

Mail Box Vandals Mow Them Down

A rampaging vehicle, driven by a person still unidentified at press time, vandalized rural mail boxes on Holden Beach causeway, Boone's Neck Rd., and Old Ferry Rd., and in Shoreline Estates in the early hours of last Thursday morning.

Capt. Phil Perry of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department said Monday that 11 known cases were reported of property damage, mostly to mail boxes completely struck down, apparently by the same vandal. Also Community Hardware on Holden Beach causeway had a window struck or shot out, he said, and Cletis Clemmons reported windows out in his house and boats. "All these seem to be related," Perry said.

He said particles believed to be paint from the guilty vehicle had been recovered and are being sent out for laboratory examination. Otherwise, "we have only slim leads, because no one saw anything," he said. "Several people said they heard it, but if anyone saw what happened, I hope they'll call us."

He observed, "There are jags of this kind all over the county from time to time."



STRUCK DOWN IN ITS PRIME is this mail box on Holden Beach causeway. This was the fate of nearly a dozen mail boxes in that area when an adventurous vehicle cut a swath along the causeway and the shoulders of other roads Thursday morning.

Board Re-Elects Two Officers, Reviews Older Adults Program

Chairman Frankie Rabon and Vice-Chairman Edna Crouch were re-elected to second terms of office Monday night by the Brunswick County Board of Social Services.

They will both be serving their second year.

The board welcomed one new board member, insurance woman Judy W. Clemmons of Supply. She succeeds Betty Varnam, who had served two terms on the board and was a past chairman.

Also, the board reviewed the impact of the older adults program which recently was transferred to the department. Its supervisor is Ronnie Robinson.

According to DSS Director Jamie Orrock, the major changes for the older adults program are in the areas of accountability and program supervision.

The older adults office will remain in the Administration Building, since like other departments, social services has a shortage of space.

Previously the program was directly accountable to the county commissioners. Now Robinson answers to Orrock, then the county manager, then the commissioners, with the social services board taking no role in program personnel actions.

Eight full-time employees of the program are now regular county employees. "They have all the benefits of a county employee and all the responsibility of a county employee" under the county personnel policy, Orrock noted, including clocking in their hours.

In other business, board members approved case reports and heard reports from program supervisors.

They also authorized Orrock to ask the county commissioners to designate someone to sign vendor agreements in Orrock's absence. Presently Orrock and County Attorney David Clegg are authorized to sign the forms. But Orrock said he would like the person designated as in charge in his absence to have the authority to sign them.

The agreements are where the agency pays for a third party to provide a service to clients, such as medical care or a psychological examination.

On one recent occasion, he said, a client requested a service and had to wait for a signature because both Orrock and Clegg were away from the complex.

More Hot Weather Ahead

Cooler temperatures aren't anywhere in the forecast for the next several days, but more rainfall is, according to Charlotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.

In fact temperatures are expected to be above normal, averaging in the lower 70s at night to the lower 90s during the daytime. Approximately three-quarters inch of rainfall is expected, which is normal.

For the period of July 22-28, Canady recorded a maximum daily high of 90 degrees on July 22 through July 25 and again on the 28th. A

minimum low of 69 degrees occurred on the 23rd.

An average daily high of 89 degrees combined with an average nightly low of 72 for an average daily temperature of 81 degrees, which Canady said is normal for this time of year.

On his gauge at Charlotte Point, Canady measured 2.71 inches of rain during the period, an above-normal amount for a single week. Still, rainfall for the entire month still stands at about 50 percent of normal based on readings of his gauge. Rainfall levels have varied across the county.

Holden Beach Adding Officer

BY SUSAN USHER

Holden Beach Commissioners authorized an additional officer for the town's police department Tuesday morning.

Adding a fifth officer, said Town Administrator Bob Buck, will give Chief Raymond Simpson more opportunity to supervise the work of the department.

"He has a shift like the others and he also has all these horrendous reports to do," elaborated Mayor John Tandy.

Buck and Tandy said enlarging the department will also provide better overall coverage for the growing beach community.

"We've got a tremendous amount of growth," said Tandy. "That means we have a huge amount of more property that needs to be protected."

With four officers, he said, if one man's sick or on vacation, another has to double up on his hours.

The board decided on unanimous vote to hire the new officer, after holding two closed-door sessions to discuss the needs of the department in terms of personnel and administration.

Buck said the new officer would begin work at an annual salary of \$13,000 and would be allowed to

reside on the mainland if within a close distance of town.

"We're recruiting," he added, noting the officer must be state certified.

In other action Tuesday morning, the board denied a request for the Brunswick County Shrine Club to hold its annual fish fry on a site at the foot of the new bridge. They said it would pose a safety hazard because of traffic. Commissioners suggested the fry be held at the same location as in past years, on Jordan Boulevard.

They also continued making plans in the event a hurricane warning prompts evacuation of the town offices. Town officials will relocate to the Gray Gull Motel, which will provide 10 rooms at cost. However, the motel has a pay phone but no in-room phones. Commissioners said Tuesday they wanted to make it easier for property owners to contact town officials than it has been in previous years. Tentative plans are for calls to be routed to the nearby Sun Realty Co.

Calabash Needs More

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are now on the county water system, so a future count of water use wouldn't have to include them.

Webber raised the possibility of bringing in Carolina Shores, noting that Sunset Beach had included extra-territorial areas among its water customers. However, it was pointed out that the town already owned its water system. For a community borrowing money to build one, the only

way residents outside the city limits could become customers would be through annexation.

In other business, Town Clerk Janet Thomas reported that the town attorney had said Calabash could be its own contractor in the installation of its septic tank. "If we use free labor or our own labor and get informal bids, we can do it," she said.

Installation of the tank is awaiting final permits from the state NRCD.

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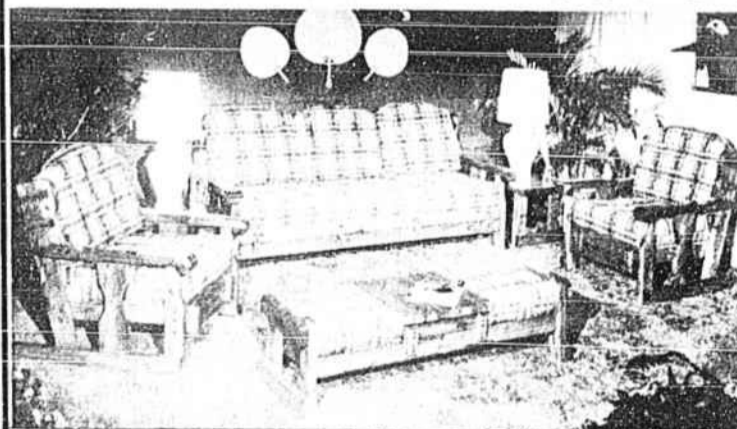
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