

## Redwine: County Should Address Roads Problem

BY SUSAN USHER

Special road legislation sought by Brunswick County commissioners might be difficult to obtain, State Rep. E. David Redwine advised the board Monday night.

He said most counties updated their subdivision ordinances to prevent the situation Brunswick County wants the state to handle.

Commissioners had sent Redwine a resolution asking the General Assembly to amend Department of Transportation policies regarding subdivision roads, so that the state could take over such roads regardless of when they were built or whether they meet DOT standards.

Currently, roads built since around 1975 must meet minimum construction and right-of-way requirements before DOT will accept them.

According to Planning Director John Harvey, 90 percent of the county's roads are private and unpaved. The county doesn't require privately-maintained roads to meet state standards.

Said Redwine, "It's a tough issue for me to convince legislators across the state that Brunswick County is in a special situation."

Since the DOT regulations changed in 1975, he said, most counties have amended their subdivision ordinances. "They won't let subdivisions be recorded or platted unless their roads—public or private—are built to state standard," he explained. Then, if property owners later decide they no longer want to maintain their own streets, the roads can be taken over by DOT readily.

As for the proposed bill, he continued, "I don't think they'll look

kindly on that because they've all already bit the bullet."

While saying he would work on the matter, Redwine said it was a matter better handled locally.

"It's something you need to address, how you want subdivisions to do it. Otherwise, the problem is going to continue," he stressed.

In related discussion, individual commissioners had legislative concerns of their own. Commissioner Frankie Rabon asked for continued support of the artificial reef program, while Chairman Grace Beasley said more funds are needed for roads, with recognition given to the Brunswick's status as the second-fastest growing county in the state. Commissioner Jim Poole wanted the state to not require counties to take on new projects after their budgets are already set; Redwine said during the session legislators would at least consider sending along money to cover first-year expenses for such programs.

"We know it's hard to pull a rabbit out of a hat," he said.

One audience member, Peggy Jaynes, inquired about a state lottery referendum bill. According to Redwine several versions have been drafted, including one that specifies that proceeds be used for school construction.

A media poll suggests the issue won't get a majority's support, he said. "It will come up and I hope it will get a fair hearing."

Also, Redwine told local NAACP members he plans to vote for a bill to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a paid state holiday.



### Hospital Gives Money

Brunswick Hospital Administrator Rodney Pulley, left, presents a check for \$500 to Mack Long, center, and Gene Sellers, president and vice-president respectively of the Supply Volunteer Fire Department, on behalf of the hospital. Records show the fire department responded to 30 requests from the hospital in 1986. Firefighters stand by during any medical airlift from the facility.

### Eyeglass Drive Underway

Calabash Chapter No. 3640 of the American Association of Retired Persons is conducting a drive to collect old eyeglasses for the Lions Club sight conservation program.

Lions International sends glasses to New Jersey, where they are reworked and redistributed worldwide.

Collection boxes may be found at the following Calabash locations: Security Savings and Loan, United Carolina Bank, Thomas's Restaurant, and the Philly Deli. Glasses may also be left at the Carolina Shores Property Owners Association clubhouse.

The next AARP meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 5, when Glenn Jones of the Putnam Fund will present a program on investing for income in the 80s.

### Firewood Sale Date Changed

The U.S. Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point will sell firewood from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Jan. 22 on Pleasure Island.

The wood is from logging debris and will be sold for \$10 a pickup-truck load.

Anyone interested may obtain a permit on the day of sale at the corner of Dow Road and Ocean Boulevard. They will cut and load their own wood in an area between Ocean Boulevard, Greenville Avenue and Henniker Ditch, south of Carolina Beach Recreational Park.

An earlier announcement from the terminal had given an incorrect date for the sale, said Myrtle D. Meade, public affairs officer.

### Remaining Oyster Waters Re-Opened

All remaining waters in Brunswick County that were temporarily closed on Jan. 2 due to the New Year's Day storm and high tides, were re-opened Saturday for the harvest of shellfish.

This announcement was made by the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries.

Two previous openings of some of the waters in question have been announced.

### State Tax Help Now Available

Persons wanting help in filing state income and intangibles tax returns can get it any Tuesday through April 15 at the Brunswick County Courthouse.

J.C. Raines, revenue officer for the N.C. Department of Revenue, said assistance will be provided from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Room 112 in the courthouse.

Taxpayers are advised to bring the pre-addressed forms mailed to them from Raleigh.

### Quilting Workshop Set For February

A workshop on quilting for beginners will be held Feb. 5, 9 and 11, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Brunswick County Agricultural Extension Service office in Bolivia.

Participants will make a simple quilted wall hanging. There is no charge for the class.

Class size is limited, so registration should be completed soon by calling Home Economics Extension Agent Mary Russ in Bolivia.

## Holden Commissioners Seek CAMA Permit To Repair Dunes

BY ETTA SMITH

Holden Beach commissioners are waiting to hear from the N.C. Office of Coastal Management before offering oceanfront property owners a reduced price for repairs on dunes damaged in the Jan. 1 storm.

At a special session last Friday the board awarded a contract to Midway Construction Company, low bidder, to rebuild five breached dunes in the 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Ocean Boulevard West and some locations on the east end of the strand. But the town must get a blanket or emergency CAMA permit before Midway can begin pushing sand up on the beach.

them the permit request would have to go through a review process, which they would try to speed up if possible, said Carroll.

He said homeowners whose houses have foundations within 20 feet of the dunes, or those who need to cover septic tanks, may still get an emergency permit from the town at no cost. Anyone whose property is further than 20 feet must pay \$25 for a permit to make those repairs.

Carroll said the next high tides are expected around Jan. 27 and he hopes, but doubts, the town will get the blanket permit before then.

### Other Business

In other business commissioners: Voted to begin using telephone credit cards for town business and to have business cards printed for members who want them. There is no charge to the town for the cards, according to Atkins.

Voted to pay a \$4,492 bill to Jerry Lewis & Associates of Shallotte for preparing bid specifications to have the town's elevated water tank painted and inspected. Commissioner Fui Stanley said the board was led to believe the service would cost about \$2,000, but added he thought the town could recover some of the money since the work wasn't finished on time.

### Annual Cookie Sale Commences

Beginning today (Thursday), local Girl Scouts will take orders for cookies in their annual fund-raising campaign.

They will go door-to-door from Jan. 23 through Feb. 8, offering the following varieties: pecan shortees, samosas, thin mints, do-si-dos,

tagalongs, trefolds and chocolate chunks. Each box will sell for \$2, with proceeds helping support Girl Scout troops, as well as the council and campsites.

Those who would like to place an order may call Peggy Aten, 845-2189.

### American Legion Gives Scholarship

American Legion Post No. 247 of Shallotte will offer a scholarship fund grant of \$1,800 to be used over the next three years at Brunswick Technical College, according to member Richard Britt.

He said two students will be selected each year to receive scholarship money for fees and tuition. All students will be considered on the basis of need.

Commander Jim Buffaloe said

details of the scholarships will be announced by Britt and Sherman Forrest at the post meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26.

Buffaloe said he would appoint a committee at that time to plan the third annual Easter egg hunt, to be held at the Shallotte Township Park near the Legion hut on U.S. 17.

Monday's meeting is an open house, with all veterans invited. Refreshments will be served.

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