

## Parade Units Listed

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30. Cub Scout Pack 227
31. Boy Scout Troop 287
32. Waccamaw Boy Scout Pack 267
33. Mint Green
34. Shrimp N' Subs
- \*35. Piggly Wiggly/Pioneer Savings Bank
36. Brownie Troop 724, Girl Scouts
37. Junior Troop 859, Girl Scouts
38. Brownie Troop 554 and Daisy Troop, Girl Scouts
39. Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad.
40. WBHS Student Recognition/Green and Gold Card Holders
41. Shoe Center
- \*42. Coastal Insurance/Balloons-R-Uss and Party Plus
43. WBHS Future Business Leaders of America
44. Tripp's Jewelry
45. Miss Teen Brunswick Islands—Jenny Spivey
46. Surf Unlimited
47. NBHS Band
- \*48. Shallotte Lumber/Shallotte Marine Supplies
49. Grissetown-Longwood Volunteer Fire Department
50. WBHS Teacher of the Year
51. Little Miss Wilmington—Kirsten Klaus
52. Rotary Club of South Brunswick Islands
53. WBHS Girl's Varsity Basketball Team
54. Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department
55. WBHS VICA
- \*56. The Brunswick Hospital
57. Sudan Oriental Band
58. Miss Brunswick Islands—Lisa Young
59. Little Miss Reindeer—Crystal Driver
60. Brunswick County Parks and Recreation
61. Volunteer and Information Center
- \*62. Atlantic Telephone/United Carolina Bank
63. Sudan Van Patrol
64. Future Farmers of America
65. Moore's Quality Snack Foods
66. Kids Coverups
- \*67. T. Johnson Trucking
68. Cedar Grove Head Start
69. Waccamaw Elementary School
70. Soldier Bay Youth Group

71. Tiny Miss Brunswick Islands—Erica Babson
72. First Baptist Church
73. WBHS Football Team and Cheerleaders
- \*74. Burger King
75. Sudan Dunn Clowns
76. NBHS Color Guard
77. NBHS Drum Corps
78. NBHS Marching Unit
79. Brunswick County Youth Athletic Association
80. WPGO Radio Station
81. WBHS HOSA
82. WBHS DECA
83. Sunset Beach Volunteer Fire Department
- \*84. NCNB/Nationwide Insurance
85. Thomas Supply Company
86. Community Boys Club Drum and Bugle Corps
87. Shallotte Senior Citizens
88. Dub Fulford (race car)
89. Civietown Volunteer Fire Department
- \*90. Hardee's of Shallotte
91. Dance Showcase
92. N.C. State Beauty Cinderella Tot and National Cinderella Tot Covergirl—Love Williamson
93. Little Miss Liberty Star—Rhonette Phillips
94. Low Rider Trucks
95. Adam Stout (four wheeler)
- \*96. Security Savings and Loan/Southern National Bank
97. Calabash Volunteer Fire Department
98. Omar Daredevils
99. Brunswick County Democratic Women
100. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Shallotte
- \*101. Brunswick School of Dance/Kirby's Steak House
102. Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department
103. Tiny Miss Tri-Beach—Summer Todd
104. Southeastern Regional Watermelon Festival Queen—Kirsty Moshoures
105. Hank Williams and Neal Whaley (horses)
106. Brunswick County Saddle Club
107. Brunswick County Rough Riders
108. Midnight Saddle Club
109. Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad
110. Santa Claus
111. Shallotte Police Car

(\* denotes a float)

## Holden, Pinkerton Join Commission

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"We've attained good markets, both wholesale and retail," Holden said. "It's been real successful." Although the brothers grow 50 to 60 different crops, their main ones are tomatoes, sweet corn, cantaloupes and strawberries, he added.

Working closely with the Brunswick County Agricultural Extension Office, the Holdens in 1982 were among the first farmers in Brunswick County to begin using an innovative plastic culture and drip irrigation system, which results in the loss of fewer plants to disease than by traditional farming methods, Holden said.

As could be expected of a farmer, Holden loves his land. "For me, I see land as something you cherish for future generations," he said, "and I feel it's our responsibility to take care of it for our children."

Holden's feelings about his land apparently were inherited, since the property has remained in his family since the 1750s when it was granted to his Brooks ancestors by King George II of Great Britain. Last month the farm was recognized as a National Bicentennial Farm by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Holden said he expects his experience as a successful farmer to be valuable in his new role as commissioner. "I intend to be open-minded and fair, and to be as diplomatic as possible," he said. "I intend to go the extra mile to build a good working relationship (on the commission), but I'll never sacrifice my principles, no matter how great the pressure."

### Pinkerton: New Insight

While Holden's roots are deep in Brunswick County soil, Pinkerton has lived here full-time for only the past six years. However, he brings to the commission considerable "big-city" business experience that he couldn't have gotten locally.

"I'm not one of those outsiders who moved in just to tell Brunswick County what to do," Pinkerton told the Beacon. "I'm one who wants to be a part of Brunswick County."

Pinkerton, 52, is semi-retired and lives with his second wife, Patricia, at Yaupon Beach. Together they have seven children from previous marriages and eight grandchildren. The couple own two furniture stores in Southport—Nice-N-Pretty, which is run by Mrs. Pinkerton, and Discount Furniture Warehouse, which is operated by her son.

A Buncombe County native, Pinkerton graduated from Buncombe County public schools in 1954. He attended Blanton's Business College in Asheville, then served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1955 to 1958 and was based at

### Camp Lejeune.

For 13 years beginning in 1958, Pinkerton worked as an estimator and field supervisor for a sheet metal and roofing company in Asheville. In 1971, he moved to the Charlotte area and started his own business, Mecklenburg Roofing Inc. While living in Mecklenburg County, he served two terms on the board of a private school, Valley Dale, and two terms on the North Carolina and South Carolina State Construction Boards.

Pinkerton sold his roofing company in 1982 and moved to the Southport area, where his wife had opened their first furniture store a year earlier. "Brunswick County was our 'vacationland' during the '70s, and we rented cottages from time to time," he said, adding that the couple bought property here in 1980. "When my wife's business did well, we decided to make this our home."

For the past three years, Pinkerton has worked part-time as a florist at his wife's store. He also volunteers at Ocean Trail Convalescent Center, entertaining residents by singing gospel and country music. Also, he is a member of the Southport Rotary Club and Southport Lions Club.

Although he has led church choirs in the past, he doesn't sing in the choir at Oak Island Baptist Church, where he is a member—"but they're trying to get me that way (active in choir)," he quipped.

Pinkerton said he was active in other Republican campaigns in the past but never sought public office himself until this year. "I felt like the time was good to run," he said, noting that he can devote much of his time to the county board since he isn't tied down to a full-time job. "I look at it as a challenge. When you've started and sold businesses, I think you're always looking for new challenges."

The commissioner-elect said his business experience will give him "insight" into helping run an efficient county government. "I think the general consensus is that county government has gotten too big," he said, also noting that he hopes to emphasize the importance of planning in areas such as solid waste disposal and land use.

"I look at Brunswick County as small-town oriented, and I like that after having had the stress of the big cities," he said. "I think Brunswick County's location and small population make it a good place to come and grow with."

"I hope to be very involved, and I hope I will have contributed enough to be re-elected," he said, when asked how he would like to be viewed after his term is completed. "I would rather have four years of true contribution than just to be re-elected."

## Fundraising To Begin For Museum

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town, although he doesn't want to see the town become involved in its operation.

"Anything that's good for Ocean Isle, I'm all for it," he added. "I wish them luck raising the money."

According to Ingram, a non-profit organization known as the Ocean Isle Museum Foundation, Inc., will operate the facility. He said he expects the foundation to have its charter and be organized before the end of the year.

He is acting chairman of the foundation board of directors. Other founding board members are Ocean Isle Mayor Betty Williamson, Town Clerk Alberta Tatum, and property owners Al Laughinghouse, Bill Jennings and Hayden O'Neill.

Ingram said the foundation will have to raise about \$200,000 for construction and furnishing of the first two phases of the nature center.

Phase one will be the "nuts and bolts" of the museum and will include a main entrance, office, restrooms and a limited amount of

space for exhibits. The second phase will be an artificial reef room featuring mounted fish and other marine specimens.

Eventually, third and fourth phases will be constructed to provide more exhibit space for animals common to the area, shore and land birds, shells and artifacts. Each of those phases, Ingram said, should cost about \$100,000.

When all four phases are completed, the building will cover approximately 10,000 square feet and will look similar to the new town hall from the outside. Ingram estimated that it will be worth more than \$1 million, including the various displays.

"It's an ambitious program but we're not going into it with thoughts of failure," he said.

Ingram noted there is no specific timetable for raising the funds or constructing the museum.

"As with any other museum, fundraising is a perpetual thing," he said. "We're going to put the first shovel in the ground as soon as we get

the money to build it."

In setting up the museum, he said the foundation will seek technical advice and assistance from the Science Museums of Charlotte.

Ingram, president of the Ocean Isle Beach Property Owners Association, said he made an official announcement during Saturday's annual membership meeting that the museum would be pursued. He said 97 of the POA's 600 members attended the morning session at town hall and that he sensed approval of the project.

"I thought the general feeling was very much of enthusiasm and support," he said, adding that there was no request for donations at that time.

Once the necessary funds are raised, he said the foundation board of directors will concentrate on how the museum will be operated. He said it will be run as a separate entity from both the town and the property owners association.

## Real Estate Listing Plan Explained

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level which is acceptable to the N.C. Department of Revenue.

In making his recommendation to commissioners, Williamson noted that about 60 of the state's 100 counties currently use a permanent real estate listing system, with many of the counties using it as a cost-saving measure.

He added that each year after tax bills are mailed, his office is swamped with inquiries about late list penalties, especially from non-resident property owners who didn't know they were expected to list their holdings here.

"When a property owner files a deed for recordation with the Register of Deeds, he is in essence listing the property for taxation," Williamson stated in a memo to commissioners. "There is nothing magical about signing and returning a form to our office every year. This is a difficult penalty to explain and collect, plus it serves no meaningful purpose."

Williamson said his office generally charges about \$100,000 each year

in late list penalties, although a portion of that amount is released due to clerical errors and other considerations. Average individual penalties range from \$35 to \$50.

"It (the new system) could have a possible effect on the levy," Williamson said. "However, we can offset that effect by pursuing unlisted personal property."

For example, according to statewide figures, only about 80 percent of the cars and trucks registered in North Carolina are listed for tax purposes, Williamson said. He noted that he and his staff now will have more time to identify unlisted vehicles, using reports from the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles.

Although proposed changes in the method of listing vehicles are being considered on a statewide level, the current penalty for failing to list a vehicle is \$100, Williamson reminded.

According to County Manager John T. Smith, the N.C. Association of County Commissioners is expected to recommend to the Legislative Goals Conference in December that

automobiles be listed at the same time their license tags are registered each year.

In addition to freeing up the tax department to find unlisted personal property, Smith said the permanent real estate listing system should greatly reduce the department's expenses. "In my opinion, it should be economically feasible to do it," Smith said, "and not just administratively feasible."

The county manager indicated that the county may stop mailing out abstracts (listing forms) on real estate after the coming year, due to the permanent listing system. Postage costs, which last year amounted to at least \$10,000, would be cut in half, Smith said. Another savings would be seen in materials, which Williamson said cost about \$6,000.

Since materials had already been ordered prior to the commissioners' decision last week, Smith and Williamson said no changes will be made in the tax listing procedures this coming year, except that the late list penalty for real estate won't be charged.

## Weather Should Be Near Normal

After a relatively warm and wet Thanksgiving weekend, weather over the next several days should return to near normal conditions in the Shallotte area, according to Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.

Temperatures through the weekend should range from the low 40s at night to the low 60s during the day, while rainfall is expected to measure about one-half inch, Canady said.

During the period of Nov. 22 through 28, the daily average temperature in the Shallotte area was 56 degrees, which Canady said was about four degrees above normal.

The daily average high temperature was 66 degrees, and the daily average low temperature was 47 degrees.

The maximum high temperature during the period was 75 degrees, occurring on Nov. 26. The minimum low temperature was 32 degrees, occurring on Nov. 25.

Canady measured 2.17 inches of rain during the seven-day period.

## Accused Killer Is Denied Bond

A Southport man who allegedly killed his wife over the weekend was denied bond Monday during a first court appearance in Bolivia.

Southport Police Chief Bill Coring said late Monday afternoon that Jerry Wayne Blackwell, 43, of East 11th Street, was being held in the Brunswick County Jail without bond. Blackwell's probable cause hearing was set for Dec. 21.

According to Coring, Blackwell was charged with murder Saturday after police found his wife, Joyce Margaret Blackwell, 41, dead in the rear bedroom of the Southport house. The woman had suffered three wounds from a 12-gauge shotgun at close range.

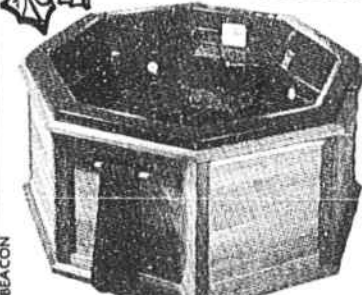
Officers went to the house after the defendant himself reported the incident to police Saturday around 9 a.m., appearing in person at the Southport Police Department.

Coring indicated that the fatal shooting apparently resulted from domestic problems between the couple.

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