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What Shipwreck?

Two-year-old C.J. Pennock of Sunset Beach seems unimpressed by all the commotion caused when a 70-foot shrimp trawler lost steering and came ashore near his home Friday morning. Among the scores of curious onlookers were his mother, Susan Pennock (left) and grandmother Joyce Pennock of Osawtomie, Kansas. Story, Page 10-A.

STAFF PHOTO BY ERIC CARLSON

County, Islanders Braced For Worst, But Kept Smiling

BY THE NEWS STAFF

"I'd rather be over-prepared than not prepared at all."

With that, a calm Traci Wise shut the trunk lid of her car in the parking lot at Wal-Mart in Shallotte Monday morning.

An employee of a local medical office, Wise was filling her car with "office supplies": a lantern, rechargeable and Krypton flashlights, canned drinks, water, paper plates and plastic utensils. Should Hurricane Emily continue to threaten, she and fellow staffers planned to wait out the storm at the office.

"I hope all of this is a trial run," she said. "That would be nice."

For Brunswick County, Hurricane Emily was a dry run as coastal Carolina's peak hurricane season (September-October) approached.

The area was expected to experience only "fringe" effects of the storm as it turned to the north Tuesday along the Outer Banks. A hurricane watch for Brunswick County was lifted at midmorning Tuesday as Emily turned north. The area remained under a heavy surf advisory Tuesday evening, with an increased chance of rain, and winds expected to range from 15 mph to 25 mph.

"We needed to be spared and we were," said Brunswick County Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan after a tense 48-hour-plus.

Wise's attitude Monday was like that of many South Brunswick Islanders area residents, including Logan: cautious optimism.

The storm proved to be a chance for those who hadn't made their

plans back at the start of hurricane season June 1 to check emergency arrangements and stock up. And stock up they did: on plywood, batteries, lamps and lanterns, lamp oil, paper goods, soft drinks, canned goods, loaf bread, bottled water—and stickers.

If the South Brunswick Islands should face a hurricane later in the season, approximately 500 property owners can thank Hurricane Emily for their new, up-to-date window stickers. Town halls at Holden Beach, Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach were kept hopping Monday, selling the vehicle window decals needed to return to the island after a storm evacuation.

In Shallotte, Olive McWilliams of Supply was shopping late Monday morning for a few canned goods and three bottles of water—just in case. "I don't know if Emily is going to hit us or not," she said.

Robert Gray, manager of Food Lion in Shallotte, said customers wiped out two pallets of 70 cases each (six gallon bottles to the case) by mid-day Sunday. He stocked another 350 cases, hoping it would be enough.

Stores couldn't respond as quickly to the high demand for "D" batteries—the size used to run most flashlights, as well as portable TVs and radios.

Wal-Mart Customer Service Manager Crystal Bruce said Sunday's business reminded her of the Fourth of July: "It was crazy. Every register line was open and had customers backed up. They were buying stuff by the bagload, including one man (See EMILY, Page 2-A)

Law Would Ban Smoking In All Public Places

BY ERIC CARLSON

A committee of the Brunswick County Health Department has drafted an ordinance that would ban smoking in all restaurants as of July 1995, and would require employers to prohibit smoking in all areas of the workplace not served by a separate ventilation system beginning Jan. 1.

Except in areas specifically noted in the law, smoking would be prohibited in all public places. Exempted from the law are private residences and clubs, state and federal facilities and hotels that have rooms with ventilation systems preventing second-hand smoke from reaching nonsmokers.

The proposed law would require the owners of restaurants with more than 50 seats to phase out smoking in their establishments by setting aside a third of the seating capacity for non smokers starting next year. The prohibition would be broadened to half the seating area as of July, 1994, until the full ban becomes effective 12 months later.

Owners of smaller restaurants would be required to designate their entire seating area as either smoking or non smoking until the full smoking prohibition goes into effect.

The sweeping new ordinance was drafted in an effort to beat an Oct. 15 deadline established in

state legislation that prohibits local governments from enacting stricter smoking prohibitions than those set by the state.

The new state law specifically requires that smoking be allowed in at least 20 percent of the enclosed areas in all state controlled buildings and prohibits local lawmakers from adopting "regulations that exceed those established in this article."

Brunswick County Health Board members plan to discuss the proposed ordinance at their next meeting Sept. 13. If it is recommended for adoption by the full health board, committee chairman Brad Kerr has asked that a public hearing on the proposal be held Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

Although the health board is not required to hold a hearing, member Don Warren, who is also chairman of the county commissioners, said he was pleased to hear that the public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

"I had voiced my feelings strongly that we need a public hearing," Warren said. "This would have a dramatic effect on the citizens of Brunswick County and on many business owners' pocket books."

Warren said Tuesday he had just received a copy of the proposal and had not studied it

enough to say whether he will support the measure.

"I know I'll have some changes to suggest," he said.

The proposal's stated purpose is "to protect and promote the public health and welfare by regulating smoking" so as to "minimize the public's exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS)." It further notes that "where individual needs conflict, the need to breathe smoke-free air shall have priority."

It notes that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency classifies ETS "as a Class A carcinogen and as one of the few agents known to cause cancer in humans."

Among the "public places" where smoking would be prohibited, the proposed law specifically mentions "art and entertainment facilities, enclosed shopping malls, educational facilities, elevators, health care facilities, pharmacies, public transportation vehicles, restrooms, public areas within businesses, sports facilities, grocery stores, convenience stores and department stores."

The new law would place a significant burden on employers, who would be required to "make reasonable provisions for smoke-free air for non

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Brunswick Officers Help Hunt Fugitive In Horry

As the *Beacon* went to press Tuesday night, Brunswick County sheriff's deputies were assisting Horry County, S.C., authorities in a manhunt for escaped killer Garland Thomas Tedder in the Buck Creek area off highway 905 just south of the state line.

There was an unconfirmed report that two Horry County Sheriff's Deputies had been shot and wounded during the search for Tedder, who at press time was reported to be surrounded by police in a heavily wooded area.

Law enforcement agencies throughout the area have been searching for Tedder, 31, of Whiteville, since he escaped from a Scotland County prison unit with the help of his wife and girlfriend. A prison guard was shot and wounded during the escape.

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TEDDER

Commissioners Asked To Record, Protect Abandoned Cemeteries

BY SUSAN USHER

The graves are there, just a few feet behind lot marker No. 44 on Island Drive in the River View Section of River Run Plantation.

The shallow indentations in the fallen leaves are almost unnoticeable except for the red and white flags that mark the head and foot of each.

The flags were placed there in February by state archaeologist John Clauser, who assisted descendants of those buried in the cemetery in re-establishing its boundaries and those of another cemetery that served blacks living in the same community, once known as Zion Hill. The graves date back to approximately 1758, with the last burial of record in 1928.

Like hundreds of other small, abandoned cemeteries across Brunswick County, the gravesites don't appear on recent maps or deeds of the property, though the black cemetery is marked on one early deed.

"We can't put this on record because we don't own it," said Gerald Kirby, whose maternal great-grandmother, Rebecca Jan Spencer, is buried there, along with other ancestors. "Only county commissioners can."

Between the two cemeteries, tradition has it, once stood Mount Zion Church, where black and white worshipped before the Civil War. The church later relocated and the community lost its momentum after the turn of the century—about the time

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers straightened the channel of Lockwood Folly River. "It kind of isolated this place," said the Rev. Tracie Varnum, pointing. "The main channel was once right here."

He can remember crossing Lockwood Folly River by boat—a traditional approach to the cemetery for local residents—with his father to visit the grave of his father's grandfather. He was about 13 years old at the time.

"These cedars were tall and green then," he said, referring to the remains of the cedars that once marked the graveyard's boundaries.

Along with Lancaster, who died in 1928, those buried at the site include Roland Varnam, the "father" of the Varnum/Varnam line in Brunswick County, and early settler of the Varnamtown community; Sonny Alexander Galloway; Jane Spencer Galloway; Ellie Simmons and her baby; some other Simmons and some Fulwoods as well.

Approximately 11 years ago, before development of the subdivision on Sunset Harbor Road began, members of Kirby's family came (See DOCUMENT, Page 2-A)



STAFF PHOTOS BY SUSAN USHER

SEVERAL LOCAL FAMILIES are circulating a petition that will ask Brunswick County Commissioners to record abandoned cemeteries, such as this one in River Run Plantation, as directed by state law. This site has been sold to an individual property owner for a home site. Though State Archives has it registered as the Lancaster Cemetery, there is no public record of it in Brunswick County. Above (from left) are Ralph Varnam, the Rev. Tracie Varnum and Washley Lancaster, descendants of men and women known to be buried in the cemetery.

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