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## Shallotte Library Closure May Be Brief, Thanks To Fundraisers

**BY ERIC CARLSON**  
It looks as if patrons of the West Brunswick Library branch in Shallotte will see only a brief interruption of service during a scheduled renovation this spring, thanks to the efforts of volunteer fundraisers.

The Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees on Monday told Library Director Maurice Tate to develop a plan for staffing a temporary branch in Shallotte during the five months of construction and to suggest ways of providing evening hours at all branches.

The Shallotte and Southport library branches are scheduled to be closed for renovations from early April to mid August. While those who normally use the Southport branch will have nearby access to the new Leland and Oak Island library branches, citizens of western Brunswick County were faced with no local library service during the construction.

The Friends of West Brunswick Library has organized a successful fundraising effort to rent and staff a temporary library branch. Organizers say they have located two potential sites in the Shallotte area and feel certain they will have enough money to operate the temporary branch.

"If you can have a county employee there eight hours a day, we will guarantee that you will have a volunteer for every one of those hours," FOL member Sue McCann told the library board. "If necessary we will organize a back-up system for every hour. Having volunteers will not be a problem. Having employees might be."

The group hopes the library board will authorize a regular county library employee to be on-hand five days a week to allow full-time operation of the temporary branch. As an alternative, FOL member John Twomey suggested staffing the site at least three full days and one evening per week.

"The people who are donating money are not going to be very happy to see us rent a space and only have it open two days a week. That would make it pretty expensive," Twomey said.

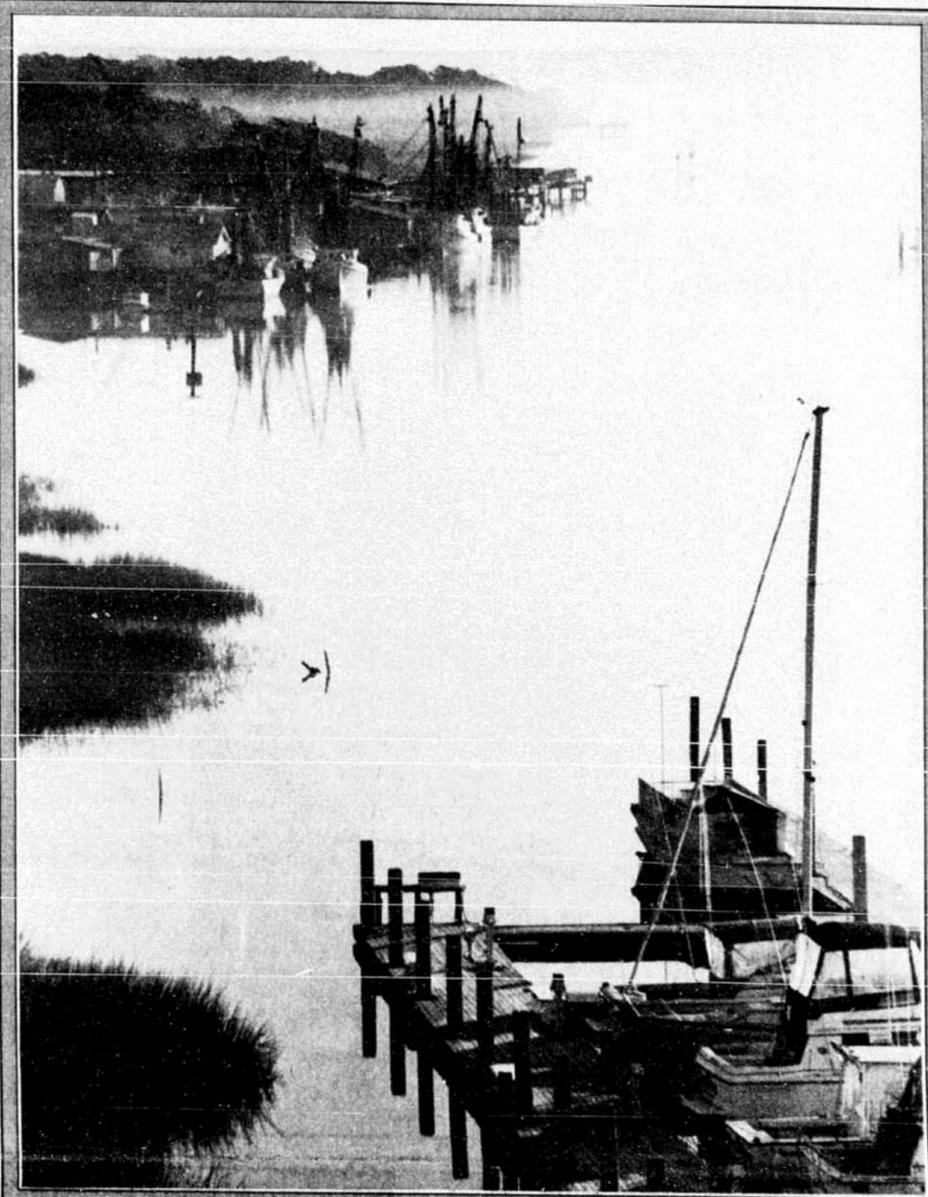
Library board member Marie Harrison suggested that the trustees agree to put off evening hours for the new library branches until July, when additional library personnel may be authorized in the new county budget.

But Harrison found no support on the board for the idea of postponing extended operating hours. The board has gone on record in support of longer hours in an effort to give more people access to the new four-branch library system. A more flexible library schedule has been one of the primary issues for the citizen groups that raised funds to build the Leland and Oak Island branches.

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**Misty Morning**

A soft mist rising from the marsh along the intracoastal waterway gives an unearthly glow to this early morning view from the Holden Beach Bridge.

STAFF PHOTO BY ERIC CARLSON

## Manager Cancels Landfill Siting Work For 'Internal Study'

**BY SUSAN USHER**  
A Tuesday night meeting of a committee charged with recommending the site of a new county landfill was called off last week and committee activity suspended by Brunswick County Manager Wyman Yelton.

Yelton's action raised concerns from people living near one potential site about how and when the location will be decided, as well as questions about whether the county can stay on track to meet a January 1998 deadline for opening an artificially lined county landfill.

"I just want us to have more time to look at the information internally before we go back to the committee," said Yelton of his decision at mid-week to cancel the meeting. "I think we need to back off a while and do a little homework so we can provide commissioners as much information as possible."

The siting committee was to make its recommendation to the commissioners, who will make the final siting decision.

Yelton said he particularly wants to look at information from a state interagency task force that County Engineer Robert Tucker and siting committee members received at a public meeting held Jan. 11.

The decision to cancel the Jan. 25 meeting came too late to announce through local newspapers last week; an announcement was posted on the door at the Brunswick County Public Assembly Building and an advertisement taken out in the Sunday edition of a daily newspaper.

Royal Oak resident William Burney, who owns some of the property targeted in a site recommended as "second-best suited" for the landfill, is one of several community leaders jointly organizing opposition in the Supply/Bolivia area. He was trying late last week to get word out through churches and fellow leaders of the cancellation.

He said he would like to see the siting committee have at least one more public meeting before reaching a decision.

"I intend to have the whole community at the next meeting—at the last one I had 50," said Burney.

He and another local property owner, Anthony Clemmons, said they anticipated at least 500 people were prepared to attend the Jan. 25 meeting before its cancellation, up from the more than 125 people who turned out for the Jan. 11 meeting.

"We see a pattern of the county locating landfills in disadvantaged neighborhoods," said Burney and Clemmons, while more wealthy population centers generate a majority of the waste. They're also not convinced the "people" factor has been taken into account or given high priority by the interagency task force or siting committee. The edge of the proposed site in their community, for instance, comes up to Little Macedonia Baptist Church—so close, suggested Burney, that congregating gulls might interfere with worship.

Clemmons suggested siting the landfill in a more remote area away from residential communities, pointing on a map to a possible site in the Winnabow/Town Creek area north of U.S. 17.

Landfill siting committee member Major White, who was county landfill director for 10 years, wants the committee to consider yet another alternative: not opening the landfill at a new location, but expanding at the existing location. It would cost substantially less, he suggested, because an access road exists, scales are on site and sufficient paper company-owned land is available for expansion.

"Just because a site's best in the state's opinion doesn't mean it is best for Brunswick County," he said

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## Sunset Residents Question Sewer Fees, Environmental Impact

**BY DOUG RUTTER AND LYNN CARLSON**  
Questions about monthly charges for customers and comments supporting the need for an environmentally-friendly sewer system dominated a hearing Tuesday night at Sunset Beach.

Approximately 100 people turned out as the Sunset Beach Town Council held a public hearing on amendments to the Southwest Brunswick 201 Facilities Plan for the Calabash/Sunset Beach planning area.

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The South Brunswick Water & Sewer Authority is planning to construct and operate a \$34.9 million sewer system that will serve Sunset Beach, downtown Calabash and some unincorporated areas in between.

As proposed, the system will be financed with \$8.8 million in loans and \$26.1 million in authority-issued revenue bonds. Construction is expected to begin in September with completion scheduled for the end of 1996.

Most of the 14 speakers who attended Tuesday's hearing at the Jones/Byrd Pavilion

indicated they are in favor of a sewer system.

However, they asked questions about how much it will cost each month and voiced concerns about how the sewer system could impact the environment if a stormwater runoff system isn't included as part of the project.

Fielding their questions were engineers Joe Tombro and Jim Billups of Powell Associates of North Myrtle Beach, Inc., who were hired to prepare the 201 Facilities Plan.

Based on Sunset Beach water usage records, the engineers reported that three-

fourths of the permanent residents use less than 5,000 gallons on water per month.

"That individual home would pay \$18 per month (for sewer service) under the proposed program," said Billups, adding that the average monthly water usage is 4,100 gallons.

People who use more than 5,000 gallons per month would face a higher charge. "If you happen to fall into the higher category, yes you're going to be impacted," Billups said.

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## Hewett Leads Local Candidates In Donations, Campaign Spending

**BY ERIC CARLSON**  
It's far too early to pick a likely winner for any of this year's May 3 countywide primary elections. But a clear leader has emerged in the race to gather political contributions.

When Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Ronald Hewett signed up to file for the sheriff's race on Jan. 3, he had already collected more than \$18,700 in donations to his campaign and had spent over \$13,000 on advertising, postage and fund raising events, according to campaign finance reports filed with the Brunswick County Board of Elections.

This is the first year that candidates for local office in Brunswick County are required to file reports of their campaign funding and expenditures. Contestants in all local races were told to submit their first disclosures within 10 days of filing.

The reports indicate that before filing, most candidates had done little more than to establish a campaign treasurer. Most simply donated enough of their own money to their campaigns to pay filing fees.

Only in the sheriff's race was there any significant fund raising activity during the year leading up to what is likely to be a hotly contested election season.

Chief Deputy John Marlow gave his campaign \$1,900 and collected one \$50 donation during 1993. His only reported expenditure was the \$532 filing fee.

Long Beach Police Sgt. Bill Sisk gave his campaign \$1,200 and collected two \$50 donations. He has spent \$1,117 of that on print advertisements, bumper stickers, an Easter Seals donation and his filing fee.

Former N.C. Highway Patrolman Jerry Dove collected \$1,210 in donations, with only one exceeding \$100. He spent about \$700 on campaign buttons and stickers last year.

Meanwhile, Hewett's campaign began raising money last January and collected nearly 200 individual contri-

butions during 1993. His biggest financial supporters have been campaign treasurer Albert H. Parker Sr. of Supply, who donated \$700 last year, and Shallotte businessman Floyd Kirby, who gave \$650.

While several other people donated between \$200 and \$500 to Hewett's campaign, most of the contributions were for \$25, \$50 or \$100.

Nearly all of Hewett's campaign donations have come from within Brunswick County, with a few notable exceptions. North Carolina Secretary of State Rufus Edmiston donated \$100 to the campaign. Former U.S. Senator Robert Morgan gave \$200. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bob Etheridge contributed \$50.

Both N.C. State Representatives Dewey Hill and David Redwine gave \$100 each to the Hewett election effort.

Hewett's expense report shows his campaign spent more than \$3,000 on signs and nearly \$7,000 on posters, stickers, pens and other advertising during 1993. All of Hewett's campaign money was spent in Brunswick County.

The North Carolina Campaign Reporting Act specifically prohibits anonymous or "pass-the-hat" contributions to candidates for public office. Donations can be accepted only from known individuals and registered political committees.

None of the Brunswick County candidates reported any contributions from political committees.

Under the law, all contributions must be recorded and reported. No individual or committee may give a candidate, political party or political committee more than \$4,000 during an election cycle.

The next campaign finance disclosure, a pre-primary report, will be due April 22. In it, all candidates must list their contributions and expenditures for the period between filing and April 15.

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## Hawes Seeking Rural Seat On School Board

A former civil officer with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department is the latest candidate to file for election to public office.

Liston Hawes of Ash, who recently retired as deputy lieutenant in the civil division of the sheriff's department, filed as a Democratic candidate for the District 4 seat on the Brunswick County Board of Education.

Hawes presently faces no primary opposition for the seat; incumbent Donna Baxter of Boiling Spring Lakes has not filed for re-election. Pat Purvis Brown, who announced recently as a Republican candidate for the seat, is also from Ash.

As the county's largest electoral district in terms of land size, District 4 encompasses most of the county's rural area from Ash to Winnabow.

In other filing activity, Shallotte attorney Wayne Long filed Jan. 18 with the N.C. Board of Elections office as a candidate for district court judge. (See related story elsewhere in this issue.)

These candidates filed earlier for nomination to county or district offices:

■ Board of Education: incumbent Thurman Gause and challenger Olaf "Bud" Thorsen, Democrats, District 1; George F. Wilson, Democrat, District 2; incumbent Bill Fairley, Republican, District 3; Pat Purvis Brown, Republican, District 4; incumbent Yvonne Lewis Bright, Republican, and Glenda C. Browning, Democrat, District 5;

■ Board of Commissioners: incumbent Don Warren, Democrat, and Frances Ludlum Babson, Republican, District 1; incumbent Jerry Jones, Republican, and W.A. "Alfonzo" Roach, Democrat, District 2; incumbent Wayland Vereen, Democrat, District 3; incumbent Tom Rabon, Democrat, District 4; incumbent Donald Shaw and S. L. Doty, Republicans, and Michael A. Ballard, Dan Davis, W.M. (Bill) Sue, Democrats, District 5;

■ Sheriff: N.C. Highway Patrolman Jerry Dove; Chief Deputy John Marlow; Deputy Lt. Ronald Hewett; and Long Beach Police Sgt. Bill Sisk, Democrats; and Southport businessman James Brown, Republican;

■ Clerk of Superior Court: incumbent Diana Morgan, Democrat; —District Judge, 13th Judicial District: G. Phillip David, Democrat, Whiteville;

■ Superior Court Judge, 13th Judicial District: incumbents Chief Judge William C. Gore Jr. and D. Jack Hooks Jr., Democrats.

■ N.C. House of Representatives: E. David Redwine, Ocean Isle, and Dewey Hill, Lake Waccamaw, Democrat, 14th District (2 seats); Thomas E. Wright Jr., Wilmington, Democrat, 98th District; and

■ State Senate: Ron Taylor, Bladen County, 18th District. Candidates have until noon Monday, Feb. 7, to file for office.

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