

The Beauty Of Brunswick

BY BILL FAVER

We have become accustomed to the autumn beauty in places like our North Carolina mountains and the New England states. What sometimes comes as a real surprise is how beautiful our own roadsides can become in the fall when the leaves show forth their splendor.



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A good example can be seen along Stone Chimney Road, from Supply down to Holden Beach. The oaks sport their broad reddish-brown leaves against a backdrop of yellows and greens. Dogwoods are almost a deep crimson, prettier than they've been for several years. The deep tints of gums add a purplish-red to the color palette. And the maples try to take the prize with their brilliant, vibrant reds. Yellows of poplars and hickories are there, too, and grape leaves ribbon the pines and cedars with sashes of yellow.

Grasses and sedges cover the ground with earth tones and the seed pods and ripe seed add fluffy whites and beiges. Cattail leaves have turned a greenish-brown and the goldenrods have about lost all their yellow for this season.

It is evident fall is here, though our temperatures have been more spring-like. We see the beauty all around us and we know we are coming into the season of rest for the plants. We see the ripening and maturing and the dying of wildflowers and we know the seed are being distributed to make a repeat performance next spring.

While we are counting our blessings this Thanksgiving season, we can be thankful for the cycles and seasons that give variety to our living. We can be thankful for the "beauty of Brunswick" we see all around us. And we can be thankful for the awareness and concern for the natural world that helps us notice and appreciate the beauty we find.



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WE CAN BE THANKFUL for the beauty of Brunswick.

RECREATION BRIEFS

Santa Will Phone Brunswick County Kids

Local kids age nine and under can receive a telephone call from Santa Claus or one of his elves through a program offered by the Brunswick County, Long Beach and Southport parks and recreation departments.

Parents can pick up "Santa Calling" forms in county libraries or parks and recreation offices. They also will be available in the county schools.

For more information, call Emma McGraw, special events coordinator with Brunswick County Parks and Recreation, at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Holiday Crafts

An after-school arts program will give local youths the opportunity to make Christmas tree ornaments and holiday treats.

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department program is open to children ages six to 13, and all materials will be provided.

Classes will be held Tuesday,

Dec. 10, at West Brunswick Branch Library, Shallotte; Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Southport Library; and Thursday, Dec. 12, at Leland Library. All classes are from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Party Slated

Joyce Greer will share traditional holiday stories and a special guest from the North Pole will make an appearance at the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department's upcoming community party.

The party is scheduled Sunday, Dec. 8, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Public Assembly Building in Bolivia.

For information, call the parks and recreation department at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Trip Planned

Area senior citizens will make a

trip to historic Kenansville on Wednesday, Jan. 8, to tour Liberty Hall, Cowan Museum and Duplin Winery.

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the trip, which costs \$10 per person. The deadline for registering is Dec. 13.

To sign up, call Kathleen Poston weekdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

Building Increases Sharply

Figures indicate Brunswick County experienced a sharp increase in new construction last month.

Building permits for more than \$4.4 million in new construction were issued in October by the Brunswick County Building Inspection Department.

Previous values have included \$1.09 million for construction in August and \$1.8 million in September.

The greatest jump in October was in commercial development, where permits for more than \$3 million in value were issued, compared to a value of \$478,126 in September.

In 1991, permits for more than \$24 million in construction have been issued by the county department, which doesn't include municipalities that do their own permitting.

Permits for 14 homes were issued last month for \$1,219,614 in value along with 12 commercial permits for \$3,010,744 in value.

Also issued were the following: three remodeling permits for \$124,367; 13 additions for \$124,367; two garages for \$17,700 and five signs for \$14,700.

Permits issued included: mobile homes; building, 156; electrical, 117; plumbing, 18; and mechanical, 39.

MORE LETTERS TO EDITOR Opinions Are Important

To the editor:

I absolutely and strongly disagree with Terry Pope (column, Nov. 7 issue) that "exit poles are for wimps."

It is seldom that the average citizen gets the opportunity for input. Only those few aggressive people, like me, have the affront to express our opinions to our local politicians.

Even the less aggressive citizens would express an opinion in an exit poll. The opinions of the average person is very important on many issues. The interest and care of our politicians in encouraging input from even the shy population is to be commended.

Their opinions are very important, too.

Teddi Neal
Bolivia

No Water Problems

To the editor:

We as property owners and permanent residents of Riverview subdivision feel that you should have talked to more than one person in our community before printing the article in your paper Oct. 31 (Shell Point Residents Want More Responsive Commissioners). Everyone had the iron and water

hardness problem before installing water conditioners and permanent residents living in our community 5-10 years using a water conditioning system have no water problems.

Some residents have signed the petition requesting county water but not all. The controversy over the cost has caused some to reconsider the issue.

C. W. Payne
Riverview

Why Make It Easy?

To the editor:

With all the problems there are with DWI, how could the state, county or city of Shallotte, in good conscience, issue a license to the new Cruise 'n Brew Party Mart?

Making alcohol so readily and easily available is a stupid move by whatever agency issued the license. Why make it so easy? At least make them get out of the car and walk into the store.

It has long been said that alcohol and gas don't mix. Why give a license to sell beer to every gas station that applies? Doesn't make sense to me.

Ted Mellin
Shallotte

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