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Nudist camps

County tries to cover self

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Boyd Evans' suggestion that nudist campgrounds ought to be prohibited within 5,000 feet of any home, church or business sparked an outburst at the Brunswick County Planning Board public hearing last week.

In the end, Evans and the board agreed to increase proposed minimum distance requirements from 500 feet to 1,000 feet in the recommendation that will now go to Brunswick County commissioners for a vote, most likely for first reading on August 5.

"I don't know of any area in this county where you can go 5,000 feet without hitting a house, other than the Green Swamp," said planning board chairman John Thompson.

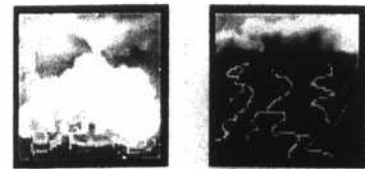
The hearing produced a few edgy moments over new restrictions in the zoning ordinance for nudist campgrounds. Planning staff and county officials proposed new rules for "nude campgrounds, colony, resort or other similar facilities" at the same time they are considering text amendments to regulate adult and sexually oriented businesses, such as bookstores, movie houses and massage parlors.

Nudists say they believe linking the items has produced bad publicity for their sake and want people to know the proposed Nirvana Sun Club that hopes to build on 62 acres near Supply is not an adult sexually oriented

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'It's hard for me as a Christian to see why anyone would want something like this, but we have all kinds of people in the world.'

Louie Lewis
Supply resident



Forecast

A chance of showers and severe thunderstorms can be expected for the rest of the week. Temperatures will reach the upper 80's.

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Photo by Jim Harper

Floor joists were installed in the second floor of the fire-damaged Hood Building last week. The next phase of the downtown Southport project will involve replacing the roof, windows and doors, and work on the interior is expected to begin in mid-September. The renovation project is scheduled for completion in late November.

Wastewater treatment

City okays contract to accept SBSB flow

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

With only one revision, Southport aldermen Thursday approved a contract whereby Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District will deliver an initial 30,000 gallons of wastewater to the city for treatment each day.

SBSB and the city are fighting a December 31 deadline to begin delivery of wastewater from River Run

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The portion of the infrastructure inside the district will be dedicated to SBSB; the portion closer to Southport will be dedicated to the city

Dosher hospital adopts \$1.1 mil capital budget

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

A \$1.1-million capital budget for fiscal year 1996-97 was approved Monday by Doshier Memorial Hospital trustees.

Among the most immediate of 90 capital needs listed are a \$300,000 digital X-ray room, a \$60,000 mammography machine, \$12,500 for a computer program to analyze prospective managed care contracts and \$72,100 for a new telephone system.

Doshier volunteers will contribute \$40,000 to defray the cost of some capital needs.

The hospital telephone system failed three times in the past year, it was noted. Hospital administrator Edgar Haywood said that replacing the aging phone system will be one of his first priorities.

"The phone system is probably the most obsolete part

of the hospital," he said. "The main switchboard has been down three times for several hours this year, and that's not good."

Also included in the budget as a lower priority is \$30,000 for equipment to furnish a fitness center to be established jointly by Carolina Power and Light Co. and Doshier.

While it may take a year or two for low-priority needs to be met, Haywood said. "It's safe to say everything on that list will ultimately be purchased."

CP&L approached the hospital with a plan to lease a building adjacent to the visitors center to the hospital for a small fee, Haywood said. The hospital will purchase equipment for the facility and the center will initially be available to CP&L and Doshier employees, he explained.

"After it's up and going, we hope to offer use of the facility to other businesses, but it probably won't involve

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OAK ISLAND

Clean-up of Bertha continues

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

With the exception of the Town of Long Beach, efforts to remove the tons of yard debris generated by Hurricane Bertha progressed with a vengeance this week.

All three Oak Island municipalities have decided to remove debris from curbside, but efforts to do so will be delayed a few days in Long Beach as the area's largest town seeks to learn how it may be reimbursed for the expensive effort.

Yaupon Beach and Caswell Beach have begun to remove yard debris from curbside with their own resources. That massive effort at Long Beach will require hiring outside contractors to remove the estimated 6,500 cubic yards of debris currently placed at curbside. Federal officials have not yet advised the town how contracts must be drawn and how debris must

'We had approximately 6,500 cubic yards on the ground by last Tuesday. That's \$65,000 right there....'

Jerry Walters
Long Beach manager

be measured, and how reports must be filed in order to qualify for disaster reimbursement. Town manager Jerry Walters said that information

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CITY EFFORTS

Southport okay; BSL hits a snag

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Efforts to remove debris from both private and public property has gone smoothly in Southport, but Monday hit a snag at Boiling Spring Lakes.

Southport city manager Rob Gandy said Tuesday between 60 and 70 percent of all private property debris generated by Hurricane Bertha has been collected through the efforts of both city crews and private contractors. Both will continue to make rounds of the city to collect remaining debris from curbside into next week.

"We were able to get inmates back into the city today to begin clean-up

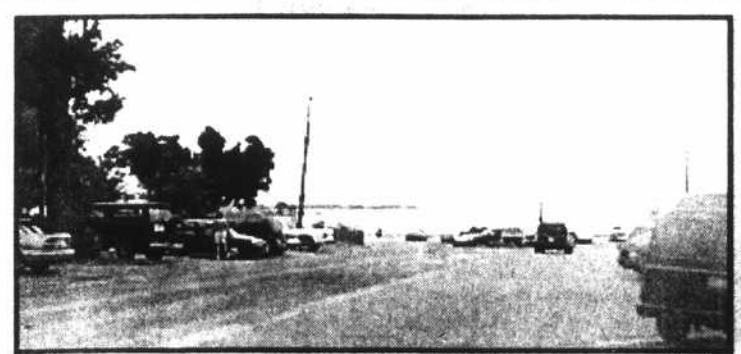
of the two cemeteries, Northwood and John Smith," Gandy said. "We hope to have that completed by tomorrow."

Most of the debris from private property should be collected by week's end, but Gandy expects the debris pick-up effort to continue into next week.

"I know there are some people who have not had a chance yet to put their debris out at curbside," Gandy said. "I'm sure we'll have a lot put out over this weekend, so I'm sure we'll still be collecting next week."

Gandy said the cost of contract labor as well as overtime and expenses accrued by city crews may be reimbursed.

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Open space?

To sew or not to sew, city officials think they know.

Are you feeling so-so?

City officials say plans are underway to replace the cedar tree which had loomed over Whittlers Bench for 30 years prior to its loss at Hurricane Bertha's hands.

But, some in the city say the foot of Howe Street looks better without some spindly tree obstructing a naturally breathtaking view of the Cape Fear River.

What do you think?

Drop us a line at P. O. Box 10548, Southport, NC 28461, or E-mail us at pilot@wil.net with your comments.