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It's certain: our '93 tax is due now

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Three lines will greet persons at the Brunswick County Tax Department next week -- for payments, appeals and listings.

The last day to pay 1993 county taxes without penalty is Wednesday, January 5.

"The lines are steady, but they're not out the door," said Boyd Williamson, Brunswick County tax administrator, on Tuesday. "I don't know what they will do next week."

The office will also begin listing personal property taxes Monday and continue with revaluation appeals through the middle of January.

The office will mail approximately 17,000 listing forms for personal property this week. They will show boats, farm equipment and mobile homes not covered under permanent listings.

Real estate -- homes and land -- are now automatic and do not have to be listed each year.

Staggered renewals for cars and trucks have also cut down on annual mailings from the tax office. Those bills are mailed following registration renewal.

Lines usually form the first week of January for persons who pay their taxes at the last moment.

"If the years past are any indication," said Williamson, "they should move fairly quickly."

It is someone's responsibility to list personal property not covered under real estate and automobile listings.

"We can't keep up with all of the
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Photo by Jim Harper

Gilbert Starnes says that on a good day he can get one or two pilings set in the project to lengthen Yaupon Pier, but on Monday he and his crew

managed to plant three. The pier is to be extended over a hundred feet, a fact that will surely delight kingfishermen come spring.

Holiday closings

Some government offices will be taking Monday, January 3, off to celebrate the New Year, while others will just be going back to work after a long break.

Area banks will be open until 6 p.m. Friday, December 31, but will be closed on Monday.

Yaupon Beach Town Hall also will be closed Monday. Southport, Long Beach, Caswell Beach, Boiling Spring Lakes and Brunswick County government offices will be closed Friday, December 31.

The Brunswick County Library will be closed Friday, December 31, and Saturday, January 1.

The post office will close at noon on New Year's Eve and also be closed on Saturday.

Brunswick County schools and Brunswick Community College will reopen on Monday.

School board seeking \$10,000

Jones says he'll fight lawsuit over cafeteria equipment sale

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

Jones' Seafood Restaurant owner Jarvis Jones said this week he intends to fight a lawsuit filed against him by the Brunswick County school system seeking either a minimum of \$10,000 in compensation for cafeteria equipment he purchased in July, or the safe return of all the equipment to the school warehouse.

On July 20, Jones purchased 46 pieces of cafeteria equipment removed from Southport Elementary School

for \$350, and later the same day sold 12 pieces of equipment to Ed's Carolina Restaurant Equipment store in Wilmington, owned by Jones' nephew Ed Jones, for \$7,800.

School attorney Glen Peterson said he will attempt to locate the remaining 34 pieces of equipment during the discovery phase of the lawsuit.

The sale was made to Jones by child nutrition director Rebecca Brandon, allegedly without the school board's authorization. State law requires the school board to

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State review

Agencies load quarry project with questions

By Terry Pope
County Editor

A regional director recommends a mining permit be denied to Martin Marietta for a proposed rock quarry north of Southport, but state officials say they need more data before a final decision is made.

The N. C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources (DEHNR) has completed its initial review of the permit application.

Martin Marietta must respond to a lengthy list of concerns raised by state agencies, three of which support denial. The company wants to mine for limestone on a 1,000-acre tract north of Bethel Church Road.

Other agencies either asked for more information or listed concerns for the proposed quarry while none has suggested approval. The state responded a week ahead of the December 29 deadline, and a decision now could take time.

"My best guess is that it's a year off," said John Harvey, county planning director who serves as county facilitator for the state review.

"That's based on the volume of in-

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formation the state has requested."

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The Wilmington regional staff of DEHNR says the permit is "not approvable," and director Dan Sams questions a delay.

Requests for more information, if denial is inevitable, "would constitute a waste of time, money and resources" for both the state and the company. he

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Bald Head facing most important of its growing years

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

The year ahead for Bald Head Island stacks up as the most important in that young village's history, and manager Wallace Martin says he wants to be around for the full term.

Hired as the village's first administrator in 1986, Martin has discussed retiring in the past and presently is serving what many thought would be his last year, but on Tuesday he said he'd "like to stay for another year."

That's another year beginning in July, his employment anniversary.

Martin's remark came in a discussion of what the village can look forward to in the next 12 months.

Major policy changes are possible - including an alteration in how the village council is selected and whether

the council chooses to make building rules more stringent than in other communities.

And major fiscal concerns are likely to arise, Martin says.

"There have to be some decisions made about purchasing property for a garbage disposal center," he said. "A committee has been appointed (village councilmen Bill Leineweber and Sam Bell, and Martin) and we'll have a report in February, and that's going to be a dollar figure that will impact our budget."

Martin said that another necessary capital improvement is roadwork on South Bald Head Wynd.

"I'd like to complete the road program," he said, "picking up where we left off at West Bald Head Wynd and going along South Bald Head to Stage

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New finance reporting rules

Filing period opens Monday

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Filing opens Monday for local races under new election laws.

Candidates who live in Brunswick County must list their campaign spending and contributions with the elections board.

In the past, those seeking office did not have to show where they received cam-

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paign funds. "No one, no one will be exempt from filing these reports," said

Lynda Britt, supervisor for the Brunswick County Board of Elections.

Filing opens at noon, January 3, and closes at noon, February 7, at the elections office near Bolivia.

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Other local races are for
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Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30	LOW
8:39 a.m.		2:25 a.m.
8:59 p.m.		3:02 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31		
9:22 a.m.		3:09 a.m.
9:46 p.m.		3:44 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1		
10:04 a.m.		3:54 a.m.
10:34 p.m.		4:27 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2		
10:52 a.m.		4:44 a.m.
11:28 p.m.		5:14 p.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 3		
11:44 a.m.		5:38 a.m.
----- p.m.		6:05 p.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4		
12:27 a.m.		6:38 a.m.
12:41 p.m.		7:02 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5		
1:30 a.m.		7:43 a.m.
1:43 p.m.		8:03 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 Inlet, high -22, low -8.

Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 40s and lows in the 30s. Friday and Saturday, expect mostly sunny skies with highs in the 50s or lower 60s and lows in the 30s or lower 40s.

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