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



ABC takes a shot

New U.S. 74-76 facility will open well-traveled area

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Legislation has absorbed many of the choice spots, but Brunswick County's Alcoholic Beverage Control board may have a prime location for its second and newest store.

It hopes to open a new self-service ABC store this week on U. S. 74-76 near Sandy Creek in northern Brunswick County.

The closest competition is a store operated by the Town of Belville 15 miles east.

There is also an ABC store in Bolton in Columbus County, 15 miles west, but a new four-lane road has bypassed that town.

That's why ABC board chairman John Ramsey believes shoppers will steadily pour in once the store opens, especially during the tourist season.

"We feel like we'll get a lot of traffic off of 74-76, especially a lot of beach traffic," said Ramsey.

The store sits just inside the Brunswick County line beside the County Line Kwik Stop, which is in Columbus County. The ABC board will lease the newly built, 1,800-square-foot store from the owner of both buildings, Jerry Brown.

The county's first store is on Holden Beach Road between Shallotte and Holden Beach. When the board tried to open a second store in the River Run Shopping Center on Long Beach Road, officials in Southport, Long Beach, Yaupon Beach and Boiling Spring Lakes complained it would hurt their municipally owned ABC stores.

What followed was special legislation. See ABC, page 6



Long Beach surf crashes shoreward under a workman sinking a bolt hole in new piling at Ocean Crest Pier. Work continues this week on replacement of pilings and repair of pier decking.

'We're trying to serve 70 percent of the population of this county that doesn't necessarily live in the municipalities served by stores.'

John Ramsey
ABC chairman

Sanitary district approves sale

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District commissioners Monday approved sale of \$250,000 in anticipation notes to fund the early stages of developing a sewer system for the district.

The notes are expected to be sold in Raleigh March 9, with the proceeds to be in district hands two weeks later.

The \$250,000 is expected to be apportioned three ways, with \$80,000 set aside for land acquisition, \$40,000 for

legal and administrative fees and \$130,000 for engineering and design of the collection and treatment systems.

A special meeting of the board to amend the district budget and allocate funds is tentatively set for mid-month. The next regular session of the board is April 5, the first Monday.

Consultant Finley Boney reported that he had been discussing district zoning with county planning director John Harvey.

Contacted later, Harvey said he hoped to have a draft of See Sanitary, page 6

'Good progress'

CP&L startup maybe in April

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

Start-up of Brunswick nuclear plant Unit 1 seemed likely to be moved back into April on Tuesday as CP&L officials told visiting Nuclear Regulatory Commission representatives they were taking time to "reassess" where they are in the restart process.

While the outage which CP&L imposed on itself last April 21 has concerned maintenance, replacement and repair of structures and equipment, the emphasis in the Tuesday meeting was on how well prepared CP&L personnel are to restart a patched-up plant.

Brunswick vice-president Roy Anderson told NRC representatives, "Just because the equipment is ready to go doesn't mean the people are ready ... I want to know what the See Startup, page 6

'Just because the equipment is ready to go doesn't mean the people are ready ... I want to know what the operators are thinking ... When it all comes together, we're ready.'

Roy Anderson
Brunswick vice-president

County thaws 'essential' jobs in DSS, health

By Terry Pope
County Editor

County manager David Clegg said Monday he plans to fill six positions at the Brunswick County Department of Social Services and five at the Brunswick County Health Department.

It represents the first persons hired

by county government since November 1.

"I had a good work session with the director of social services who provided extensive documentation to me that the positions were essential," said Clegg.

Hiring has been halted since the Brunswick County Board of Com-

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Sales tax disbursed

The N. C. Department of Revenue has distributed more than \$1.9 million in quarterly sales and use taxes to Brunswick County and its 17 municipalities.

For the period ending December 31, the county received a total of \$1,482,200 from combined half-cent and one-percent tax proceeds. The amount is based on a population of 52,721 residents.

Towns received the following amounts, also based on their permanent populations:

Bald Head Island, \$2,249; Belville, \$2,333; Boiling Spring Lakes, \$48,187; Bolivia, \$6,494; Calabash, \$34,833; Caswell Beach, \$5,116; Holden Beach, \$18,442; Leland, \$51,926; Long Beach, \$112,034; Navassa, \$12,735; Ocean Isle Beach, \$15,462; Sandy Creek, \$6,944; Shallotte, \$30,053; Southport, \$66,433; Sunset Beach, \$19,904; Varnamtown, \$11,667; and Yaupon Beach, \$21,282.

Recreation director is under fire

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Two Brunswick County commissioners Monday called for disciplinary action against a department head after reading comments he allegedly made in a local newspaper article.

Bobby (B. J.) Jones, a 15-year veteran of the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department, came under fire at the close of the commissioners' meeting.

In a February 20 article about theft of county property from district parks, Jones apparently was asked about catching the criminals. He was quoted

in the Wilmington *Star-News* as saying, "I've been here 15 years, and I'm afraid I'd be in jail because I'd probably kill them."

Commissioner Wayland Vereen described Jones' handling of the incident as an "irresponsible and poor attitude" on the part of a county employee.

"We definitely need to take some sort of action on that," said Vereen. He then tossed a copy of the article to chairman Don Warren.

Warren also labeled Jones' comments as "irresponsible," saying the employee indicated he "intended to kill them, whether it's a man, woman

or child" if caught stealing.

Jones said Tuesday the quote used by the newspaper was shortened and taken out of context. He said he explained to a reporter how hard parks and recreation employees have worked for 15 years to provide nice facilities for residents only to have them destroyed by someone overnight.

"I think everybody that knows me knows that I'm not going out there and doing that," said Jones.

Jones said he has twice caught juveniles in the act of vandalizing park property and hasn't killed anyone. On one occasion, he dropped charges after a parent was uncooperative.

In another incident at Waccamaw Township District Park, Jones approached a dozen juveniles who were vandalizing property there. Instead of taking matters into his own hands, he asked that they repaint the concession stand and keep the matter out of court. All 12 agreed to do so, he said.

Vending machines and concession stands have been a constant source of vandalism. The concession stand and restrooms at the Northwest Township District Park in Leland were burned by vandals last year. The county plans to fence the park on all sides before

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OUTSIDE



Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, MARCH 4	LOW
3:55 a.m.		10:24 a.m.
4:24 p.m.		10:41 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 5		
4:56 a.m.		11:22 a.m.
5:26 p.m.		11:41 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 6		
5:54 a.m.		12:15 a.m.
6:24 p.m.		----- p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 7		
6:47 a.m.		12:35 a.m.
7:18 p.m.		1:04 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 8		
7:40 a.m.		1:28 a.m.
8:10 p.m.		1:52 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 9		
8:29 a.m.		2:21 a.m.
9:02 p.m.		2:39 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10		
9:20 a.m.		3:11 a.m.
9:53 p.m.		3:27 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.

Forecast

The extended forecast calls for showers on Thursday with high temperatures in the 60s. Variable cloudiness is expected Friday through Sunday, with highs in the 50s and lows only in the 40s.