

# Health Board To Review Seafood Ordinance

BY TERRY POPE

An ordinance aimed at regulating seafood vendors goes to the Brunswick County Board of Health for review Monday.

The main thrust of the ordinance would impose health standards on persons who sell fish, shrimp or other shellfish along the roadside, said Health Board Chairman Bill Rabon.

"The major section deals with sales from vehicles," he added.

If the board accepts the ordinance as written Monday, the new rules must go to a public hearing before adoption, said Health Director Michael Rhodes.

In August, District 3 County Commissioner Gene Pinkerton asked the health board to consider an ordinance to protect residents from old seafood, frozen seafood being sold as fresh and the trash left behind at the vending sites.

Pinkerton said he was also concerned that there are no toilet facilities for the people who staff the sites all day, making it potentially unsanitary for them to handle fresh seafood.

The ordinance would require those selling from the back of vehi-

cles to be within 100 yards of a toilet and handwashing facility and to sign a contract with the owner stating permission to use the facility.

"That's a major item the roadside vendors will be facing in this ordinance," said John Crowder, environmental health supervisor.

Crowder and three members of the board, Bill Phillips, Brad Williams and Pat Nutter, drafted the ordinance based on similar ones found in New Hanover, Craven and Cumberland counties.

It would require persons who sell seafood to obtain permits from the health department and face routine inspections, like grocery stores and restaurants. The board has not set a price for the permits, but has mentioned a range of \$10 to \$15.

The health department mailed surveys to seafood vendors last year asking if the businesses favored permits and routine inspections. The survey was not well-received, said Crowder.

He estimates there are 70 to 80 places to buy seafood in Brunswick County. Of those, approximately 40 are established businesses that sell seafood from buildings. Another 30 to 40 persons sell seafood from

roadside stands or vehicles, he said, mostly during the summer tourist season.

"The 70 to 80 range is a conservative figure," Crowder said.

The ordinance would require that the permit be posted in the market or roadside stand so the public can easily recognize which businesses are complying with the law.

The health department must also approve plans for construction or remodeling of seafood markets. Standards for floors, walls, ceilings, lighting, ventilation, toilet and handwashing facilities, storage spaces, water supply, solid and liquid waste disposal, insect and rodent control, cleaning of utensils and refrigeration are spelled out in the new ordinance.

Fish markets and shellfish dealers who have been in operation and previously permitted would be exempt from the additional construction requirements imposed in the ordinance, if ownership of the business does not change.

Some seafood market owners attended the health board meeting last month. They asked if their business would have to remodel to meet the standards required by the proposed

ordinance.

Crowder said a grandfather clause would protect established businesses from having to make those costly changes.

Under the proposal, a person may appeal the denial or revocation of a permit to the health department provided a written petition is filed within 10 days. A hearing would then be held before three members of the environmental health division.

If the matter remained unresolved, the health board would hear the case and vote to either uphold or reverse the environmental health division's recommendation.

Persons found guilty of violating the ordinance could be fined up to \$50 and face up to 30 days in jail.

Pinkerton also told commissioners that he is concerned over lost sales tax revenues from roadside seafood vendors. That matter must be resolved by commissioners instead of the health board.

"I am not interested in handicapping our people from whatever their business interests are," said Pinkerton, "only that it is done properly and in the interest of health for our citizens."



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## Flashers Going Up

State Department of Transportation workers Jerry Etheridge (in bucket), Charlie Casteen and Chris Vann Monday began installing flashing caution lights at the intersection of the U.S. 17 bypass of Shallotte and Old Shallotte Road. "It's a busy intersection," Casteen said, noting he had observed some elderly motorists who appeared confused by the divided four lanes as well as left-turning drivers "not abiding by the rule book," failing to yield the right of way to vehicles crossing the bypass. The flashers are being hung high so that they can be readily replaced with full signals if needed, he said.

# Local Business Owners Face Gambling Charges

A Sunset Beach businessman was one of six people who appeared in Brunswick County District Court last week on illegal slot machine charges.

Hubert Alan Jones, 50, owner of Pizza Country USA, pleaded no contest to possession of a gambling device.

In a plea agreement, Jones surrendered his ABC license and \$498 seized during a raid on his business by N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement agents last month.

Agents seized the machines, claiming they are in violation of state gambling laws. Defense attorney Roy Trest argued that county residents are not sure which machines require skill to operate and which are considered gambling devices.

Charles Augusta Shore, 49, of Long Beach, supplied the machines that were seized from area businesses during the sweep.

A similar operation held in New Hanover County last month sparked debate between the state Attorney General's office and local district attorneys over what constitutes gambling. Illegal machines are those that involve more

chance at winning than skill.

Taken from area businesses were "eight-liner," "spin out," "sharpshooter" and "joker poker" machines, according to arrest warrants filed by ALE agent Mark Senter.

Shore pleaded no contest to unlawful agreement involving a slot machine and was ordered by Brunswick County District Court Judge Napoleon "Poli" Barefoot Jr. to surrender the machines to ALE agents.

Also, \$91.80 seized is to be turned over to ALE for training purposes. Shore must also pay an \$85 fee to ALE for a truck agents rented to haul away the machines.

The machines seized from area businesses paid winners in coupons, good for up to \$10 in merchandise, instead of cash.

Others charged were as follows:

- Joanne Pantaleo, Ocean Aire Estates, Ocean Isle Beach, charged with operation or possession of a slot machine and gambling violation, had those charges dismissed. A co-defendant, Jones of Pizza Country USA, pleaded guilty instead.

- Joseph Lindy Lenins, 43, East Beach Drive, Long Beach, charged with operation or possession of a slot machine and a gambling violation had those charges voluntarily dismissed. He is owner of Oasis Beach Club, Long Beach.
- Linda Crystal Rosciszewski, 29, of Crowell Street, Yaupon Beach, charged with playing an illegal slot machine and a gambling violation had those charges dismissed. She is employed by Maelene's Raw Bar in Yaupon Beach.
- Maelene McGil Edwards, 57, of Trott Street, Yaupon Beach, owner of Maelene's Raw Bar, charged with operation or possession of a slot machine and a gambling violation had those charges voluntarily dismissed.
- Gene Austin Hardee, 53, East Second Street, Ocean Isle Beach, charged with possession of a slot machine and a gambling violation at The Breakers, of Ocean Isle Beach. Trial was postponed until Nov. 6.
- Timothy Edward Holcombe, 23, East First Street, Ocean Isle Beach, charged with operation or possession of a slot machine and gambling violations at The Breakers, Ocean Isle. His trial was postponed until Nov. 6.

# Jealousy Over Girlfriend May Have Led To Shooting

BY TERRY POPE

Detectives believe jealousy over a girlfriend led to the fatal shooting of a Leland man in a school parking lot last Thursday evening.

James Glenn Maynard, 28, of the Long subdivision in Leland, has been charged with first-degree murder, said Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Ken Messer.

He was being held in the Brunswick County Jail without bond Tuesday, charged with the murder of Alex Dale "Baby Hewey" Hewett, 25, of Route 5, Leland.

"Basically, it was jealousy over a

girlfriend from what we understand," said Messer. "That was the motive for the incident."

Messer said he didn't know what specifically led to the shooting once the men met.

Maynard is accused of firing a .20-gauge shotgun at Hewett in the vacant parking lot of Lincoln Primary School in Leland. Hewett was shot once in the face and lower neck area and was taken to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, where he died Friday morning.

The suspect has also been

charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury, and with possession of a firearm on school property, said Messer.

Hewett and a friend, Darrell Wooten, of Leland, had met Maynard in the parking lot around 6:30 p.m., said Messer. The shooting happened about 10 minutes later.

A pellet from the shotgun blast struck Wooten in the hand, Messer said, causing him to lose a finger. He also suffered powder burns to his left eye and left side of his face.

"He (Wooten) was there as a friend of the victim," said Messer.

Maynard was initially charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and was preparing to make a first appearance in Brunswick County District Court Friday when the victim died around 11 a.m.

One assault charge was then changed to first-degree murder. He had been placed under \$60,000 bond, but has since been ordered held without bond.

"Nothing was going on at the school at the time," said Messer.

# Festival Will Salute Desert Storm Veterans

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Contestants can enter at the site until immediately before the start of competition.

The long-driving competition tees off at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Holden Beach Driving Range on N.C. 130 East. Interested participants can call Sylvia or Benny Ludlum, 842-6253.

More sporting events include a kite flying contest Saturday at 2 p.m. at the bandstand and volleyball

games and a sand sculpture contest at the Campground by the Sea at 3 p.m. The campground is located near the west end of the island.

Saturday's entertainment, scheduled from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. includes a contemporary dance show by Brunswick Dance Studio at 1 p.m., storytelling under the bridge at 2 p.m. and plenty of taped beach music for listening enjoyment.

Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. the bandstand under the bridge will light up with live music from

Brunswick County local band Mama Said, playing a danceable mix of beach, country and oldies. Emcee will be Lee Michaels of WCCA, which is sponsoring the dance and festival music.

Along with arts, crafts and food from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday's schedule also offers gospel music from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Groups scheduled to appear include The Kingsway from Shallotte, the Missionaries from Holden Beach, Rapture from Winnabow, the Longwood Baptist Church Choir and the Coastal Voices.

Questions about entering any of the festival events or about qualifying for events should be directed to

festival coordinator Gay Atkins, 842-6061.

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animals can detect gas from bodies on both land and water. It was the first time the special dogs have been used in Brunswick County, said Marlowe.

"If we get something concrete, they'll be back," he said.

Keeler is white, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs about 150 pounds, with hazel eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion. He has two tattoos, a tiger on his right arm and the word "Timmy" on his left arm.

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