

State Board To Award Planning Contract For Oak Island Bridge

The state Board of Transportation Friday is expected to award a contract to a Raleigh firm to prepare planning and environmental studies for construction of a second bridge to Oak Island.

The contract proposes a maximum fee of \$171,847 to be paid to DSAtlantic.

Plans for the project call for building a two-lane facility from South Middleton Avenue to N.C. 211. Middleton Road will be widened from Beach Drive to S.R. 1190 and the bridge over Davis Creek replaced.

Work on the project had been delayed because of discussions among property owners and the state over donation of partial right of way.

This contract will move the planning phase nearly one year ahead of the schedule included in the state Transportation Improvement Program adopted this summer.

Total project cost is expected to run about \$6.75 million, of which \$4.95 million would be for actual construction.

In related action, the board is expected to approve construction on Beach Drive from Oak Island Drive to Middleton Avenue in Long Beach, at a cost of \$200,100.

Also on the agenda for funding approval are these county projects:

- drainage improvement at the west end of

Main Street, Sunset Beach, \$30,000;

■ drainage outfalls to improve roadway drainage on Caswell Beach Road, Caswell Beach, \$15,000;

■ preliminary engineering for relocation of the intersection of Old Fayetteville Road and Village Road, Leland, \$75,000;

■ widening N.C. 211 to three lanes a distance of four-tenths of a mile northward of the existing curb and gutter section in Southport, \$100,000; and

■ replacement of Bridge No. 97 over Juniper Creek on S.R. 1340, \$142,000 for right-of-way acquisition.

Brunswick Sees Big Jump In Stick-Built Housing

Brunswick County has seen a marked increase in the number of "stick-built" houses during the first nine months of 1994 as compared with the same period last year, according to building permit figures released by the county planning department this week.

Permits for site-built houses totaled 154 during the period of January through September, as compared with 106 during the same months of 1993, an increase of 45 percent. The total number of building

permits issued climbed 9.7 percent, from 3,289 in the first nine months of 1993 to 3,575 so far this year.

A total \$16.5 million worth of construction has been permitted this year in the unincorporated areas of Brunswick County, Varnamtown, Bolivia, Leland, Belville, Navassa and Sandy Creek.

There were 13 new homes and 57 mobile homes permitted during September. Three permits were issued for multi-family dwellings worth \$197,200. There were two commercial permits issued for construction totalling \$98,400. For addi-

tions valued at \$165,576 were permitted along with three garages worth \$54,480 and four decks or porches valued at \$12,640.

In all, there were 426 permits issued for more than \$1.5 million worth of construction during September. Of those permits, 127 were for building, 145 for electrical, 116 plumbing and 38 mechanical.

The total value of stick-built houses permitted during September was just under \$1 million. The average value of homes built this year is \$67,397.

Turner To Speak At NAACP Banquet

The 1994 NAACP-Cedar Grove Branch annual banquet will take place Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Brunswick County Government Complex in Bolivia.

This year's theme is "Effective Training in Leadership Locally Creates Leadership

Abroad." Guest speaker will be Andrea Turner Scott, a native of Lumberton employed with 7th District Congressman Charlie Rose. Tickets for the event are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

Real Estate Update Is Offered At Southeastern

Southeastern Community College (SCC) in Whiteville will offer the continuing education course for real estate salespersons and brokers on Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 1-5 p.m. in room M-123-124 on the SCC campus.

Thomas J. Daniels, CPA, of Fayetteville will teach the course. He has been approved by the N.C. Real Estate Commission.

A fee of \$35 is due at the time of registration Nov. 9. License numbers must be provided to check in and receive credit for the course. Participants must also bring their current (1995 expiration date) pocket renewal cards to the training session.

Those wishing to attend this required training should call Floyd Shorter at SCC, (910)642-7141, by Tuesday, Nov. 8.

NRC Installs Toll-Free Number

Have a question for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission?

The NRC, which oversees facilities such as Carolina Power & Light Co.'s Brunswick Nuclear Plant at Southport, has a new toll-free number to be used by the public for general inquiries.

The system will be tried for a six-month trial period beginning Nov. 1.

A small sample of callers may be asked to evaluate the trial program, which the NRC staff will be evaluating also.

The new toll-free number is 1-800-368-5642. It goes to the main switchboard, where an operator will route calls to the appropriate offices. Callers should continue to contact individual employees when their telephone numbers are known.

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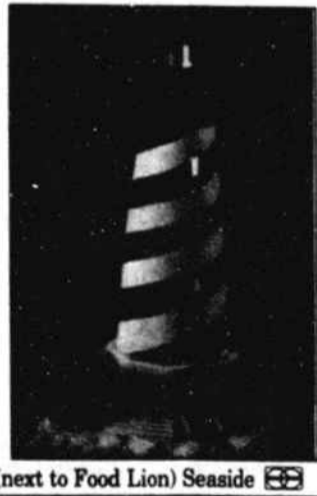
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Six contestants will compete Saturday night for the Miss Brunswick County 1995 crown.

They are Angela Michelle Alley, Gayle Renee Ward, Kristian D'Lee Pulliam, Carolyn Lane Chaplin, Sally Jo Schutte and Jayda Nybia Grant.

The pageant begins at 8 p.m. in Odell Williamson Auditorium on the Brunswick Community College campus. Mistress of ceremonies will be Kim Kopka, WWAY "Good Morning Carolina" anchor.

Performances are scheduled by Miss North Carolina Dana Stephenson and the Sea Notes Choral Society.

Tickets, available at the door, will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

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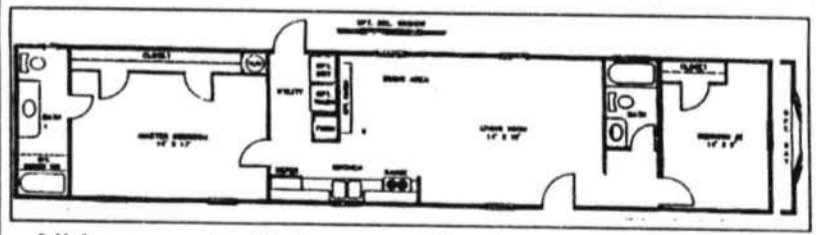
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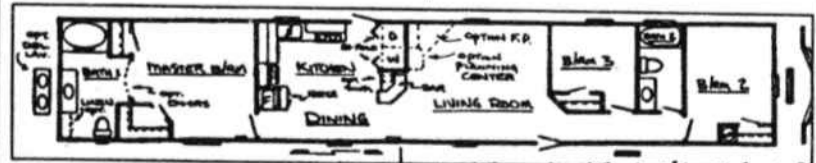
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