

Freelon Sings Farewell

Nnenna Freelon will sing her goodbye as visiting artist to Brunswick County and Brunswick Community College Friday night, before going to Wayne Community College. The story is on Page 13-A.



Debate Continues

An ongoing debate over how to regulate parking on Hillside Drive consumed much of the Holden Beach Commissioners' meeting Monday, with nothing resolved. For the story, see Page 7-A.

Small Business Expo

Check out the Expo, where 29 area businesses will offer their products and services to the public, Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Sea Trail Plantation buildings at the intersection of N.C. 179 and N.C. 904 at Seaside. See Page 11-A.

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Brunswick County Election Results

(Contested Races Only)

Brunswick County Commissioner

District 2 Democrat

Allan Dameron.....1,829
W.A. (Alfonza) Roach.....2,116
Joseph Stevenson.....2,879

Republican

Eugene Hewett.....1,097
Jerry Jones.....1,262

District 5 Democrat

Grace Beasley.....2,850
V.A. Creech, Jr.....1,763
Mike Holmes.....1,523

Republican candidate Donald Shaw has no opposition in this race.

Brunswick County Sheriff

Democrat

John Carr Davis.....5,649
J.R. (Jim) Vaughan.....1,432

Republican

James Brown.....1,203
Carl G. Collins.....123
David L. Gause.....588
Charlie M. Long.....326
William (Bill) Sisk.....291

Brunswick County Board of Education

District 2 Democrat

Joseph B. (Joe) Carter.....2,818
Polly G. Russ.....3,100
Dorothy A. Worth.....915

There are no Republican candidates.

District 5 Democrat

James (Jimbo) Clemmons.....3,622
Julie Strickland.....3,147

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

District Attorney

Democrat

Tom Aldridge Jr.....1,377
Rex Gore.....4,367
Michael T. Mills.....1,254

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

N.C. House of Representatives

Democrat

Ralph King.....3,310
E. David Redwine.....3,955

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

U.S. Senator

Democrat

Mike Easley.....4,152
Harvey B. Gantt.....1,582
Lloyd Garner.....75
Robert L. (Bob) Hannon.....45
John Ingram.....911
R.P. (Bo) Thomas.....484

Republican

Jesse A. Helms.....2,037
L. C. Nixon.....273
George Wimbish.....212

U.S. Congress

Republican

Robert C. Anderson.....1,378
Fries Shaffner.....832

Democratic Congressman Charlie Rose has no primary opposition.

District Court Judge

Democrat

Wayne Long.....4,149
David G. Wall.....2,557

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

Judge Of Court Of Appeals

Democrat

Eugene H. (Gene) Phillips.....3,749
Ellen Bradshaw Scouten.....2,150

There are no Republican candidates in this race.

Redwine Fends Off Run By King To Keep Seat

BY SUSAN USHER

Rep. David Redwine and his wife, Penny, were keeping a close watch on the tote board Tuesday night in the Public Assembly Building at Bolivia as primary results streaming in from Brunswick County's 22 precincts showed a close 14th District House race.

The suspense ended, early as Redwine secured a 645-vote lead over challenger Ralph King of Ash, who conceded shortly after 9:30 p.m. with a handshake and words of congratulations for the winner.

"It was a tough race," Redwine said. "What you saw tonight was a general election fight in a primary. Republicans were working the polls for my opponent; I was fighting some Democrats and some Republicans. That made it difficult."

"I feel very fortunate about getting to represent the district again," he said. "My opponent and his people worked hard."

Elsewhere in the 14th District Redwine led King in Topsail Precinct in Pender County 779 to 322, while results were unavailable for Castle Hayne Precinct in New Hanover County.

Election returns came in smoothly Tuesday night, reported Board of Elections member Horie Gore of Southport, with a voter turn-out of 39.03 percent. The first returns were in before 8 p.m. and totals in approximately two hours after the polls closed.

A new 40 percent rule paid off for candidates in races with more than two candidates, with no local second primaries set based on Tuesday's unofficial results.

However, official canvass of the returns is set for 10 a.m. today (Thursday).

Rex Gore, a former assistant district attorney, will go up against Republican Frank Stanley of Tabor City in November in the 13th District Attorney's race. Gore won the Democratic primary with 47 percent of the three-county vote, or 11,172 of the 23,896 votes cast.

In his second bid for the office, Gore credited a strong, 62.4 percent showing in Brunswick County with the victory over competitors Tom Aldridge and Michael Mills. "The main difference was that the people of Brunswick County got to know me over the past eight years through my work with Democratic Party and with community organizations and they really supported (See REDWINE, Page 2-A)



STATE REP. E. David Redwine and wife Penny intently study the board as Brunswick County election results are posted Tuesday night. Polly Russ, in flowered dress and a candidate for the Brunswick County school board, also watches closely, as does Shallotte Mayor Jerry Jones, in striped shirt, who was seeking a county commissioner seat. All three won nomination.

STAFF PHOTO BY SUSAN USHER

Ulrich Resigns As Manager Of Holden

BY DOUG RUTTER

Holden Beach Town Manager Gus Ulrich resigned Monday night but will work through July 12 to help the town get through the busy July 4 holiday and give the Board of Commissioners time to find a replacement.

Town commissioners accepted Ulrich's resignation at the close of Monday night's regular monthly meeting, following a 90-minute executive session that Mayor John Tandy said was called to discuss a personnel matter.

Ulrich said his resignation had nothing to do with the executive session and that none of the town board members had asked him to resign. "I had my letter (of resignation) prepared before I came here tonight," he said. "I've been thinking about it for some time."

Police Chief Raymond Simpson met with commissioners for most of the closed session. Simpson has been criticized recently by some town officials and residents for poor enforcement of town ordinances. No action was taken in open session relating to the police department.

After the meeting, Ulrich said he is resigning because the responsibilities of the job as he would like to see it (See ULRICH, Page 2-A)



ULRICH

Site Selected For Holden Beach ABC Store

BY BOB HORNE

The Brunswick County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board took the first step toward establishing an ABC store in the Holden Beach area last Wednesday.

After adjourning a Tuesday meeting to Wednesday, the board inspected the location and decided to negotiate with Glenn Farrell of Greensboro to lease the former convenience store on Holden Beach Road. The building is located beside the Holden Beach U Lock It Mini Storage, one-half mile before the merger of Holden Beach Road and Seashore Road and 1 1/2 miles from the entrance to the causeway.

A sign was posted on the building identifying it as a prospective ABC store site and the North Carolina ABC Board was notified of that action last Thursday.

During the 30-day period the building is posted, any objections to use of the building as an ABC store will be heard by the board. Objections can be mailed to Brunswick County ABC Board, P.O. Box 249, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.

The fledgling board decided April 24 to move toward opening an ABC store in the Holden Beach area this summer. It eventually plans to also open stores in the Supply, Southport and Bolivia areas, but felt Holden Beach currently is the area least served and the area where profits could be built faster.

In addition to the Holden Beach area receiving an ABC store, the establishment of such a store would pave the way for the issuance of mixed-drink permits countywide, because the store would be operated by the



STAFF PHOTOS BY BOB HORNE

THIS BUILDING, on Holden Beach Road, has been selected by the Brunswick County ABC Board to house the board's first ABC store.

county ABC Board instead of a municipality ABC Board.

Towns in Brunswick County with ABC stores include Belville, Boiling Spring Lakes, Calabash, Long Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Shallotte, Southport, Sunset Beach and Yaupon Beach.

Passage of last November's countywide ABC referendum and previous votes in individual municipalities

already allow mixed-drink permits to be obtained by eligible businesses in those towns. Special legislation also allows the sale of mixed drinks at Bald Head Island.

The cost of opening the new store has been estimated at \$136,000, according to board Chairman Joyce Vereen.

On Tuesday, the board hired the CPA firm of Brock Berry and Padgett to handle its accounting.

Lightning Strike Leaves 8,300 Without Dial Tone

BY SUSAN USHER

Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. employees and customers were rebounding Monday from what one official described as "the worst week" in his tenure with the cooperative.

Lightning knocked out the 579 exchange mid-afternoon Saturday, as a severe thunderstorm swept through the area, leaving more than 8,300 customers in southern Brunswick County without a dial tone, said Percy Woodard, ATMC member services director. The strike also affected the 287 exchange in the Longwood-Ash area, which is serviced through the Seaside-Calabash substation.

"This is the worst week we've ever had in my 26 years with Atlantic Telephone," General Manager Russell D. Price said Monday, as crews continued repair efforts. "Since last Monday, it's been the most extensive damage we've encountered since I've been here."

The strike was the latest in a series of weather-related problems that began last Monday night when a series of four lightning-packed thunderstorms damaged electronic components and temporarily disrupted telephone and cable operations.

To help deal with the effects of Saturday's storm, ATMC called in a trouble-shooter Saturday from Stromberg-Carlson, an electronics component supplier, and had replacement parts arriving by air Sunday and Monday.

Service had been restored to all but 2,400 customers as of Sunday, but was still erratic for some members as repairs continued Monday, Price said. He said he expected to have all customers "at 100 percent" by midnight that day.

Price estimated damage from the weekend storm alone at \$100,000.

Monday's storm required repairs of mainly diodes and chips on electronic cards, but damage from the weekend storm required replacement of thousands of the electronic cards themselves, as well as other equipment, Price said.

Some of those Calabash-Seaside area customers left without a dial tone had already been without cable television service part of the weekend.

At approximately 11:30 p.m. Friday, late-night cable watchers in the Seaside-Calabash area lost service when a power unit "burned up." Price said he thought the unit may have been severely damaged in Monday's

storm, damage that was exacerbated by a power surge when electricity was restored Friday following a fire in the Sunset Beach area.

Price said he and Malcolm Grissett, outside plant manager, replaced the power unit themselves, with service restored to customers by 6:45 a.m. Saturday.

Price's cable television went down again during the Saturday thunderstorm, he said. He tried to call a company dispatcher by telephone and couldn't, resorting instead to two-way radio. After the power was restored, cable television service resumed within five to 10 minutes, as it was programmed to do. "I thought we had dodged the bullet," Price recalled.

But later that afternoon, he said, he encountered a Calabash customer who was without telephone service.

"I contacted our supervisors and they were frantic," Price said. "We had lost the entire system. They didn't know just how bad it was but knew it was pretty bad, because they couldn't get the maintenance processor up in order to check the damage."

Price said he hopes ATMC has seen an end to storm-related damage for a while. "It was terrible. I hope this will hold us at least until September," he said. "We deserve it."