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Looming large on the Caswell Beach skyline these days are new streetlamp poles, Oak Island lighthouse and joggers at dawn, but notably absent are the old wooden poles that used to support power lines, telephone wires and television cable. These were finally removed last week, marking a successful end to undergrounding of the unsightly and vulnerable roadside wires which began in 1992.

Photo by Jim Harper

Department widely honored

Chief county planner takes Bald Head post

By Terry Pope County Editor

Wade Horne says he wasn't looking for another job, but when the manager's position at Bald Head Island came open he was certainly interested.

The Brunswick County Planning Department director says he has gained three years of valuable experience in county government that he can use to help build a better working relationship between the county

and its many municipalities.

And he says despite past controversies stemming from rule changes and zoning decisions his office had to make, decisions which may not have sat well with other county officials, disagreements are just a part of the planning director's job and that he leaves county government with no animosity toward anyone.

"I think it's a really good opportunity," said Horne. "I've spent my entire life on the coast, except for my time at college. And if you're going to be in coastal Carolina, and you're going to be in town management, I can't think of any better place to be than Bald Head Island."

Horne will start work on Bald Head on September 3, just three days shy of his third anniversary of starting work for Brunswick County.

Under his tenure, the county received state and national awards for its central permitting department, a one-stop agency where residents can obtain building and other necessary permits from the county. Later this month he will address the N. C. Association of County Commissioners' annual conference on how the county put together its long-range planning committee last year. That involved community-based planning, with all

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'A good one'

By Jim Harper Staff Writer

Wade Horne, for three years Brunswick County planning director, will become Bald Head Island's third town manager September 3.

Horne, 37, was selected by See Good, page 8

'Sometimes the positive in planning decisions may take 20 years to realize, whereas the negatives are pointed out right away.'

Wade Horne

Six-week process

Realtors say septic okay takes too long

By Terry Pope County Editor

County real estate agents and developers say a six-week delay to obtain septic tank approval on lots is too long a wait and is costing the county millions of dollars in lost revenues each year.

They asked the Brunswick County Board of Health on Monday to hire at least two more on-site evaluators to eliminate a backlog of permits on file and to cut the waiting period down to five to ten days.

Board members, however, say they won't be too quick to react and will give health director Wade (Bill) Burgess time to evaluate the problem from his work in the field with the actual inspectors. Pat Newton, board chair-

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'We have to be careful in hiring a bunch of people to affect the delay when it is short-term, when it's repetitively short-term.'

Pat Newton Board chairman

Caswell endorses Doshier expansion

By Richard Nubel Municipal Editor

Reversing an earlier position that the town had no standing in the matter, Caswell Beach commissioners Thursday voted to formally endorse Doshier Memorial Hospital's quest to win award of 60 skilled nursing beds. Earlier this year, when operators of Ocean Trail Convalescent Center in

Southport sought the same endorsement, commissioners told them it was not proper for the town to endorse its proposal or any proposal, but individual members of the board and community could if they wanted to.

Commissioner Bill Boyd, who offered the motion to endorse Doshier's bid for the nursing bed allocation and who said he was the "instigator" of See Caswell, page 12

SBSD for the birds

By Richard Nubel Municipal Editor

No self-respecting red cockaded woodpecker would want to build a home on Yaupon Beach's property, even if other portions of the Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District

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Staff development program

Schools plan 'aggressive' approach

By Holly Edwards Feature Editor

The key to improving student performance in Brunswick County is to improve the quality of classroom instruction, said new superintendent of schools Marion Wise.

"I believe in teachers and I believe that teaching is where it all happens," declared Wise. "I believe that quality teaching makes a difference and that teaching is a science and an art."

To improve the quality of instruction, Wise and his two assistant superintendents, Clarence Willie and Mary McDuffie, say they have planned an "aggressive" staff development program for the upcoming school year.

"I believe the great majority of teachers want to make a difference, but even some teachers that aren't performing up to standard would be inspired by learning new techniques," said Wise. "Staff development should not be fly-by-night and principals should serve as the instructional leaders of their schools. They should work with teachers to make sure they see the connection between staff development and what they're doing in the classroom."

The administrators say it's also important for them to lead by example.

"The bottom line is hopefully a year from now, when everyone looks back on the new administrative team, people will say we were a group of people who practice what they

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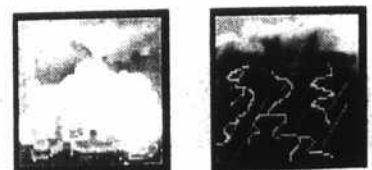
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Forecast

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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