

Around Brunswick

Annexation request comes out of hiding

CALABASH -- Slightly more than a month after Calabash residents voted to spin off the Carolina Shores subdivision it annexed in 1989, they find themselves weighing yet another annexation request.

Every one of the 49 property owners in Hidden Valley subdivision has signed a petition to Calabash commissioners asking annexation by the town. The move would add about 100 more persons to Calabash.

Commissioners received the petition and directed town staff to verify it.

Currently, Hidden Valley is governed by Calabash subdivision, zoning and building ordinances through exercise of the town's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Calabash commissioners say the compact nature of the subdivision would make it easy to provide services there.

The subdivision is engaged in a search for a wastewater management provider, as is Calabash.

In an unrelated action, Emily DiStasio was appointed to the Calabash Board of Commissioners October 13. She replaces the late commissioner Sam Bierworth, who died October 11.

Money flows to new municipality

CAROLINA SHORES -- Brunswick County's 19th and newest municipality -- freshly split from the Town of Calabash one month ago -- received the first \$500,000 of a division of assets stemming from the great municipal break-up.

The new town now expects another \$340,000.

Town officials October 13 approved a \$291,000 budget for the remainder of the fiscal year to end June 30, 1999. But, commissioners refused to pay a \$350 bill sent by the Brunswick County Board of Elections.

That bill was to cover costs of the referendum that divided Carolina Shores and historic Calabash. Carolina Shores officials said residents there voted 4-1 not to split, and Calabash should pay the entire elections bill.

Jury selection starts for Leland murder

BOLIVIA -- Trial of a former Sandy Creek police officer accused of murdering her husband more than two years ago began Monday.

Jury selection in the trial of Patsy Eleanor Coplen is expected to take several days. She is accused of shooting Richard Edward Martin, 27, in their Acres Circle home in Leland in May, 1996.

Coplen, who was not a police officer at the time of the shooting, has pleaded not guilty and contends she found her husband lying in a pool of blood in their bedroom.

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BCC takes on Y2K

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Y2K: The problem

It is a problem which has reared its head with a variety of names over the last several years -- the millennium bug, Y2K, The Year 2000 Problem -- but, by any name, the problem remains the same, and it poses a significant threat to our worldwide economy and, possibly, to our own personal survival.

The problem arises from a simple, yet egregious error. Back in the early 1960s computer programmers creating the first electronic computing systems made a decision to minimize memory processor usage by designating the year as a two-digit function rather than a four-digit function.

For example, the year 1998 is recognized digitally by the code

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Y2K: The solution

Even the small business operator in Brunswick County faces a challenge in preparing for the millennium and problems the Y2K bug may bring.

The Small Business Center at Brunswick Community College Thursday will sponsor a collaborative multi-agency presentation featuring six speakers who will address aspects of Y2K and preparations all business people should be making for it.

"It just boggles the mind when you think of it," said John M. Horton, BCC's Small Business Center director.

Horton said the Y2K seminar, which will be held between 9 a.m.

and 3:30 p.m. on the BCC Supply campus Thursday, was spurred

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She was charged with first-degree murder several weeks after the shooting.

All aboard for farm tour on October 30

BOLIVIA -- Brunswick County Soil and Water Conservation District will sponsor a farm tour October 30 and all interested persons are invited to participate.

Sites to be visited include the South Brunswick High School Aquaculture program, the Doug Holland farm, Jackie Potter's farm and Brunswick Community

College's aquaculture program. A bus will depart the Brunswick County Government Center at 1 p.m. and will return around 6 p.m. Participants are asked to arrive by 12:45 p.m. for registration.

Those wishing to participate in the farm tour are asked to contact the Brunswick County Soil and Water Conservation District office at 253-2830 no later than Monday, October 26.

Young will head Special Olympics

RALEIGH -- Tracy Young has

been selected coordinator for Special Olympics in Brunswick County.

As local coordinator, Young will set local goals and objectives, recruit and manage committees, serve as liaison to the Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) office, prepare an annual budget, maintain proper records, of participating athletes and manage competitions on the local level. Young will work ten to 20 volunteer hours per week for a two-year period.

She is the Special Populations coordinator for Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

As Special Olympics Brunswick County coordinator, her goals are to develop and organize a strong and successful committee structure. She also hopes to increase community support.

Young attended East Carolina University, where she received both bachelor and master degrees in business administration.

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coaches, sports officials, local program committee members and event organizers, SONC offers competition in 18 Olympic-type sports on local and state levels.

Foy sits on UNC law alumni board

CHAPEL HILL -- Henry G. Foy, of Long Beach, is one of 13 alumni of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law recently elected to the board of its nearly 8,000-member Law Alumni Association.

Foy is a 1968 graduate of UNC School of Law and is a partner with the Southport law firm Frink, Foy & Yount, P.A. He will represent the 13th Judicial District on the board.

Signs will mark Cape Fear basin

RALEIGH -- The N.C. Board of Transportation Wednesday voted to place 85 Cape Fear River Basin highway signs on primary and interstate highways throughout the basin.

The signs are to be erected as part of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office of Environmental Education's statewide adult education program, developed under the theme "Discover Your Ecological Address." That message encourages North Carolinians to discover which river basin they live in and how their actions affect water quality in that river basin.

The Cape Fear River Basin is the largest river basin in the state, covering more than 9,000 square miles. It is one of only four river basins in North Carolina located entirely within the state's boundaries. The Cape Fear River Basin flows from the north central Piedmont region near Greensboro to the Atlantic Ocean at Southport.

The 85 signs will be installed at interstate and primary highways and on major stream crossings in the spring of 1999. The signs will inform travelers not only when they are in the Cape Fear River basin, but when they are entering and leaving the basin.

Home construction brisk in first quarter

RALEIGH -- Home construction continued at a rapid pace in Brunswick County through the first quarter of the fiscal year, the N.C. Department of Labor reports.

The value of 275 new single-family units permitted was \$22.2 million.

The value of 26 multi-family units permitted was \$1.8 million.

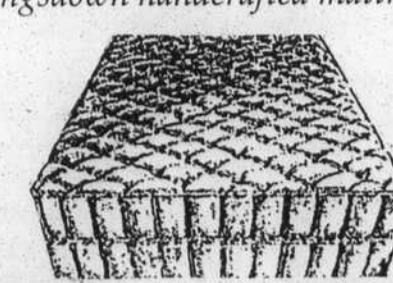
The value of additions to and alterations of 39 existing homes was \$2.3 million, the Department of Labor said.

Construction across the state climbed 24 percent during the first quarter of 1998, compared to the same time period one year ago, statistics indicate.

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