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CP&L now at 80% level

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

Brunswick nuclear plant Unit 2 was producing electricity at 80 percent of capacity Tuesday with a prospect of going to 100 percent production by next week.

Roy Anderson, Carolina Power and Light Co. plant vice-president, said that tests of control equipment will continue through the week before a four-day management assessment that would precede a request for permission for continuous full-power operation.

Anderson said he intended to go on shift in the control room himself during the management assessment.

"Now is the time to spend 12 hours at a clip there for three or four days," he said Tuesday. "This is the last step before we ask the NRC to release us."

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Library bids are opened

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

Contractor bids to construct the Leland and Oak Island libraries were opened in a public ceremony Tuesday afternoon, and the apparent low bidders have been established.

However, the bids will not be definite until they are reviewed by architect John Sawyer, said county engineer Robert Tucker. The finalized bids will then be presented to the county board of commissioners on June 7 for approval.

While the county expected to pay approximately \$800,000 for both libraries to be constructed, the total low bids were only slightly higher than

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The spacious Cape Fear grew crowded when competitors in the Port Charlie's Waterway Regatta rounded their marks in Sunday competition. Fifteen local boats competed in the third running of the race. The course was from buoy 14A down to buoy 13, then up around buoy 15 and home.

Photo by Jim Harper

Dosher may build Lakes doctor's office

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Dosher Memorial Hospital's finances continue to look good, and the board of trustees is planning some expansion to increase services.

Meeting Monday night, trustees agreed to purchase property in Boiling Spring Lakes where they plan to construct a doctor's office. Details of the transaction have not been finalized, Jim Shomaker, finance director, said.

"We know Boiling Spring Lakes is a growing community and it's still very much in our primary service

area," Shomaker said. "It just makes logical sense to have a presence out there."

Following an executive session, trustees also agreed to explore the possibility of additional medical facilities on Oak Island, although no details were discussed.

Shomaker reported that the hospital recorded a \$12,765 excess from operations for the month of April. A \$37,504 deficit had been projected.

Although not nearly as busy as the previous month, the hospital staff treated 103 admissions during April. Shomaker said that figure is "very close to what we've been having on

average for the first seven months (of the 1993-94 fiscal year)."

A graph charting emergency room visits by month for the past six years showed increased use of Dosher's emergency room facilities, with usage at its highest levels during 1993.

Shomaker attributed the increase to the growing population, increased number of transients and a high quality of service that has resulted in increased confidence by those seeking treatment.

"We have a very competent and capable medical staff covering the ER," Shomaker said.

In other business, trustees:

• Heard from Doug Ledgett, director of emergency services for Brunswick County, who talked about the current status of emergency services available to area residents.

• Learned that the new J. Arthur Dosher Memorial Hospital sign marking the main entrance has been ordered and is expected to be installed by the end of June.

• Learned the Health Fair, held at the hospital, was a success with 50 exhibitors and approximately 400 people attending.

• Will begin planning for a retreat. Bill Kirby and Ben Blake were asked to begin working on details.

Chairman Warren: Board won't support some proposed cuts

By Terry Pope
County Editor

County commissioners say they won't go along with some controversial recommendations in the proposed 1993-94 county budget.

Prior to a budget session Monday, board chairman Don Warren labeled some of interim county manager John Harvey's proposals as "totally unacceptable."

Warren said he polled four of the five commissioners and they oppose most of the restructuring plan under the \$47.7-million package that drew protests from residents and county employees last week.

Residents will have their say at a public hearing Thursday, May 27, 7 p.m., in the public assembly building at the Brunswick County Government Center near Bolivia.

Warren indicates a majority of commissioners will vote:

• Against a tax increase from 68 cents to 74.75 cents per \$100 of property value;

• To keep the Resources Development Commission an independent public corporation rather than an arm of county planning and against a demotion for its director, Tom Monks;

• To keep the Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees intact;

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Who would lose?

Brunswick County commissioners must decide whether to accept interim county manager John Harvey's proposed funding cuts to county agencies and non-profit organizations.

The 1993-94 proposed budget recommends:

• Southport Maritime Museum: \$10,000 last year, requests \$20,000, proposed zero;

• Hope Harbor Home: \$15,000 last year, requests \$20,000, proposed zero;

• Volunteer and Information Center: \$17,000 last year, requests \$33,110, proposed zero;

• Senior Citizens District Funds: \$18,000 last year, requests \$25,000, proposed zero;

• Brunswick County Literacy Council: \$3,500 last year, requests \$5,000, proposed zero;

• Senior Games: \$3,000 last year, requests \$3,000, proposed zero;

• Special Olympics: \$3,000 last year, requests \$3,500, proposed zero;

• American Legion Baseball: \$5,000 last year, requests \$3,050, proposed zero;

• Brunswick Arts Council: \$1,250 last year, requests \$1,250, proposed zero;

• Miss Brunswick County Scholarship Pageant: \$5,000 last year, requests \$5,000, proposed zero;

• Brunswick Amateur Radio Society: \$1,000 last year, requests \$1,000, proposed zero;

• WHQR Public Radio: \$1,000 last year, requests \$1,000, proposed zero;

• Commissioners' District Funds: \$22,000 last year, requests \$25,000, proposed zero;

• Rescue Squad Contributions: \$159,500 last year, requests \$220,000, proposed \$159,500;

• Fire Department Contributions: \$304,500 last year, requests \$420,000, proposed \$304,500;

• Fire Department District Funds: \$488,521 last year, requests \$250,000, proposed zero;

• Ocean Isle Beach Airport: \$15,000 last year, requests \$25,000, proposed zero;

• Brunswick County Airport: \$77,000 last year, requests \$54,188, proposed \$50,000;

• Artificial Reef Program: \$25,000 last year, requests \$50,000, proposed zero.

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In land use plans for years

'Encouraging' sewer isn't new

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

How can Long Beach encourage controlled development and simultaneously protect the region's fragile environment?

While opinions vary greatly, the land use plan advisory committee will try to answer every aspect of this question and hammer out a unified, updated land use plan to present to the state Coastal Resources Commission by January, 1994. The committee has met twice so far, and had a third meeting scheduled for last Wednesday night. However, committee members Danny Leonard, Joe Edwards, Florence Duncan and Whitney Walters did not attend, and the group was therefore unable to attain a quorum. Another meeting is expected to be scheduled within the next

few weeks.

The public is encouraged to take part in the committee's discussions, since the land use plan could impact the town's planning policy, CAMA minor and major permitting in environmentally sensitive areas, and funding for projects that require state or federal assistance. All coastal municipalities and counties are required to update their plan every five years.

The most contentious question in the land use plan is what type of future sewage disposal method should be encouraged. Consultant Dale Holland said the land use plan does not dictate actions the town must take, but serves as a guide for state and federal agencies when the town asks for project funding.

For example, he said the town could not receive federal or state

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Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, MAY 27	LOW
12:40 a.m.		7:08 a.m.
1:21 p.m.		7:27 p.m.
HIGH	FRIDAY, MAY 28	LOW
1:36 a.m.		8:03 a.m.
2:23 p.m.		8:31 p.m.
HIGH	SATURDAY, MAY 29	LOW
2:35 a.m.		9:02 a.m.
3:28 p.m.		9:38 p.m.
HIGH	SUNDAY, MAY 30	LOW
3:38 a.m.		10:01 a.m.
4:31 p.m.		10:45 p.m.
HIGH	MONDAY, MAY 31	LOW
4:40 a.m.		10:59 a.m.
5:30 p.m.		11:45 p.m.
HIGH	TUESDAY, JUNE 1	LOW
5:42 a.m.		11:56 a.m.
6:28 p.m.		---
HIGH	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2	LOW
6:41 a.m.		12:44 a.m.
7:23 p.m.		12:50 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 Thursday through Saturday calls for high temperatures in the 80s and near 90, with lows in the 60s. Sunday expect highs between 70 and 80 and lows in the 50s. Partly cloudy skies will prevail throughout the period.