

TEMPORARY SITE NEEDED

Boosters Seeking Shallotte Library Access During Renovation

BY ERIC CARLSON

If patrons of the West Brunswick Library branch in Shallotte want to use its collection while the building is closed for four months of renovation next spring, they should find a place to house the books and enlist volunteers to help run it.

That was the message given to the Friends of the Library support group at the Brunswick County Library Board meeting Monday night after FOL officers asked the trustees for help in keeping the Shallotte library open.

Construction of new library buildings in Leland and on Oak Island are slated for completion by next March, according to Don Eggert, chairman of the library board and its building committee.

The board hopes to advertise for bids next month for the renovation and expansion of the Southport and Oak Island branches, with construction scheduled to begin March 3.

Current plans call for the old branches to be closed during renovation, with library employees re-assigned temporarily to the new branches. The Shallotte and Southport libraries are expected to be closed until mid-July, Eggert said.

Last spring, users of the West Brunswick library branch wrote numerous letters to board members asking that the Shallotte library be kept open during construction. That idea was rejected after concerns were raised about potential safety and liability problems.

Officers of the Friends of the West Brunswick Library Monday asked the library board for help in finding some way to keep at least some of the library's collection available to users.

"We don't have the money to pay for any kind of move," said FOL Secretary Blanche Bechtle. "Nor do

we have enough to pay for rent or insurance or staff. We need your help."

Board Member Gene Pinkerton said that trying to keep the libraries functioning during refurbishment would require "a tremendous expense," because the library department does not plan to hire additional workers until the next budget year, when all four libraries will be open.

He suggested that the closings might give Shallotte library users an incentive to visit the county's other branches.

Bechtle complained that while Southport library users need only drive across the bridge to the Oak Island branch, those living in the Calabash and Ash areas would have to travel more than an hour to check out books in Leland or Yaupon Beach.

"What about the children?" asked Phyllis Manning. "It's utterly ridiculous to expect children (in western Brunswick County) to go all the way to Southport."

Board Member Anne Hines, whose Oak Island Library Boosters raised nearly \$50,000 toward the construction of a new branch there, suggested that the Friends of West Brunswick Library could organize a similar effort to fund and staff a temporary library.

"If that many people in Shallotte want a library, they ought to come out and support it like the people on Oak Island did," Hines said. "You ought to be able to find a local businessman who will loan you a building for four months."

Member Margaret Harper said the library board does not have enough money in its budget to complete, staff and equip the four libraries. And it will not receive any more funds until the next budget year begins in July. So the county would not be able fund a relocation effort.

The board informally agreed that it would support the temporary library relocation and could probably provide one staff member to supervise volunteers. But it will be up to the Library Boosters to find a building and staff it.

Booster members said they intend to begin a campaign to keep the library open and will advise the library board of its progress.

In other business the board adopted a policy to allow temporary residents to check out library materials. Seasonal residents may be eligible for a temporary library card by paying a non-refundable fee of \$25 and showing proof of permanent address.

The temporary card will be valid for 12 months and can be used to borrow unlimited paperbacks plus three hard back books or one cassette at a time. The policy will not allow persons who are visiting for less than a month to check out library materials, although they are invited to use library resources.



LIBRARY BOARD Member Gene Pinkerton hears a request from Blanch Bechtle of the Friends of West Brunswick Library, who asked for help in keeping the Shallotte library branch collection available to the public during renovation of the building.

Minnie K. Hunt

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WHERE DOES MINNIE HUNT STAND ON THE ISSUES?

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- **RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT:** Town government that listens to our citizens, respects their concerns, and works on their behalf to ensure a positive future.
- **RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT:** Town government that preserves our mainland woods and greenspaces, beautiful family beach, marshes and waterways.
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- Sunset Beach Town Council Member, 1985-89; served as Council Finance Officer.
- 17-year professional career: Project Manager for AT&T; Project Manager & Auditor for Blue Cross; Director of Hospital Information Center, Duke University Medical Center where she managed staff of 57 and 4 million dollar budget.
- A lifelong commitment to Sunset Beach; a reputation in this community for integrity, intelligence, knowledge, and leadership; determination to work with all of our citizens to build a bright future for Sunset Beach.

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Polls Open At 6:30 Tuesday

Most Brunswick County voters will go to their regular county polling places to vote Tuesday, Nov. 2, on both local and statewide issues.

However, Holden Beach voters will make two stops, one at their precinct polling place to vote on state issues and one at Holden Beach Town Hall to vote on the municipal races.

Grissetown Precinct, which includes much of the Ocean Isle and Sunset Beach areas will vote in the same facility, but in a new location. The Sea Trail Corp. buildings that once stood near the intersection of N.C. 179 and N.C. 904 have been relocated to a site beside Jones/Byrd Clubhouse, still in Sea Trail Plantation.

All polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

The county polling places are as follows:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
Shingletree	Calabash VFD
Grissetown	Jones-Byrd Pavilion
Ash	Waccamaw Community Bldg.
Freeland	Myrtle King Bldg.
Longwood	Roland Gore Store
Frying Pan	N.C.N.G. Armory, Shallotte
Shallotte	Shallotte VFD
Secession 1	Lockwood Folly Comm. Bldg.
Secession 2	Bellamy's Net Shop
Supply	Supply VFD
Mosquito	Sunset Harbor VFD
Bolivia	Bolivia Town Hall
Boiling Spring Lakes	BSL Rescue Squad Bldg.
Oak Island 1	Caswell Beach Town Hall
Oak Island 2	Long Beach Rec. Center
Southport 1	Jaycees Bldg.
Southport 2	American Legion Bldg.
Town Creek	Town Creek Park
Belville	DOT Maintenance Bldg.
Woodburn	Navassa Town Hall
Leland	Leland Community Bldg.
Hood Creek	Hood Creek Comm. Bldg.

Clegg Named Administrative Law Judge For ESC Hearings

Former Brunswick County Manager and County Attorney David Clegg has been appointed to a position of deputy commissioner with the N.C. Employment Security Commission, it was announced Monday.

In an interview Tuesday, Clegg said he will travel throughout the state and will sit as an administrative

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"You won't hear, 'Not in my backyard,' from John Harvey," he said.

Meanwhile, Martin Marietta is expected to file its application for a mining permit this week through the land quality section of the N.C. Department of Environmental Health and Natural Resources, Harvey said.

law judge in hearings on personnel cases appealed to the ESC. His written opinions will be used by the commission in its rulings.

Clegg will also advise the ESC on matters of law and will represent the commission in appeals of its decisions to the N.C. Court of Appeals and the N.C. Supreme Court.

"I was very, very pleased that the Employment Security Commission felt that I was adequately trained for the position," Clegg said. "I think my background representing Brunswick County in such cases was a major factor in my appointment."

Clegg described the job as a challenging position that includes "a quasi-judicial function, an advocacy function and an advisory function."

After being sworn in on Nov. 15, Clegg will operate out of an office in Raleigh. He said he will resign Friday from his current position as assistant county attorney for Cumberland County.

When you leave the Brunswick shores, take the Beacon with you!

