



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

## Teachers get control, money

*'Asking for performance-based instruction is not an unreasonable request' -Fairley*

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

Brunswick County teachers scored a victory on two fronts Monday night: money and power.

About 250 teachers applauded and cheered as the board of education approved an increase in local supplement, endorsed site-based management and rescinded a resolution tying teacher differentiated pay to student achievement.

Board member Bill Fairley was obviously disheartened by the board's latter move, which he alone did not endorse.

"If you are looking for someone to be mad at, I'm it," he told

the teachers, many of whom were members the Brunswick County Association of Educators. He explained that the resolution which he wrote and the board originally approved in May, 1993, and revised in January was designed to organize each school's Performance Based Accountability Plan into an easily understandable and comparable format. It required a comparison of three years of past academic performance at each school with county and state goals "in a graphic form so I could understand it," Fairley said.

Fairley said the reason why he ran for the board of education was his concern for the achievement of his children and the children of Brunswick County. The PBAP appeared to be the

"golden opportunity" to do what he wanted by finding out where schools are, identifying problems and devising ways to improve "so you know on an annual basis you're progressing," he said.

He complained that the plans submitted last spring were not easily understandable, and he was unable to determine what any goals were or how they could be compared.

The resolution, he contended, did not tell teachers what to do but how to put it in a format "in which I can adequately comprehend it."

The resolution also required that each school plan use student academic improvement as the basis for awarding differentiated

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## Site-based endorsed by board

The Brunswick County Board of Education endorsed site-based management Monday night, and later directed the superintendent to determine what that would actually mean for local educators.

"We need to know what we're practicing," assistant superintendent Jan Calhoun told the school board. Site-based management places decision-making, resources and accountability at the

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## County considers drug test

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

Should county employees face random drug tests?

It's a question the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners may debate Monday when it meets in regular session at 6:30 p.m.

"We do have problems with substance abuse all over Brunswick County," said Starie Grissett, person-

*'Where employees use alcohol and drugs ... they're more prone to accidents, and they don't give the public the job which the county deserves.'*

Starie Grissett  
Personnel director

nel director for Brunswick County. "I think everyone is aware of that."

She has devised new employee policies for the board to consider, plans that address sexual harassment, drug and alcohol abuse and certification standards for some workers.

"It's possible we could lose some federal funds if we don't have something in place," said Ms. Grissett. "We've kind of been debating it for a couple of years with some of the departments."

Commissioners have received  
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Steaming asphalt poured from the back of Dickerson Construction Company trucks while workers spread the final layer of topcoat on Caswell Beach Road this week. Project manager Jim Mangus said he expects to finish paving this week and begin strip-

ping early next week. Reflective markers will be put in place within 30 days. The road was widened a total of three feet on each side, and one foot on each side will be delineated as a bike path.

## Board hopefuls to be evaluated by mine group

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

The Brunswick Mining Awareness Committee plans to keep tabs on county commissioner candidates throughout the primary with the focus on zoning.

Members have surveyed those who filed for the five seats to determine stances on proposed zoning changes which the group says are needed to protect the county and the local environment.

"We're trying to make them aware of everything that's going on," said spokesman Bob Quinn of Southport.

The group formed in September, 1993, to battle Martin Marietta Aggregates' plan to open a rock quarry north of Southport and to lobby for changes in the county zoning ordinance to prohibit such industries.

More than 5,000 people signed petitions the committee placed throughout the county expressing the group's views.

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A questionnaire mailed last week to each of the 18 commission candidates states, "Our zoning ordinance is still a flawed document and our mem-

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## Elderly woman killed when struck by vehicle

An 88-year-old pedestrian, resident of the Bethel Church Road community, was fatally injured Tuesday when she was struck by an automobile in front of her home on Highway 87/133.

Mrs. Cassie Bennett Swain died after undergoing treatment at Doshier Memorial Hospital, where she was taken by Southport Rescue Squad personnel. The incident occurred shortly before 1:30 p.m.

The accident was investigated by the State Highway Patrol, but no information was available Tuesday night.

## Community Building

# Renovation gets more funding

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

Southport's local-option sales tax and vehicle property taxes have generated more revenue than expected this year and there is enough money available for additional renovations to the Community Building, city manager Rob Gandy told the board of aldermen Thursday night.

The board allocated between \$16,500 and \$19,000 for renovations to the back side of the building. All siding, windows and doors will be replaced and insulation will be installed.

The contractor, Stiller Construction Company, will begin the project in about two weeks, as soon as work is completed on the west side of the building.

Not all board members were in favor of the additional renovations, however.

Alderman Nelson Adams abstained from voting and told the board while he supported the Community Building project in general he did not believe that every surplus dollar should be spent on the repairs.

He also reminded the board that it had agreed last year to spend only \$25,000 on the Community Building this year, and to renovate the structure over the course of several years.

"This might get every one of you re-elected, but we came to a compromise last year on how much money to spend on that building on a general basis, and now everybody has forgotten that other things need to be done," Adams told the board. "I see what's

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## OUTSIDE



### Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17	LOW
12:11 a.m.	6:12 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18		
12:42 a.m.	7:05 a.m.	7:22 p.m.
1:01 p.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:21 p.m.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19		
1:38 a.m.	9:08 a.m.	9:22 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	10:08 a.m.	11:21 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20		
2:38 a.m.	11:03 a.m.	11:54 a.m.
3:02 p.m.	11:54 a.m.	12:54 p.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21		
3:38 a.m.	12:54 p.m.	1:54 p.m.
4:04 p.m.	1:54 p.m.	2:54 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22		
4:36 a.m.	2:54 p.m.	3:54 p.m.
5:17 p.m.	3:54 p.m.	4:54 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23		
5:30 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	5:54 p.m.
5:55 p.m.	5:54 p.m.	6:54 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 clear skies Thursday through Saturday, with daily highs in the 60s and lows in the 40s.