

Break-ins are reported in weekly sheriff's log

The following reports were on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday:

•The owner of Brunswick Farm Supply in Ash reported Saturday that someone broke into the business, ransacked the place and removed \$1,000 in cash and a \$150 .22-caliber rifle.

•A Myrtle Beach woman reported Saturday that a man giving her a ride from Shallotte to Myrtle Beach attempted to rape her. The woman stated she was hitchhiking back to her home from Norfolk, Va. She said the man let her out of the car when she threatened to spray him with tear gas.

•A Calabash man reported Thursday that someone removed his Suzuki four-wheeler from underneath his residence.

•A Marshville man reported Saturday that someone broke through the back door of his residence and removed about \$765 worth of personal property, including two TVs, a microwave oven and a toaster oven.

•A Southport man reported Sunday that someone removed an aquarium worth about \$450 from his carport.

•A Leland man reported Sunday that about \$335 worth of property was missing from his home, including an AM/FM stereo cassette player and a large boom box.

•A Leland man reported Saturday that someone removed a \$200 Samurai sword from his mobile home.

•An Ash man reported Sunday that while he was sleeping someone drove onto his yard in a Ford F-150 truck and rang the doorbell. The victim said he woke up, opened the door and found a man attempting to gain entry. Another suspect broke the lock on the back door and gained entry, according to the report. The victim said the men fled when they saw he had a gun.

•The Dupont Cape Fear plant reported Saturday that someone broke into a vending machine and removed an undetermined amount of money.

•A Leland man reported Thursday that his 1981 Dodge Colt somehow caught fire while it was parked at his residence. The victim reported he was not having any mechanical problems with the vehicle.

•The owner of S&M Automotive in Ash reported Saturday that one of the cars parked on the lot was broken into and a car phone was removed. The antennas of two other cars were bent, according to the report.

SHERIFF'S REPORT



Work continues on resurfacing of some 28 Long Beach streets, as well as initial paving work on 8th NE, 14th NE, 36th NE, 42nd SE streets. This crew was operating just east of Middleton Street on Friday afternoon.

School 10-year plan mostly construction

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Over the next ten years the Brunswick County school system expects to spend \$55.6 million for a variety of building and renovation projects.

Presented at a special meeting Monday night, the long-range plan includes several projects which are already in the planning stages, including additions at West Brunswick and North Brunswick high schools, as well as several new schools to meet the needs of a growing student population.

"This is a plan. Keep in mind 'plan' means this can be revised," superintendent Ralph Johnston told board members. The school system is required to submit a ten-year building plan to the state. Information used in preparing the plan was taken from a state survey conducted in 1991.

New academic facilities make up the bulk of the cost of the ten-year plan, totaling a little over \$47 million. The plan calls for new elementary schools in the Leland and Calabash areas and new middle and high schools in the Supply area to accommodate the 12,300 students school administrators anticipate being enrolled by the year 2002.

Costs would be spread over several years as land is purchased one year and construction scheduled the next.

The plan also calls for six pre-kindergarten centers at existing elementary schools. There is no funding for those centers, Johnston told the board, "but it's still in the

plan."

Also included are additions for technology programs at the middle schools and three fieldhouses, complete with swimming pools, at the high schools.

Making all of the schools accessible to handicapped students, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, is expected to cost \$183,000 over the next two years; however, the superintendent said the school system is not sure exactly what will be required.

Energy conservation is a part of the plan. This includes improvements to the energy management systems at the schools and replacing obsolete rooftop heating/air conditioning units and replacing the lighting in some gymnasiums. The school system has applied for a \$5-million federal government grant that would cover the cost of light replacements, Johnston said.

Roof repairs and replacements at Lincoln, Union, Bolivia, Waccamaw, Southport, the three middle schools and the three high schools are expected to cost \$3 million.

Costs are based on a \$78-per-square-foot figure, including fees and testing as required by the state division of school planning. The figures do not take into consideration higher prices and the effect of inflation over the next ten years.

The plan was approved by the board of education and will be sent to the state, as well as the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners.

Brown in Italy

Air Force Airman First Class Jay J. A. Brown has arrived for duty at Aviano Air Base in Italy.

Brown, a special purpose vehicle and equipment mechanic, is the son of Betty A. and Tom E. Brown of Southport. The airman is a 1989 graduate of Galion Senior High School in Ohio.

DSS board hears management proposals

By Holly Edwards
County Editor

Overall, the Brunswick County Department of Social Services is an efficient and well-managed organization. But in order to operate even more effectively, the agency needs to upgrade its phone system, hire additional employees, reclassify some existing employees, implement annual goals and improve employee training programs.

These are some conclusions of a time management study performed by David M. Griffith and Associates (DMG) that were reviewed by the board of social services Monday night.

DMG also recommended that three social service employees be deleted: an AFDC income maintenance case worker, a food stamps issuance clerk and a mailroom file clerk.

Social services director Jamie Orrock said he thought deleting an AFDC case worker would be a mistake because it would lower the current high performance level of that department.

"We have one of the best AFDC units in the state," Orrock said. "But, if we start deleting staff I'm afraid you'll see the productivity fall."

However, Orrock agreed that the agency could do without a food stamps

clerk since the food stamps program will in the future be contracted to an outside agency.

Orrock pointed to the low employee turnover rate as "one of the real strengths of the agency."

"We are blessed with a staff that is highly dedicated and motivated to do extra work," he said.

A number of employees complained of a lack of training within the agency, and said they did not understand all of the work they performed, the study revealed. DMG recommended that the board and the director specify the current training needs, and keep track of future staffing requirements.

The Medicaid unit in particular needs more training, supervision and feedback, Orrock said.

The study also recommended hiring five additional employees: two children's services workers, one income maintenance case worker, a fraud accounting clerk and a child support accounting clerk.

The board will continue discussion of the study at its next meeting and then make its recommendations to the board of commissioners for approval.

Obituaries

Rites held for Mitchell Wayne Duncan

Mitchell Wayne Duncan, 37, of Southport, died Friday, November 20, 1992, at his residence.

Graveside services were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday at Northwood Cemetery with the Rev. Wayne Trexler officiating.


Serving as active pallbearers were Joe Carteret, Daniel Kopp, Brandon Vannoy, Danny Holyfield, Patrick Jones and John Lawrence. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Ross, Bruce Wortelman, Rex Bowen, Charlie Perry, Stanley Rehder, Doug Monday, Harold Matthews, Dickie Aldridge, Joe Wiggs and Andy Broadwell.

Duncan was born August 20, 1955, in Thomasville, a son of Berris J. and Ina J. Morris Duncan, and had worked as a heavy equipment operator in Richmond, Va. He was a member of Fox Squirrel Country Club in Boiling Spring Lakes and Woodmen of the World. He had also served as a volunteer with The Gauntlet golf club.

Survivors include a son, Robert Wayne Kendall Duncan of Southport; a stepson, Danny Holyfield of Southport; former wife, Kendall Duncan of Southport; parents, Berris J. and Ina J. Morris Duncan of Southport; a brother, Barry Duncan of St. John, Virgin Islands; four sisters, Janice Ball, Carol Isenberg, Patty Trotter and Sandra Blackwell, all of Southport; maternal grandmother, Ethel Eversole of Southport; paternal grandmother, Hannah Duncan of Lexington; three nieces; and three nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, P. O. Box 1926, Shallotte, NC 28459.

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