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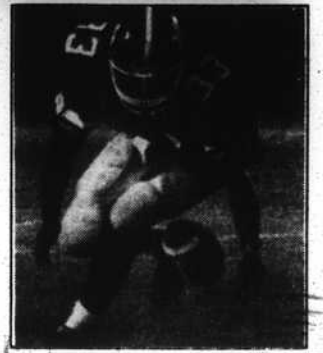
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Southport-Oak Island's most complete listing of available real estate properties



## \$1,000,000 tax receipt is a record

Brunswick County sales tax receipts, which nearly reached a million dollars the previous month, topped that figure for the first time ever in August.

The N. C. Department of Revenue reported that \$1,007,058 was collected here during the month. The amount will be added to the July and September collections, then distributed to Brunswick County and municipal governments on a quarterly basis.

Brunswick County ranked 17th among North Carolina's 100 counties in collection of the local-option tax in August.

## Few attend hearing on CAMA plan

By Holly Edwards  
County Editor

Brunswick County's proposed Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) land use plan indicates that septic tanks are polluting the environment and that over half of the soils in the county are not suited for septic tanks. Long Beach mayor Joan Altman told the board of commissioners and the planning board Tuesday night during a public workshop on the proposed land use plan.

Therefore, she said, county officials should take the lead in planning for wastewater treatment throughout the county, rather than leaving it to individual municipalities and sanitary districts.

Although a policy in the proposed plan states that the county will encourage the use of small, package treatment plants in areas with soil limitations for septic tanks, Altman urged county officials to broaden their scope. Rather than constructing a large number of small treatment plants, she said, it would make more sense to construct larger treatment plants that would serve several communities.

"I don't mean countywide sewage treatment," Altman said. "But I specifically ask that you provide for countywide wastewater management."

Planning board member John Thompson agreed.

"It can be argued that the quality of our environment, our rivers, marshes, and oceanfront, is potentially endangered by the absence of viable waste treatment," Thompson said in a letter to the planning board. "A single, central system is obviously out of the question, but it does not follow that we have no responsibility to look at other options, including simply supporting the concept of several communities jointly creating sewer service districts or planning for future

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## A \$43,855 SMILE



Jack Wood led the field in the 14th U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament over the weekend with a 40.15-pound king. Almost \$140,000 in cash prizes were awarded, and Wood won \$43,855.

Photo by Jim Harper

## Locals finish second, third

Jack Wood took another bow in the winner's circle Sunday, accepting a \$43,855 check as winner of the 14th U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament, one of the best ever.

The Rolesville angler, who fished aboard the winning boat two years ago, took top honors in this year's event with a 40.15-pound king mackerel and garnered \$25,000 in first-prize money plus an additional

\$18,855 in the tournament-within-a-tournament.

Second and third prizes, and the balance of the tournament-within-a-tournament pot, were taken by local boats.

Capt. Mike Helms of Long Beach and family fishing aboard his charter boat *Salty*

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*Dog* won \$21,331 with a 39.65-pound king and John Hawes, III, of Long Beach and his crew aboard the *Shamu* took third with a 39.40-pound king and won \$12,542.

Fishing with Wood aboard the *Team Laguna* were Tom and Sylvia Slack of Knoxville, Tenn. Two years ago Wood crewed aboard the winning *Joy*

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## Parents object to strict school absence policy

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

Ralph Johnston was officially initiated into his new job as superintendent when he was confronted by a large crowd of disgruntled parents at Monday night's Brunswick County Board of Education meeting.

Upset by the board's new ten-day absenteeism policy and the "Choices" program, the parents objected about the first hour of the meeting voicing their concerns about having their children make up missed class time.

"We feel it's wrong to punish a child if it's sick or for parental misjudgment," Betty Sellers of the Supply Elementary School PTA told the board.

Several parents of elementary school children were concerned about limiting the number of absences to ten because younger children contract illnesses, such as chicken pox or measles, that may require extended absences from school.

She said the policy which limits

*'We're trying to give students an opportunity to learn they have a responsibility.... We have had a tremendous improvement in attendance.'*

Terry Brett  
West Brunswick High

absences to ten days and allows students to make up missed class time is more appropriate for middle and high school students than for elementary students. She requested the number of absences be increased to 15 or 20 days.

Assistant superintendent Mose See Parents, page 6

## Principals report no complaints yet

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

Brunswick County's 12 principals will meet with the superintendent on Monday to discuss their plans for making up absences under the new attendance policy.

Latty Stanley, interim principal at Southport Elementary School, said each school's plans were due October 1 and no formal policy has yet been established.

"So far we haven't had any complaints," Stanley said of the new policy which this year cut the number of allowable absences in half to ten days.

Three Southport Elementary teachers will stay after school until 5 p.m. to offer remediation to students who need extra academic help, who need to complete special assignments, or who must make up missed class time.

Stanley said students will be given other opportunities to get class credit. For instance, if a student is missing school for a family trip he may be told to keep a journal of the trip making use of maps, information about the sites visited and other experiences along the way.

Although South Brunswick Middle had formulated a policy for making up absences after the third day of school missed, principal Les Tubb said Tuesday he wanted to delay discussing the school's policy further until after the meeting Monday.

"We really haven't had many complaints," said Karl Tutt, South Brunswick High School's Comprehensive Management Program coordinator. There are, however, a few students "who buck the system," he said.

Progress reports are going out to parents this week, and students are being given "every opportunity possible to make up the time," Tutt said.

South Brunswick's policy states that a student can miss three days of school and make up their class work at home. After the third day they have to make up the time after school or on Saturday.

"One of the criticisms of the school system, not just Brunswick County but school systems in general, is we've talked a great deal about responsibility, but we've never given them that much. Now we're giving it to them," Tutt said of the students.

## County considers Belville park

By Holly Edwards  
County Editor

Brunswick County commissioner Donald Shaw and a group of county residents said they would like the county to fund development of a boat ramp and park in Belville along the Cape Fear River, but other commissioners said they needed more details on the cost of the project.

"I don't have a problem with the concept, but I think we need to look at a figure amount," commissioner Jerry Jones said at a board meeting Monday night. "I'd hate to find out it was not

enough or it was too much." Shaw said he planned to ask commissioners to approve appropriating \$50,000 from county contingency

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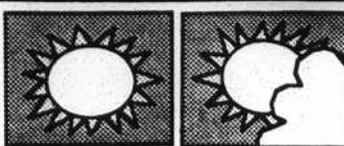
Donald Shaw  
County commissioner

funds to pay for construction of a boat ramp, picnic area, tennis court and playground at the 11-acre site. Rep. David Redwine (D-Brunswick) has promised state funds to pay for the cost of dredging the river near the area, he said.

"I think we should do something to promote it," Shaw said. "It would be a good, clean, nice family entertainment area. And it would probably bring the town together. We really need it bad."

If the county funds initial development of the park, Shaw said, the Town See Belville, page 6

## OUTSIDE



### Forecast

The extended forecast calls for mostly sunny skies on Thursday, with highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s. Friday and Saturday expect partly cloudy skies with the same temperatures, but look for cooler weather by Sunday with highs expected near 70.

### Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8	LOW
6:13 a.m.		12:05 a.m.
6:41 p.m.		12:24 p.m.
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9	
6:57 a.m.		12:46 a.m.
7:19 p.m.		1:08 p.m.
	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10	
7:37 a.m.		1:27 a.m.
8:00 p.m.		1:50 p.m.
	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11	
8:14 a.m.		2:04 a.m.
8:33 p.m.		2:32 p.m.
	MONDAY, OCTOBER 12	
8:51 a.m.		2:42 a.m.
9:09 p.m.		3:11 p.m.
	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13	
9:27 a.m.		3:18 a.m.
9:43 p.m.		3:50 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14	
10:06 a.m.		3:55 a.m.
10:19 p.m.		4:32 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:  
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +5; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.