



Construction of the new Bald Head Island Conservancy headquarters has proceeded so rapidly that president Austin Hyde (right) jokes that the recent groundbreaking and dedication could almost have been held together. The site is near the brick Cape Fear lighthouse utility building on Federal Road. Photo by Jim Harper

## County's recycling numbers picking up

Brunswick County's recycling program has reported a dramatic rise in the amount of recyclables collected at county drop-off sites and through county recycling events.

About 853 tons of glass, plastic, aluminum cans, newspaper, cardboard, office paper and telephone books were collected from July, 1994, to June, 1995 -- an increase of almost 48 percent over the previous year.

In addition, the county processed over 10,000 tons of yard debris and recycled 1,105 tons of appliances and scrap metal at county landfills.

County recycling coordinator Heather Sandner attributed the gain to increased public awareness and to the distribution of informational brochures to more than 10,000 residents.

However, Sandner noted that 85 percent of total waste produced in the county -- about 94,000 tons -- was buried at county landfills.

"In addition to recycling more of the waste we've already produced, we need to start taking steps to prevent waste from being created in the first place," Sandner said. "Since 1991, Brunswick County has reduced just over eight percent. We have such a long, long way to go, we're not going to get there through recycling alone."

## Dave Metcalf

### For Mayor of Southport

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## New complex might help Nursing bed shortage sends residents away

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

For county residents in need of a nursing home, it's hard to find available space.

"We have difficulty placing persons in nursing homes within our county," said Jamie Orrock, Brunswick County Department of Social Services director. "We're placing persons as far away as New Bern. It places a real hardship on the family."

DSS officials want to endorse the Northwest Village General Partnership's plan to develop an "assisted-living complex" near Leland that may fill the needs of the northern Brunswick County community. But Orrock first wants to ensure that what Rufus Grainger Sr. and Wayne Bryant have in mind is categorized as a nursing home rather than a retirement center or rest home.

"It is the agency's position that we are in dire need of nursing home beds," said Orrock. "We would have difficulty endorsing the project if it is a rest home."

Of the 16 patients placed by DSS in nursing homes last month, only six were able to find beds inside Brunswick County. Some must find beds in Whiteville, White Lake and Elizabethtown. DSS won't endorse

**'(A shortage of nursing home beds) creates hardships and added stress on that segment of our population least deserving of it and ill-equipped to handle it.'**

Rufus Grainger Sr.

a specific project but will give a letter of support for the concept of building a new center -- especially if it will help families here.

"It's just a problem in this county, and it's going to get worse," said Orrock.

Social services staff members have in the past expressed their concerns to the Brunswick County Nursing Home Advisory Committee over the shrinking space allotted to in-county patients.

Existing homes are not giving

many slots to local residents, said Orrock. They aren't necessarily placing patients based on their residency. Northwest Village Partnership believes there aren't enough beds to meet the growing retirement population, an argument supported by the fact that DSS has 60 applicants each month on its waiting list just hoping to find a long-term care facility nearby.

"This list is growing, and our residents are compelled to utilize facilities in adjoining counties," Grainger stated. "This creates hardships and added stress on that segment of our population least deserving of it and ill-equipped to handle it."

The partnership is presently operating a large nursing home in Virginia, and the two men are also county natives. They would like to return to Brunswick County to meet the needs plus make a sound business investment. A location mentioned is near the Leland Industrial Park so the facility could tap onto the county water and sewer system there. The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners last week agreed to endorse the proposal to help the partnership obtain state permits.

Brunswick County currently has three nursing homes, one family care home and one rest home or retirement center.

Autumn Care of Shallotte has 102 nursing home beds and eight beds for the aged. Brunswick Cove Nursing Center near Belville has 102 nursing home beds with permits to expand by 40 beds plus another 20 beds for the aged. Ocean Trail Convalescent Center in Southport has 64 nursing home beds with ten additional beds allotted by the state and 42 beds for the aged.

Eldo Family Care Center in Maco has six domiciliary beds, and Brunswick Village Residential Care Center in Shallotte has 80 domiciliary beds. While there is a growing need for nursing home beds, the opposite is true for rest home beds, which stand at just 60-percent occupancy in the county, said Orrock.

## 'Harvest Days' Festival Nov. 4

The second annual Harvest Days Festival in Whiteville will feature three headline acts at a free outdoor concert Saturday, November 4.

Beginning at 11 a.m., jazz singer Eve Cornelius and the Chip Crawford Group will perform on the main stage, followed by the Super Grit Cowboy Band at 12:30 p.m. and the Fantastic Shakers at 4 p.m.

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