

MORE LETTERS

Is Stormwater Management Argument Just Another 'Red Herring'?

To the editor:
Carolina Shores, the beautiful residential community in Calabash, does have a sewer system. They also have a series of open ditches that by the laws of physics and the grace of God allows the stormwater to run off and prevents the community from flooding. The prevention of flooding is the only purpose and use for these stormwater runoff ditches.

This is not a stormwater runoff management system, nor is it what the environmental experts have in mind for control of this source of pollution.

What the experts, I think, have in mind, at a minimum, is retention of stormwater within a community. From that point, testing for polluting bacteria and treatment would be required before release of the stormwater.

If this is the case, then a community such as Carolina Shores may not have the resources nor the space to handle retention, testing and treatment of stormwater. It is conceivable that a South Brunswick Stormwater Authority may have to be established to share resources for this task.

Homeowners in Carolina Shores might even be required to dike their property, install gutters and downspouts and run their stormwater into a septic tank type system with underground drainage fields to minimize the stormwater requiring retention and treatment.

Of course, this is supposition. We don't know what will be required to eliminate stormwater as a source of pollution. That is why this whole effort on the part of those opposing the sewer system is so utterly ridiculous.

Stormwater. Uncontrolled growth. Where are the other red herrings?

Carl Bazemore
Sunset Beach

Kids' Day?

To the editor:
As I scan through my yearly calendar, I can't help but notice the days we celebrate, not including the holidays. There is Groundhog Day, President's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Grandparents' Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Secretaries' Week, Teachers' Appreciation Day, and some I may have inadvertently missed.

Don't get me wrong. I think these are great. Most acknowledge those individuals who have worked hard and gave unselfishly to give us a brighter tomorrow.

But there is one group of citizens we have not honored—our children. Why don't we have one special day set aside to give them the VIP treatment (i.e. flowers, candy, a trip to their favorite restaurant)? After all, these little ones are our tomorrow.

I would like to make June 8 our National Children's Appreciation Day. Come on, parents, what do you say? What do we work and strive for

a better tomorrow for, if not for these precious little ones?
Marijyn Mejorado
Holden Beach

Agreed With Column

To the editor:
As a property owner at Sunset Beach, we subscribe to *The Brunswick Beacon* to stay in touch with the local scene.

I enjoyed (Eric Carlson's) column a few weeks ago about his return to the NRA. Good for him! I've been a life member, 20-some years.

Just read his column in the May 12 edition about the "assault weapons" ban our esteemed Congress-folks so proudly passed. He expressed my feelings exactly, only he said it so much better than I could!

Keep up the good work. People will wake up, hopefully before it's too late.

John R. Loftin
Winston-Salem

Please Slow Down

To the editor:
This letter is directed at the person driving a new metallic blue pickup on High Meadows Road Sunday, May 15, at 8 p.m.:

We were getting ready to take our children to get ice cream. They were waiting outside playing with their four-month-old puppy "Snuggle." They had only taken their eyes off him a short while.

Then tragedy struck. We heard our 12-year-old daughter screaming. My heart pounded as I ran for the door fearing our 9-year-old son had been hit by a vehicle, even though we have instilled in both of them not to play near the road.

Running out the door, I saw our son running to the ditch. Their beloved Snuggle had been hit by you, unfeelingly. After all, it wasn't like he had darted across in front of you. He was just standing there. You hit him with such a force you threw him 20 feet.

Our son picked him up out of the ditch to bring him to me with hope in his eyes. Unfortunately, all I could do was pet him as he laid motionless, taking his last few breaths

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of life, with my daughter sobbing and my son hoping, my heart as well as theirs was breaking.

After saying our goodbyes, we took them for ice cream, their eyes watching every vehicle to see if it was you. The only way I could get them to sleep was having them read a book to take their minds off their sorrow, even though I had assured them "all dogs go to heaven."

I too had trouble sleeping, wondering if it had been one of my children, would you have at least tried to stop? Would you have at least blown your horn? Or maybe you just don't care about any life.

This morning, watching their tearful eyes as they waited for their school bus while glancing over to his grave, was not easy to bear. Neither was watching the mother of Snuggle, who came to visit every

morning, as she went right to the spot where it happened, even where he had landed. I know she was feeling the same pain as we were.

I pray that if you read this, or any reader that travels unpaved rural roads, to please slow down. It may be just another animal to you, but that animal is a family member to someone else. And the next time,

God forbid, it may be a human life you take.

Peggy Earwood
Shallotte

History Repeats

To the editor:
Who says history does not repeat itself?

A few days ago we read that Bald Head Island would again be seeking a gift of government funds to repair their "public" beach. Yet it was only three years ago that the federal government gave them the sum of \$450,000 for the same purpose.

They use the term "public" beach rather loosely, knowing that access to the island is difficult and expensive.

When federal funds are granted to a state, I believe it is usual to clear them through the U.S. senators of that state. If so, the initial grant to Bald Head Island had the approval of our senators holding office in 1991.

I cite this fact in wondering where are the voices of Senator Helms, Senator Faircloth and, yes, our state representative, Senator Soles, regarding the purchase of Bird Island.

To the best of my knowledge, Rep. Redwine is the only government official to speak in favor of acquiring Bird Island for public enjoyment.

Dr. Arthur Templeton
Bonaparte Landing

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