legion Hut south of Shallotte, 8 p.m. Public welcome.  
**GAME NIGHT** at the Sunset Beach Volunteer Fire Department has been discontinued for the winter.

### Saturday, Oct. 31

**CALABASH VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD THRIFT SHOP**, beside the squad building on N.C. 179, will be open, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**THE N.C. FESTIVAL BY THE SEA** continues through the day at Holden Beach; see supplement inside this issue.  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC RALLY** will be held at the Brunswick County Government Center Public Assembly Building, 2 p.m.-7 p.m.  
**GAME NIGHT** will be held at the Calabash Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m.

### Sunday, Nov. 1

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK** and diabetes detection clinic will be held at the Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad building, Holden Beach Road, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.  
**OPEN MEETING** of Alcoholics Anonymous at the Grissetown AA Building, 8 p.m.

### Monday, Nov. 2

**THE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL** meets at Joe's Barbecue in Shallotte, 8:30 a.m.  
**OCEAN ISLE BEACH PLANNING BOARD** meets at the town hall, 9:30 a.m.  
**CALABASH ZONING BOARD** meets at the town hall, 4 p.m.  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** meet in their chambers at the Brunswick County Government Center, Administration Building, 10 a.m.  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** meets in the Administration Building conference room, Southport, 6:30 p.m.  
**HOLDEN BEACH COMMISSIONERS** meet at the town hall, with a public hearing scheduled on a proposed zoning ordinance addition regarding lots with marsh or wetlands, 6:30 p.m.  
**SHALLOTTE PLANNING BOARD** meets at the town hall, 7 p.m.  
**PUBLIC HEARING** by the Brunswick County Commissioners on the proposed naming of the entrance road to the Brunswick County Industrial Park as Industrial Boulevard, in the commissioners' chambers, Brunswick County Government Center, 7 p.m.  
**A PUBLIC HEARING** on a proposed rezoning will be held by the Sunset Beach Town Council, 7 p.m., followed by the regular board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
**CALABASH VFW POST NO. 7288** meets at the post home in Calabash, 7:30 p.m.  
**CLOSED MEETING** for individuals who have a problem with alcohol, Alcoholics Anonymous Building, Grissetown, 8 p.m.

### Tuesday, Nov. 3

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** for youngsters ages three to five will be held at the West Brunswick Branch Library, Shallotte, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m., 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

### Wednesday, Nov. 4

**BRUNSWICK TOASTMASTERS** meets at the Ship's Chandler on the waterfront in Southport, with guests welcome, 7 a.m.-8 a.m. Call 754-5082 evenings and weekends for more information, or if interested in joining a Shallotte-area group.  
**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** for youngsters ages three to five will be held at the Main Library, Southport, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m., 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  
**SHALLOTTE ALDERMEN** meet in regular session at the town hall, 7:30 p.m.  
**CLOSED MEETING** for individuals who have a problem with alcohol, at the Alcoholics Anonymous Building, Grissetown, 8 p.m.  
**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meets each Wednesday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, N.C. 211, Southport, offering a 12-step program to help addicts overcome their desire to use drugs and fellowship among recovering addicts, 8 p.m. For more information, call 1-762-6638.

## Southport Denies Ward's Allegations

BY RAHN ADAMS

The City of Southport earlier this month denied allegations made by former Southport drug counselor Robert E. Ward—the city responding to Ward's \$20,000 lawsuit over an arrest warrant sworn against him last year.

Also, the city has filed a motion for summary judgment in the suit, while Ward has filed a motion requesting that the case be heard in a jury trial.

Both sides have requested that their motions be heard during the Nov. 9 session of Brunswick County Civil Superior Court in Bolivia.

Ward is represented by Shallotte attorney Michael Ramos. Southport and Coring are represented by the

Winston-Salem law firm of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice.

Ward filed the suit on Oct. 2 in Superior Court against the city, Southport Police Chief William Coring and Long Beach resident Ruth B. Somers.

In his lawsuit, Ward asks for compensatory damages of at least \$10,000 and punitive damages of at least \$10,000.

Ward, who now lives in Horry County, S.C., was founder and director of Tar Heels Against Drugs (THAD), a former anti-drug abuse counseling service in Southport.

On Oct. 28, 1986, Coring swore out a warrant against Ward for allegedly practicing psychology without a

license.

The charge was voluntarily dismissed by the state on June 4.

In his lawsuit, Ward claims that Coring had the warrant issued "without probable cause" and that it "was done maliciously . . . for the purpose of not bringing the Plaintiff (Ward) to justice but rather to injure the Plaintiff . . ."

Ward also claims he was libeled by Coring in comments the police chief made that were published in newspapers including The State Port Pilot of Southport, the Wilmington Star-News and The Brunswick Beacon.

Southport filed its response to Ward's suit Oct. 13 with the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office in Bolivia.

The city denied all of Ward's claims where they involved alleged wrongdoing by Coring.

The city's answer did not address Ward's claims against Ms. Somers. No response from her had been filed at the clerk of court's office by last Friday.

Southport's motion for summary judgment was filed Oct. 20.

Included with the motion was an affidavit from Coring which stated the

police chief "was shocked when suit papers were served upon me and the City by the same plaintiff's attorney (Ramos) who had agreed not to bring any civil action if I would get the charges dismissed, which I had done."

As an exhibit, Coring filed a copy of a letter from Ramos to Coring, dated Dec. 23, 1986, which stated:

"Since our last meeting, I have spoken with Dr. Ward and he has agreed that if you will dismiss the pending criminal charge of practicing psychology without a license, he will not pursue any civil action against you. You may take this letter as evidence of such an agreement."

However, an affidavit filed Oct. 21 by Ramos indicated that Ward had only agreed not to sue Coring individually.

## Dosher To Use \$90,000 Grant For Equipment, Three Offices

Dosher Memorial Hospital in Southport has received a grant of \$90,000 from the Duke Endowment.

The money will help fund construction of a physicians' office park and equipment for the hospital.

"In order to attract and retain physicians for our service area we need to supply adequate office space for them, as well as upgraded equipment in the hospital," said Hospital Administrator Arthur Pittman. "We've put together a plan that includes a number of different items, all aimed at better service for our community."

The plan calls for construction of three offices for doctors adjacent to the hospital, with space left for a fourth office in the future. Additional space will be purchased to provide

parking, he said.

Inside the hospital, new equipment will be purchased for the operating room, physical therapy, laboratory, wellness and occupational health services programs.

The funds will also be used to help pay for a new computer and software for accounting, patient data and a management information system.

Since 1929, the Duke Endowment has awarded over \$525,000 to Dosher Memorial Hospital.

The private foundation provides assistance to not-for-profit hospitals and child-care institutions in the Carolinas, as well as to rural United Methodist churches and retired ministers in North Carolina and to Davidson College and Duke, Furman and Johnson C. Smith universities.

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