

OUR TOWN

Oak Island

Dog tag renewals are due this month

Dog owners are reminded that town dog tags should be renewed before the end of January. There is no fee for a town dog tag, but owners are required to provide a copy of a current certificate showing the animal has had its rabies vaccine. There is a fine if a loose dog is found without a current tag. For more information, persons may call 910-278-5011.

Bald Head Island

Weekend will feature varied meetings

The upcoming weekend is called “meeting weekend” for Bald Head Island property owners. Bald Head Association will hold its annual meeting at the association offices from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The Bald Head Island Conservancy will hold its annual meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Fleming classroom on the conservancy campus. The Smith Island Social starts at 6 p.m. at the Bald Head Island Club. Owners who are not club members are welcome, and may make reservations by calling 910-457-7300. ■ The Village Chapel continues to participate with other area churches in the collection of food for the Southport-Oak Island Food Pantry. There is a box in the Narthex for canned food items. Donations are also welcome. Make checks payable to Southport-Oak Island Food pantry and drop off at the chapel office. Food collection will continue through Sunday, February 1.

Southport

Tea event will benefit little theatre

Brunswick Little Theatre and the City of Southport are collaborating on a benefit tea afternoon inspired by the PBS television drama “Downton Abbey.” The event will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, at the Southport Community Building. Featured will be a selection of gourmet teas, sandwiches and sweets. There will also be period music, a vintage fashion show, a talk of tea history and a silent auction. Reservations for tables of eight are available. Local tickets can be purchased at the Art @ 211 Ricky Evans Gallery or online at www.brunswicklittletheatre.com. For more information, persons may call 240-793-8037. All proceeds will benefit the theatre organization.

Boiling Spring Lakes

Community garden event this weekend

The Boiling Spring Lakes Garden Club will host the 2015 kickoff event for the city's community garden at 9 a.m. Saturday, January 31, at the Community Center. Members will be on hand to discuss gardening tips and how one can obtain a plot in the garden. Sign-ups for plots will be made available to the public during the meeting on a first-come, first-served basis. A total of 14 plots are available for the year, and half-plots are also offered. Prices are \$10 for a half-bed and \$15 for a full bed. For more information, persons may e-mail Judy Thuer at jthuer@msn.com.



Members of the Doshier Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and the Doshier Foundation were on hand Monday to receive a grant for \$25,000 from Dillon Epp, representing The Orton Foundation. The funds will be used to upgrade the facilities at the hospital's emergency room.

Emergency room renovation Orton gives \$25K to Doshier

By Terry Pope
Associate Editor

A \$25,000 grant given Monday to the Doshier Memorial Hospital Foundation will be used to help renovate the hospital's emergency room facilities in Southport.

Dillon Epp, representative of The Orton Foundation, the North Carolina affiliate of Louis Bacon's Moore Charitable Foundation, delivered the funds to what he called a great hospital.

“The foundation supports organizations that are committed to helping their community,” said Epp. “Quality emergency care is one of the most important resources in our community.”

Doshier CEO and president Tom Siemers said the hospital's emergency room treats more than 13,000 patients each year. Hospital staff has been busy planning how to upgrade the department.

“This generous grant from The Orton Foundation will be used to enhance the facility and make it a much more comfortable environment for our patients,” said Siemers.

Bacon, a North Carolina native, has focused on restoring and protecting the state's most precious historic forests and wildlife habitats. At Orton Plantation, property he owns north of Southport through Orton Plantation Holdings LLC, he is working to restore 11,000 acres of contiguous longleaf pine forest and native flora of the landscape to their original state.

Founded by Bacon in 1992, The Moore Charitable Foundation supports conservation non-profits that focus on protecting threatened landscapes, habitats and water bodies. The foundation has provided significant funding to more than 200 local, national and international organizations.

Lynda Stanley, president of the Doshier Foundation, which was formed in 2010, said the organization is grateful to receive the

past year. “Doshier is not the most famous hospital, it's not the largest hospital, but it is here,” said White. “Not only are you supporting something that's close, you are supporting something that's good.” Ann Colley, executive director and vice-president of The Moore Charitable Foundation, said she hopes “this will be the beginning of a strong partnership” with Doshier Memorial Hospital and the Doshier Foundation. The Doshier Foundation's primary goal is to provide a steady flow of funds to the hospital through individual and corporate donations within the hospital's service area.

Dillon Epp
The Orton Foundation

\$25,000 grant. “Mr. Bacon has demonstrated a deep desire over the years to enhance Brunswick County's natural resources, and we are excited to partner with The Orton Foundation in the enhancement of our community's healthcare,”

said Stanley. Jim White, chairman of the Doshier Foundation board, thanked The Orton Foundation for its contribution. He stated Doshier's emergency department received a 99-percent satisfaction rating by its patients this

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