



A BLINK OF THE EYE



Photo by Jim Harper

Saint Nicholas - or was it Mrs. Claus? - showed up for the Christmas-by-the-Sea parade on Oak Island Saturday, one of a number of appearances expected in the community before that right jolly old elf gets down to serious toys-and-goodies work on Christmas Eve.

Change was anticipated

County board keeps Clegg; 'wait and see'

By Holly Edwards
County Editor

A reorganized Brunswick County Board of Commissioners voted quickly Monday night to reappoint county manager/attorney David Clegg, as well as clerk to the board Kelly Barefoot, following weeks of speculation that Clegg would be axed by new board members, and a request from Democratic party chairman Bill Stanley for the new Democratic majority to ask for Clegg's resignation.

However, new board members Wayland Vereen, Don Warren and Tom Rabon, Sr., stressed after the meeting that Clegg and Barefoot serve at the board's pleasure, and can be terminated at any time.

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meeting, and the same with the clerk to the board," said Warren, the new commissioners chairman. "There's no contract whatsoever. He could be terminated at our next meeting."

Vereen was the only commissioner who voted against Clegg's reappointment. He said he had not had enough time to evaluate Clegg's performance and therefore could not vote in favor of reappointing him.

"I'm not sure I know him good enough," Vereen explained.

Rabon was the only new board member who said the commissioners needed Clegg's administrative experience.

"He has a wealth of information that will help us in the future," said Rabon, who was elected vice-chairman. "We haven't given him a chance to show us what he can do."

Clegg said he was pleased by the
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Don Warren
New chairman

Baxter gets 3rd term as school chair

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Re-elected chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Education for a third consecutive term, Donna Baxter said she believes the action Monday night was a vote of confidence in her ability to lead the board.

"I am happy they want me back. It shows something positive has happened," Baxter said following the brief meeting which included the swearing-in of recently elected board members. "I think I built a good relation-

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Anderson selected newest CP&L chief

Roy Anders Anderson, 44, has been named vice-president in charge of Carolina Power and Light Co.'s idle Brunswick nuclear plant operation effective January 4.

Presently Brunswick is under interim leadership as R. B. Richey, formerly in charge there, began work on a company assignment in Washington, D.C., this week. Richey had been assigned to Brunswick in April after duty as vice-president in charge of the Harris nuclear plant near Raleigh.

Brunswick shut down April 21 and remains closed while CP&L seeks to repair the plant and reduce maintenance backlogs under Nuclear Regulatory Commission supervision.

A startup of Unit 2 is planned for March, with startup of Unit 1 sometime thereafter.

Anderson, a senior vice-president with the Boston Edison Company, where he has been since 1987, previously held nuclear management positions with General Electric.

When Richey's transfer was announced in November a company spokesman said his replacement was to be someone with "specific experience in managing major plant modifications and a long-term nuclear plant improvement program."

In a press release Friday CP&L president and chief operating officer William Cavanaugh, III, said Anderson "brings to CP&L valuable experience in managing major plant modifications and long-term nuclear plant improvement programs."

At Boston Edison, Anderson served

as planning and outage manager and general plant manager at the Pilgrim plant, and as vice-president of nuclear operations before becoming a senior vice-president. He is a graduate of the State University of New York and received a master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Thursday hearing on plant work

Representatives of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Carolina Power and Light Co. will hold a public meeting at 3 p.m. Thursday to discuss progress in getting the idle Brunswick nuclear plant back in commission.

The company plans to restart Unit 2 in March, and Unit 1 sometime thereafter. Thursday's meeting is expected to give some indication how CP&L is progressing toward those deadlines.

The plant was shut down by CP&L last April because of needed repairs, but remains under an effective NRC shutdown order while the commission reviews work progress.

The meeting will be in the public assembly building at the visitors center.

District still plans on zoning

Commissioners will be updated on loan arrangements with Farmers Home Administration in the Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District meeting December 14, but not until January are they expected to move ahead with zoning of the district.

Chairman James W. Smith said Friday that other business of the district is "on hold" until the federal funding -- held up while an environmental impact study was completed -- is "finalized."

"Then we'll concentrate on getting the zoning done," Smith said.

Zoning of the district was an important issue in September and October, when it appeared the county was about to impose zoning strictures on the

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proposed treatment site on Beaverdam Creek.

Since then, however, the county refined its zoning plan to avoid conflict with the district, and moreover

accepted the task of zoning the northern portion of the district -- including the business area around the Highway 211-Beach Road intersection -- with the blessing of the district board.

The board said it would zone the southern half of the district -- generally south of Fish Factory Road and its intersection with Beach Road -- but no progress on that zoning has been made.

County zoning takes effect in July, 1993.

Smith said last week he had been in contact with county planning director John Harvey, who told him his office is "willing and ready to assist us in doing the zoning when it is time."

"We're looking at the first of January to get serious and get down to zoning that (southern) portion of the district," Smith said. "We hope to get it done in time to take effect with the county zoning."

City begins manager review

Aldermen take time looking for right choice

By Amitabh Pal
Municipal Editor

"Someone who is young and ambitious" would meet part of alderman Bill Crowe's requirements for a new Southport city manager. "Someone who has experience working in a small community."

Alderman Nelson Adams is looking for "somebody with the fortitude, foresight and capability to keep the momentum going."

Alderman Jim Brown wants experience and good personality in a self-starter who is good at supervising city employees.

When the Southport board meets tonight (Wednesday) to start winnowing a field of 27 manager applicants alderman Meezie Childs will be looking for someone who is "creative and energetic

and works well with people."

"We want somebody compatible with the community," alderman Harry Gore said earlier this week. "Someone who can work with the board and with the people employed directly by the city. We want the city and the administration to be running smoothly."

The applicants -- from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia -- will not be present for the session. When the board gets through the evening, mayor Norman Holden said, the field will likely be pared to less than a half-dozen, each with a requisite master's degree in public administration and at least three years' management experience.

Alderman Bill Delaney said this week he would prefer a family man because this would make it less likely that a manager would

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OUTSIDE



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for cloudy skies Thursday and Friday with rain likely. On Saturday, skies are expected to be partly cloudy and the temperatures lower, with highs in the 20s to low-30s. Highs each day are forecast to be in the 40s.

Tide table

HIGH	LOW
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10	
7:51 a.m.	1:32 a.m.
8:10 p.m.	2:15 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11	
8:37 a.m.	2:19 a.m.
8:58 p.m.	3:01 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12	
9:26 a.m.	3:06 a.m.
9:51 p.m.	3:48 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13	
10:15 a.m.	3:56 a.m.
10:44 p.m.	4:36 p.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14	
11:08 a.m.	4:49 a.m.
11:43 p.m.	5:27 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15	
11:43 p.m.	5:48 a.m.
12:02 p.m.	6:22 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16	
12:44 a.m.	6:49 a.m.
1:01 p.m.	7:18 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.