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Oak Island Festival

Octoberfest Is Now Underway

The first annual Octoberfest at Oak Island will climax with awards ceremonies Sunday afternoon after a five-day run, Chairman Ted Wood said this week.

"We hope the Octoberfest will be the funtime of the year in the Oak Island community," Wood declared. "It is planned to provide loads and loads of fun for both our visitors and residents."

Long Beach City Manager Frank Kivett, one of the driving forces behind Octoberfest, said he expected a large number of visitors from the surrounding area and upstate will attend the festival. He said major efforts have been made to promote Octoberfest to attract visitors to the Oak Island area this week.

Although the major events are scheduled this weekend, Octoberfest kicked off at noon Tuesday with the start of both the fishing rodeo and the tennis tournament. Both events will run five days.

Fun-Fair Amusements of Myrtle Beach will provide rides and concessions at the fair, which opened a week-long stay Tuesday afternoon at the corner of 46th and Dolphin streets. Exhibit night will be held Thursday and Student Day Friday and Saturday. The fair opens at 5 p.m., 2 p.m. Friday and 12 noon Saturday.

Octoberfest visitors will observe church night Thursday at 8 o'clock at the Oak Island Baptist Church. The choir will provide music and a gospel sing will be held.

The Kitty Wells Family Show, featuring Miss Kitty Wells, Bobby and Johnny Wright and the Tennessee Mountain Boys, will highlight Friday. The show will be held at 8 p.m. in the main auditorium at Fort Caswell.

Numerous events are scheduled to be held Saturday. The golf tournament will begin at the Oak Island Golf Club and the surf contest at the Long Beach fishing pier. Both events start at 8 a.m.

A softball game will be played between

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SOUTHPORT ANGLER Tommy McGlammery poses with the 125-lb. and 90-lb. tarpon he caught off Bald Head Island last Friday. The third fish, weighing 80 lbs., was caught by another angler after McGlammery had a 2-0 lead.

Constitutional Question

Write-In Legal, Brock Declares

By BILL ALLEN
The committee seeking to have J.T. Clemmons elected to the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners in the November general election has a perfect right to conduct the write-in campaign, Director Alex Brock of the State Board of Elections told The Pilot this week.

"There is no law against a group of citizens organizing to elect a candidate using the write-in method," Brock declared. "There is no court

ruling to stop a write-in campaign."

Brock said Clemmons will not violate the pledge until he takes action on his own behalf. "Even then," he continued, "it will be legal until someone challenges him and the court rules on the matter."

He said the question of whether a candidate defeated in a primary can run in the general election has never been tested in court. "There is the question whether a

person's right to seek public office can be restrained," he reported. "A Constitutional question is involved."

When Clemmons filed as a candidate this spring, he signed a pledge he would not run in the general election if he lost. "I pledge I will not run in the general election," the pledge read.

Brock said it was up to a member of his party or a registered voter to bring the challenge since the state and county boards don't act in such matters because of the Constitutional aspects.

"If a candidate defeated in a primary runs a write-in campaign in the general election, he violates the pledge," he declared. "But he has done nothing illegal until he is challenged and the court rules."

State Director Brock said Andrew Gray could be in violation of the pledge he signed because he announced he is supporting the Clem-

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Last Day To Register

The last day to register to vote in the November general election in Brunswick County will be Monday, Executive Secretary Linda Babson of the Brunswick County Board of Elections announced this week.

Residents can register to vote at the Board of Elections office in Bolivia Monday until 5 p.m. They can also make "appointments" and register in their precincts before midnight Monday.

Crab Property Rezoned

25-Foot Setback Along Howe Street Extended

By BILL ALLEN
After much discussion, the Southport Board of Aldermen voted to establish a 25-foot setback on Howe Street from 10th Street to points on NC 211 and 87 at a special meeting Thursday night.

The board also re-zoned city property at the foot of Kingsley Street, postponed making a change in "C-2" zones, took no action on mobile home replacements and discussed "illegal" mobile homes during the meeting devoted to zoning matters.

The board voted unanimously to change the

setback requirements from 75 to 25 feet on Howe from 10th Street to the end of the city extra-territorial zone near the CP&L canals on Highways 211 and 87. The action was taken on the recommendation of the Zoning and Planning Board after the matter had been discussed at two previous public hearings.

Zoning and Planning Board Chairman Bill McDougle, who made the recommendation on behalf of the board, said the setback could be reduced to 25 feet because the state has a 99-foot right-of-way on Howe Street.

Member J.K. Porterfield, however, told aldermen that the recommendation was not unanimous. He said some members felt the 75-foot setback was needed because Howe Street will have to be widened in the future. Later, during the hearings, he suggested that the setback be at least 50 feet.

Alderman Conley Koontz said he had talked about the setback with Robert Thorsen, who has been a moving force behind the drive to have the requirement eliminated. He reported that Thorsen, who did not attend the meeting,

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GOP Sponsors Oct. 12 Supper

The Brunswick County Republican Party will sponsor a rally and free supper at Cox's Landing next Saturday night, Chairman Frankie Rabon announced this week.

Rex Harris of Fayetteville, who is an official with the State Department of Transportation, will deliver the main address at the rally October 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Rabon said free fish and oysters, provided by the Republican executive committee, will be served before the "meet-the-candidates" rally.

"We would like to invite all Brunswick County residents to come to the rally, eat free fish and oysters and meet our candidates," he declared.

Possible "Salt Marsh Museum"

2½-Mile Lowland Area Deeded To Long Beach

A 2½-mile strip of lowland that could become a "salt marsh museum" was donated to the Town of Long Beach Monday morning.

Hannon Templeton, who represented National Development Corporation at the special meeting of the town council, spoke of a park project "unique to the entire eastern part of the United States."

The east-west stretch, primarily marsh but with some high land, is located south of Big Davis Canal, north of the beach strand

development, from 40th Street East of Middleton Street.

Templeton said there were "no stipulations" written into the deed concerning use, but expressed hope that the park project would be pursued. Councilman Ellis Dudley asked for the term "possible" to precede any mention of "park" so the town would not be bound as to use.

Templeton said he has been interested in the proposed project about five years, more so since the greater focus of attention on en-

vironment. He suggested that the area be preserved, but that some provision should be made for recreation.

"There is an abundance of

fish in the (Big Davis) canal," the NDC official noted.

He said he felt the town

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In Pinner's Point Area

Beach Zone Amendment Raise Sq. Ft. Standard

A zoning amendment that establishes a 1,000 sq. ft. minimum in some areas of Long Beach was approved by the town council Thursday night after a brief but thorough discussion.

There was objection to the increased standard voiced by several of the 25 spectators present, and agreed with by Councilman Russ Morrison. The vote to amend the ordinance was 4-1.

Ellis Dudley presided over the 50-minute session in the absence of Mayor E.W. Morgan, who was recuperating from a recent

auto accident. The area in question is bounded on the east by 2nd St. West, the west by Pinner's Point at the Intracoastal Waterway, the north by Ocean Highway (Island Drive) and the south by Big Davis Canal.

Following the motion to accept the amendment, Morrison said that some property owners in the affected area have deeds from National Development Corporation listing 850 as the minimum square footage. The reason for the amendment, Dudley noted, was to

bring the ordinance "in line" with the deeds, and "National Development Corporation is giving us this information."

Town Manager Frank Kivett said he had conferred with NDC officials, who said all deeds should read 1,000 square feet but admitted some may not. Morrison said he has "proof and paperwork" that some were in conflict.

Morrison said he could not see bringing the minimum up to 1,000 sq. ft. for those who believe 850 sq. ft. to be the standard. Dudley reminded

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LT. GOVERNOR Jim Hunt is shown here with the newly-elected officers of the Brunswick County Democratic Women, elected Tuesday night following a dinner meeting at Holden Beach for which the lieutenant governor was guest speaker.

Left to right they are Frances Hewett, treasurer; Johnnie S. Keith, secretary; Lt. Gov. Hunt; Mrs. Ouida Mae Hewett, president; and Mrs. Irene Hankins, vice-president.