

MORE LETTERS

Let Qualified Person Do Job

To the editor:
Leland Mayor S.L. Doty criticized Mayor Russell Baldwin for hiring a police chief who was not certified in North Carolina. Now Rev. Doty is assuming the head position himself.

If Doty didn't think John McCarthy, a police lieutenant with 28 years' experience who supervised a staff of 190 was good enough to be Leland's chief, how can he think he is qualified? This is a tremendous undertaking in the best of circumstances. Why create a worst case scenario?

During a recent public hearing the townsfolk cited numerous reasons to the Leland Council why they NEEDED—not just wanted—police protection. Citizens stated the prior departmental organizational plan was good and they wanted a chief equal to McCarthy, which is not hard to understand.

Why has the Leland Council ignored the wishes of the people and recommendations of law enforcement professionals across the state?

If the Leland Council continues with Mayor Doty's ill-conceived plan to head a two-man department they are not just asking for trouble, they are demanding it. One slip-up by an ill-trained, improperly supervised police officer and the town could face a million dollar lawsuit. Why would the town attorney let them proceed with this plan?

Lynette Carlisle
Leland

Simply One More Social Distortion

To the editor:
Once again we have the national occasion for handwringing about boys without fathers.

The real problem is that most of these boys didn't have a mother either.

Then we put the boys in the same classroom with girls of the same chronological age in dumb female-dominated schools. Prior to puberty boys' physical and mental development lags behind that of girls by about 1 1/2 years.

Thus, the boys struggle and get 10 times the negative put-downs as girls and suffer the scorn and disrespect of girls due to the latter's temporary mental superiority.

And as young adults they suffer the trickle-down of psychological abuse and scorn generated by the feminists in colleges and women's organizations.

Now we demand that young men of the future live with their tormentors and become de facto fathers of their children.

Of course the ready-made solution to these social distortions is to have Hillary for President!

Karl E. Brandt
Shallotte

Walker Likes Beach Sidewalks

To the editor:
In recent weeks I have had the opportunity to enjoy the sidewalks that currently exist from the post office to the pier. What an improvement for Holden Beach!

My usual walk of four miles per day causes me to express my delight over this new addition to "our" beach! Not only am I experiencing a safer way to exercise but also a more enjoyable view of what Holden Beach has to offer homeowners as well as visitors to our island.

Being a property owner midway the island, I would like to thank our beach officials for their efforts so far and encourage them to continue this project to the west end as well as east end. It truly enhances our beach property, and provides a much safer way to bike or walk.

Joyce Dalsbo
Holden Beach

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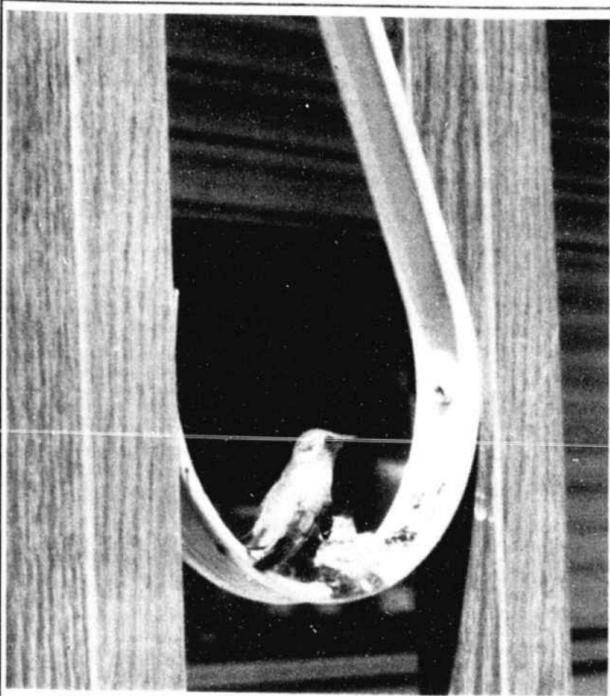


PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY LOUISE DABBS
A HUMMINGBIRD chose an unlikely nesting spot in a campground.

A Trusting Hummingbird

Now that our hummingbirds have returned from their wintering places, I'm reminded of how beautiful and special they are.

We have only one species east of the Mississippi River and that is the small Ruby-throated Hummingbird. The male's red throat and green crown and back are unmistakable in identification.

In the western states, identifying hummingbirds is a different story. In Peterson's *Field Guide to the Birds of Texas*, 14 species are listed with such exotic names as Black-chinned, Buff-bellied, White-eared, Broad-billed, Calliope, Lucifer, Costa's, Rivoli's, Blue-throated, Anna's, Broad-tailed, Allen's and Rufous, as well as our Ruby-throated. Some are almost twice the size of our hummingbirds and the largest is the Blue-throated.

Hummingbird nests are small and inconspicuous and are usually placed along a lichen-covered limb or branch where they are well protected and camouflaged.

Two very small eggs are placed in the small cup and the female hummingbird sits like a cap over the nest. I have seen the nest of the Ruby-throated when it was shown me by my grandfather many years ago. I probably would have overlooked it because of the careful work of making the nest appear like a knot of the limb.

Louise Dabbs at Holden Beach shared an experience her brother had with one of the western hummingbird species. He was camping in Arizona and a hummingbird built a nest just outside his trailer on a bracket between two posts. Here he watched the birds feed the young and could get a close-up look at life in the nest.

Not many of us get to share life with the hummingbirds at this range, but we can all appreciate the role they play in using their needle-like bills to sip nectar from flowers and help in pollination and insect control.

Of the 319 species found worldwide, we have only one in the Eastern states, but ours is a world-class representative of the family.

Committee Proposes Center Structure

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

A search for a director, grant proposals, and involvement of local industry were some of the ambitious proposals made to the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday by Math/Science Alliance Committee Chairman Frank Blackmon.

The committee was appointed in January by Brunswick Community College (BCC) and the school board to make recommendations for a program to enhance science and mathematics education in elementary and secondary schools and the community college.

The seven-member committee is made up of a cross-section of business people, teachers, administrators and parents. Its program development recommendations propose a structure that would include hiring a program director, establishing a coordinating committee, the latter being answerable to the Brunswick County Board of Education and the BCC Board of Trustees. Subcommittees included would deal with finance, facilities, communications, planning and evaluation, and math and science curriculum.

Blackmon called attention to the problem as identified by his committee and described in a printed handout. "Brunswick County learning institutions are neither adequately nurturing students' natural curiosity nor developing a capacity and motivation for continued learning in mathematics and science," it read.

Because of this, the committee believed students usually take no more than the required courses in these subjects and are not prepared to compete in institutions of higher education and the job market.

The learning center, which Blackmon said he hoped could get off the ground sometime in 1993, would provide a curriculum in both disciplines to correct this problem.

After Blackmon's presentation, board member Bob Slockett was about to move acceptance of the recommendations when Chairperson Donna Baxter suggested that she, Superintendent P.R. Hankins and BCC President Michael Reeves have an opportunity to study them before board action was taken.

Both the Brunswick County Board of Education and BCC Board of Trustees must approve the recommendations for adoption.

To Meet Saturday
The Holden Beach Property Owners Association meets for the second time in five weeks this Saturday at Holden Beach Town Hall.

The Memorial Day weekend meeting starts at 10 a.m. Members will hear about ongoing town projects Saturday and the Holden Beach POA's finance and membership reports.

The organization's directors will meet at 9 a.m. Planning for the Labor Day weekend barbecue is among the items on their agenda.

GREEN BOXES TO GO

County Restricts Dumping At New Convenience Sites

BY TERRY POPE

County officials are cracking down on the illegal dumping of commercial and industrial garbage at its residential trash convenience and recycling stations.

Two new disposal sites that opened last week near Seaside and Holden Beach will be staffed by county employees to make sure that only household trash is dumped into the containers and compactors.

Commercial haulers must dump at either the county landfill in Supply or at the three transfer stations in Leland, Ocean Isle and Southport. The goal is to restrict the new convenience stations for residents and property owners as outlined in a county ordinance.

"We will be enforcing that at all of the sites," said County Engineer Robert Tucker.

New trash disposal and recycling stations opened on N.C. 904 near Seaside and on Oxpen Road near Holden Beach last week. Hours at both are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday; 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday; and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Green box containers in the Holden Beach and Seaside areas will be removed in the coming weeks, said Tucker.

A goal is to eliminate the county's scattered green boxes and replace them with fewer but larger convenience stations like the one recently completed on N.C. 904.

"We're trying to get out of the green box system," said Tucker.

Signs will be posted at the green box sites this week to tell residents where to find the nearest convenience station once the boxes are taken away.

Other stations will be built in Winnabow and on N.C. 211 near Midway Road during the 1992-93 budget year. All of the convenience stations will also have recycling containers to collect aluminum, glass and newspapers.

Last month, District 5 County Commissioner Donald Shaw asked Tucker to compare 1992's dumping tonnage with 1991's figures at the county's trash stations. Shaw said he believed the county was "being dumped on" by commercial haulers at sites supposedly restricted to local collectors and household garbage.

Putting employees at the trash stations will "ensure proper use of the sites consistent with the county ordinance" and will also provide security at the stations, noted Tucker. The workers can also help residents put items in the proper recycling bins.

Figures show the amount of garbage dumped in Brunswick County for the first months of 1992 is consistent with the 1991 figures.

The county has advertised for bids to install scales at the county landfill and at the three transfer stations on Chappell Loop Road in Leland, on Hale Swamp Road near Ocean Isle and on N.C. 87 at the

Two New Collection Sites Give Boost To Recycling

Two new recycling stations were opened last week by Brunswick County on N.C. 904 near Seaside and on Oxpen Road near Holden Beach.

Also, three temporary drop-off sites are open at the Northwest, Town Creek and Waccamaw Township District Parks.

Recycling Coordinator Mary McCarley said there are now eight places where residents can take recyclable aluminum, glass and newspapers. Brown, green and clear glass are accepted along with aluminum cans and 100 percent aluminum scrap.

Currently, plastics are not accepted at the county sites. There are a few guidelines to remember when recycling. Cans and glass should be rinsed before dumping them into the bins, said Ms. McCarley.

Also, residents should pull out slicks or glossy inserts from newspapers before dumping them. If recyclables are brought to the center in boxes or plastic bags, the containers should not be dumped into the bins but taken home and reused, she said.

Labels can be left on glass beverage and food containers, but lids must be discarded. Plate glass, automobile glass, mirrors, ceramic, clay containers, pyrex or light bulbs should not be put in the recycling bins.

Here are the hours and locations for drop-off sites:

- Southport Transfer Station—intersection of N.C. 133 and N.C. 87; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday;
 - Leland Transfer Station—on Chappell Loop Road (S.R. 1524) off of old U.S. 17; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday;
 - Ocean Isle Transfer Station—on Hale Swamp Road (S.R. 1154) south of Shallotte; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday;
 - Oxpen Convenience Station—intersection of N.C. 130 and Oxpen Road (S.R. 1140) near Holden Beach; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday; 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday;
 - N.C. 904 Convenience Station—on N.C. 904 (Seaside Road); 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday; 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday;
 - Northwest Township Park—(temporary) U.S. 74-76 near Lanvale Road, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday;
 - Town Creek Township Park—(temporary) U.S. 17 in Winnabow; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday;
 - Waccamaw Township Park—(temporary) Waccamaw School Road (S.R. 1330) in Ash; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- After the new budget year begins in July two additional sites will open, the Brunswick County Landfill, Galloway Road, Supply off of U.S. 17, and at a convenience station on N.C. 211 near Midway Road.

Dosher Cutoff near Southport
Commissioners have made no decision on whether to charge a tipping fee after July 1 for commercial haulers who want to dump garbage at those locations.

Ocean Isle Has Public Hearing With No Public

Ocean Isle Beach Town Council had no public input as it approved its final update of the town's 1990 Land Use Plan in a quick Tuesday morning meeting.

Approval came after two years of revisions and review by Coastal Resources Commission representative Haskell Rhett, according to OIB Mayor Betty Williamson.

Druid Roberson, public works director for Ocean Isle, explained that, although no major changes were made in the update, the commission required policies on coastal issues, whether or not they appeared applicable to the town.

For example, he said a policy was required on off-shore drilling.

"We stated as our policy that it would have to meet our environ-

mental concerns or we would not support it," he said.

The plan will now be presented for approval by the Coastal Resources Commission at its meeting May 28 and 29 at Beaufort County Community College in Washington, N.C.

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