



Photo by Jim Harper

While keeping an eye on the big pumpkin next to her, three-year-old Katie Kronenwetter of Southport tackles one just her size for carving a Halloween jack o'lantern. The after-school art program

at the Southport library was sponsored by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

Dosher reports annual profit

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Septembers usually mean few patients and reduced income for Dosher Memorial Hospital, but not September, 1992.

Bucking the recent trend, Dosher revenues for the month were up, administrator Jim Shomaker told the board of trustees Monday night.

"We did have a very good September, for September," Shomaker commented.

Patient revenues were \$300,000 higher than the previous year and \$200,000 more than budgeted. Hospital admissions were higher for the month, as were operating room procedures, which rose from 57 in August to 96.

The bottom line showed the hospital with an \$18,363

excess from revenues where a \$76,338 loss had been budgeted.

As September also marks the end of the hospital's fiscal year, Shomaker reported that the bottom line for 1991-92 was again in the black, although nearly \$20,000 under budget. The total excess from revenues for the year was \$194,678. With the addition of the four-cent tax levied on Smithville Township property owners, the bottom line ended up being a little over \$620,000.

Shomaker also reported that the hospital's ratio of assets to liabilities was a strong 4.4-to-1, pointing out that in the hospital industry a 2-to-1 ratio is considered healthy.

In other business:

• Trustees approved spending a total of \$8,100 to improve the fire alarm and sprinkler system, repair gutters on

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Tuesday vote

Brunswick voters will decide local, state and national races

By Holly Edwards
County Editor

One of Brunswick County's largest voter turn-outs in recent history is expected next Tuesday, November 3, when residents go to the polls to elect the president of the United States as well as a number of state, district and county officials, said supervisor of elections Linda Britt.

"Historically, the vote is always higher in a presidential election," Britt said. "And this year there seems to be a lot of political unrest. I think it's a national thing.... And we've never seen a three-way presidential race. I think it's going to bring more people out."

Britt said she expects about 70 percent of the county's 32,769 registered voters to cast ballots this year. There are 18,995 registered Democrats, 11,761 Republicans, 2,007 unaffiliated and six Libertarians.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who is in line at 7:30 will be allowed to vote, said Britt.

Because of the large expected turnout, and the rapid increase in the number of registered voters in the county, Britt said in some areas voting will have to proceed at an average rate of three votes per minute in order for everyone to finish voting before the polls close. The busiest time to vote will be between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m..

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Political signs of the time

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Zoning changes made; vote may come Monday

By Holly Edwards
County Editor

Brunswick County commissioners and planning board members faced a crowd of about 50 people Monday night in a joint workshop to hear final public comments on countywide zoning, and approve final recommended changes in the proposed zoning ordinance.

Commissioners are expected to hold their first vote on the proposal at their regular monthly meeting next Monday, November 2. Since the vote will not be unanimous -- commissioner Donald Shaw announced recently that he would vote against the ordinance -- the proposal will require two read-

'I'm fully in favor of the zoning.... But, if you don't do it right, it's like getting a good watch dog and then taking him down to Dr. Rabon's and having his teeth pulled.'

Bob Quinn
Southport resident

ings in order to be adopted before the new board members take office on December 7.

Although most of the people who addressed county officials Monday

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OUTSIDE



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies on Thursday with a high in the 70s. Expect cooler weather Friday with highs in the 60s and lows in the 50s, then even cooler -- but fair -- weather Saturday and Sunday with highs in the 50s and lows in the 40s.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29	LOW
10:19 a.m.	3:44 a.m.	
10:31 p.m.	4:28 p.m.	
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30		
11:08 a.m.	4:31 a.m.	
11:19 p.m.	5:16 p.m.	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31		
11:56 a.m.	5:19 a.m.	
12:47 p.m.	6:04 p.m.	
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1		
12:09 a.m.	6:10 a.m.	
12:47 p.m.	6:56 p.m.	
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2		
1:05 a.m.	7:05 a.m.	
1:39 p.m.	7:50 p.m.	
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3		
1:59 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	
2:31 p.m.	8:43 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4		
2:54 a.m.	9:03 a.m.	
3:23 p.m.	9:34 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 +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.

CP&L says Brunswick plant start-up will come next year

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

The Brunswick nuclear plant, which was to open "in a couple of weeks" after its shutdown last April 21, will resume power production "in the first quarter of 1993," CP&L's president said Friday.

William Cavanaugh, III, president and chief operating officer of the company since August, said that first-quarter 1993 is the target time for resuming operation only of unit 2. Unit 1 will be returned to service sometime later.

CP&L had said earlier that on No-

vember 9 they would tell the Nuclear Regulatory Commission when they wanted to restart the plant, but that "standby" has been postponed.

"We're going to take advantage of the additional time to make certain our startup plan is as complete as possible," Cavanaugh said. "The more work we put in, the better product we'll have."

Earlier Cavanaugh, the highest ranking CP&L official to meet here with the NRC since the April 21 shutdown, told the commission's Region II staff, "Brunswick is going to start up in a controlled manner, with a lot

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'I am not surprised at the increasing number of deficiencies on the list. I hope that is because we are establishing new standards.'

William Cavanaugh, III



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