PUBLIC HEARINGS JUNE 7

Shallotte May Annex 37 Acres

The proposed annexation of approximately 37 acres of commercial and residential property into Shallotte will be the purpose of two public hearings scheduled June 7.

Aldennen will receive public comments on the possible annexation of about 15 acres of commercial land on Main Street and a 22-acre

planned residential community on Pender Street. Landowner Alvin "Buddy" Milliken Jr. has requested annexation of the Pender Street property, which is contiguous to the existing town limits.

The Shallotte Planning Board has recom-mended annexation of the Milliken property as well as five commercial parcels at the north end of town that are not contiguous.

Three of the parcels are owned by Jo Ann Simmons. Bobby Long, William Powell and Wallace Smith jointly own another and the fifth is owned by Dr. James Mulholland.

Long, who is handling the annexation request for all five owners, said the area includes about seven acres on the north side of the U.S. 17

It has been town board policy in the past not to approve non-contiguous or "satellite" annexa-

However, aldermen said last week the town needs to grow and they hope to eventually annex the one tract that separates the town and commercial land under consideration.

Taxi Cab Franchise

public hearing on the proposed renewal of Johnny Moody's taxi cab franchise at their June 7 meet-

There were no comments on the issue at a May 17 hearing. Officials have been reviewing the town's taxi cab franchise ordinance, but have not developed any proposed changes.

Rescue Squad Leaving?

Also June 7, aldermen will continue talking about the possible move of the Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad headquarters to Ocean

Board members and Shallotte VRS Chief Mark Gore discussed the possible move last week, and town officials asked Gore to return to the June 7 meeting with figures showing the squad's finan-

Gore said Ocean Isle Beach Property Owners Association officials initiated discussion the move after the squad members asked the group to help fund a substation near Ocean Isle where an ambulance could be stationed.

The Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad building is located on land owned by Leonard and David Rourk, and squad members don't know how much longer they will be allowed to stay.

Gore said the lease for the property has expired and the Rourks have agreed to let the squad stay for now. However, the owners do not want a new lease because they don't want to tie up the land.

If the Rourks decide to do something else with In addition to the annexation hearings, sched- the property, Gore said they have promised to

give the rescue squad six months to relocate.

Relocation would be difficult for Shallotte VRS, which Gore says is in bad financial shape and could not afford to move.

"We don't want to move. This is centrally located to our area," Gore said last week. "If there's some way we could work it out we would love to

"We should look at this very seriously." Alderman Roney Cheers said. "It's been a fixture here for many years and it's a needed service."

"We've been here 26 years," Gore said. "There's no need to move after 26 years. But to be honest, I'd rather see us move than close our

Parks And Rec Photo Contest Winners Told

Daisy Cartier of Calabash was first-place winner in the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department's recent amateur photogra-phy contest. The theme was North Carolina's coastal waters.

Forty-one color entries were submitted.

Second place went to Manley Dodson of Long Beach; third place, Rich Brooks of Wilmington; and honorarble mention, Marlene J. Hahn of

Their photographs and all the entries will be on display June 2-22 at Franklin Square Art Gallery in Southport.

Sunset Police Nab One, Seek Another In Island Break-Ins

Sunset Beach Police have arrested a South Carolina woman and have issued a bulletin for her "armed and dangerous" boyfriend in connection with a string of break-ins at vacation home: on the island this month.

The pair is believed to have broken into at least three vacant houses and lived in each one while looking for others to burgiarize, Sunsar Beach Police Sgt. Lisa Massey said

"They would enter the attics of the homes through the service crawlspace and break through the sheet rock ceiling to get inside," Massey said. "That way they left no evidence of a break-in for anyone looking from the outside."

The thieves activities were discovered May 9, when a Florence, S.C., woman arrived for a visit to her home on 28th Street and found a car parked in her driveway, Massey said. As she unlocked the front door, the woman heard someone running

out the back. Massey said she searched the 1983 Mazda left behind in the woman's driveway and discovered papers that revealed the identity of the two suspects. She also found pawn tickets from items stolen in the

A few days later, a maid went to check a house on 34th Street for the had broken in and appeared to be living there. She also found what appeared to be a home-made fake shotgun, Massey said.

"He had taken the metal tube

from a floor lamp and used a piece of baseboard to carve into a stock," Massey said. "He even made a trigger-guard for it out of a piece of wire. We believe they may have been planning for her to use it in an armed robbery."

Massey and Sunset Beach Police Lt. Sam Grantham were able to trace the papers found in the vehicle to Elien Boyce Green, 23, of Florence. She has been arrested and charged with one count of second-degree burglary and three charges each of felonious breaking and entering and larceny. Other charges are pending, Massey said.

Boyce is being held in the Brunswick County Jail in lieu of a \$23,000 bond. Most of the more than \$3,000 worth of stolen property has been recovered, Massey said.

The officers have issued a bulletin on the police computer network for the arrest of Jonathan Keith Rogers, also of Florence, who may also use the names Keith Gardener or Keith Ard, Massey said. Rogers is de-scribed as a white male, 5 feet 6 inches tall, with blonde hair, blue eyes and numerous tattoos. He considered armed and dangerous and is believed to be in the possession of a blue steel semi-automatic pistol.

Anyone who has information regarding Rogers activities or whereshould call the Sunset Beach Police Department at (910) 579-2151 or Detective Tom Hunter of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department at 1-800-672-6379 or



Ken's Pawn Opens In New Site

A ribbon-cutting ceremony May 21 marked the grand opening of Ken's Pawn Shop in its new location at 4498 Main St., Shallotte. Pictured (from left) are Robert H. Tucker, Steve Miller, Sam Hughes, Crystal Miller, Robbie Tucker, Beulah Tucker, James Tucker, Shallotte Mayor Sarah Tripp, Bob McMillan and Ken

Conditions Ripe For Fire; **Burning Ban In Effect Here** A ban on permitted open burning working the 8,647-acre Angola Bay

went into effect in Brunswick and 39 other counties east of I-85 Monday afternoon because of hazardous forest fire conditions.

The N.C. Division of Forest Resources canceled burning permits, whether a permit was issued. The ban does not apply to fires burning within 100 feet of an occupied

The division issued the ban because of dry weather conditions, low humidity and high winds forecast for the week, and because of the fire on the Duplin/Pender County line, limiting the availability of personnel and equipment to fight any other major fire that might occur in the region.

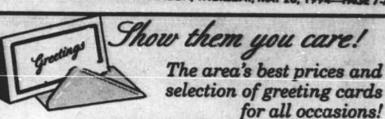
Wind-blown ash from the Angola Bay fire has drifted as far southwest as Bolivia. The fire remains within containment lines; however, anticipated weather conditions make it more likely that any fires will escape control, according to the division.

Brunswick County Forest Ranger Miller Caison said forest fire activity has been "pretty slow" here, at least for the past several days, but that conditions favor wildfire.

"It's dry enough," he said

School Board Calls Closedhigh number of its employees al-**Door Session With Attorney** ready fighting fire in this part of the The Brunswick County Board of Nearly 150 workers are still Tuesday. Raleigh attorney who specializes in Education has canceled a tour of school law. Along with assisting schools in the western attendance with the policy manual update, Schwartz was hired by the board as district and two meetings relating to policy changes. part of its investigation of an inci-Instead, the board will meet dent last summer in which school Friday, May 27, at 1:30 p.m. in the food service property was sold privately to an individual. Following board room in Southport for an exthe incident, one employer was reprimanded and another fired, then reecutive session on attorney/client and personnel matters, most likely stemming from an investigation into turned to work. A suit was brought the improper sale last summer of against the restaurant owner, seeking school food service equipment to a return of the merchandise or its cash Long Beach restaurant owner. Select Group Policy sessions scheduled May 20 Schwartz has issued a preliminary and May 26 were canceled, along with the May 27 tour of Union Flementary, Shallotte Middle and report to the board and was to make his final written report this month. Superintendent Ralph Johnston said Misses' Asst. Styles Cricket Lane at the board's last meeting he antici-West Brunswick High schools. The board is expected to meet Friday with Richard Schwartz, a pated making the findings of that in-Coordinates vestigation public. Ladies' Asst. Styles J. MARK SAUNDERS, O.D.



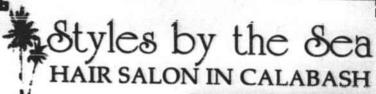


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