

COUNTY BRIEFS

Marijuana arrests are made

The third member of a so-called "marijuana conspiracy" operating out of Brunswick County was arrested Monday in Wilmington by Brunswick County and Wilmington drug agents.

Dempsey James Daughtry, 36, of Wilmington was arrested and charged with conspiracy to sell and deliver marijuana.

On November 20, drug officers seized a half-pound of marijuana worth an estimated \$2,000, plus \$3,000 in cash and a 1979 Mercury Marquis in Brunswick County. Law enforcement officials said Daughtry planned to pick up the marijuana and bring it back to Wilmington.

The two Leland men who were arrested earlier are Gary Lynn Hasty, 36, and David Stewart Hayes, 27. Hayes was charged with conspiracy to sell and deliver marijuana, and Hasty was charged with conspiracy to sell and deliver marijuana and selling and delivering marijuana.

Undercover drug agents from the Wilmington Police Department set up a deal to purchase a half-pound of marijuana from Hayes at his home on Bluff Road, said Brunswick County Sheriff's Department narcotics agent Kevin Holden. Upon further investigation, Holden said officers determined that Hasty was Hayes' supplier.

Hasty was arrested the next day, November 21, in the parking lot of the True Value Hardware Store in Leland.

Two charged with robbery

Two men were arrested Monday night by Brunswick County sheriff's detectives after holding up Young's Exxon on U. S. 17 at Winnabow.

Julian Keith Marlow, 18, of Bolivia is accused of robbing the store and Lamont Alonzo Burst, 17, is accused of driving the get-away car. Both are charged with armed robbery, said sheriff John Carr Davis.

Marlow allegedly entered the store wearing a ski mask and carrying a small-caliber handgun, Davis said. He demanded that the clerk open the cash drawer and left with an undisclosed amount of money.

The N. C. Highway Patrol helped set up a roadblock, and about 40 minutes later the two men were stopped at the Bolivia U. S. 17 bypass.

Rabies clinics are scheduled

Brunswick County Animal Control and three local veterinarians will sponsor low-cost rabies clinics on Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. until noon.

The fee for rabies vaccinations will be \$5, and all other shots will be charged at the discretion of the veterinarians.

Rabies clinics will be held at the following locations: Brunswick Animal Hospital, Highway 17 at Supply; Companion Animal Hospital, Highway 130, East Gate Square, Shallotte; and Leland Veterinary Clinic, Claimont Plaza, Leland.

Yaupon sewer project proceeding on schedule

The Yaupon Beach sewer project is proceeding as planned, with work on the treatment plant site being started recently.

The town has acquired 12.897 acres off Fish Factory Road from CP&L for \$19,350 and is in the process of clearing away trees to locate the plant there. The deal was closed two weeks ago.

The town is also negotiating with Standard Products to acquire adjoining land to complete the treatment site, though final agreement has not yet been reached.

At the same time, pipe laying is proceeding according to schedule. Main lines have been installed on McGlamery Street and work on the Ocean Drive section, near Sherrill Street and Barbee Boulevard, is underway.

Resident inspector David Boney explained that when work is done at a site, pipes are laid out for four or five surrounding streets. He said such work will have to be done at ten different sites, and estimated that the project could be completed by next August.

Along with the laying of main pipes, service lines are also being installed to property lines. From there, property owners must extend lines to their homes.

Boney said the crew is working from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays, with Fridays mostly devoted to cleanup.

Boney said as daylight begins to lengthen installers will try to work extended hours to get the work done more quickly.

Redwine faces hard questions as House committee member

By Holly Edwards
County Editor

How will the state fund nearly \$2 billion in capital projects for the university, community college and public school systems?

What role can local law enforcement agencies play in reducing the number of non-violent prisoners in state penitentiaries?

Are district attorneys needlessly delaying trials to keep criminals in jail, sometimes for up to two years?

What family intervention tactics can the state enforce to keep students in school and reduce the rising drop-out rate?

These are some of the questions Rep. David Redwine (D-Brunswick) has recently been appointed to study in his work with four committees: the House Special Committee for Capital Needs, the N. C. Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, the Criminal Case Disposition Committee and the Students at Risk Committee.

The House Special Committee for Capital Needs was created to study construction needs of the school system and state agencies, and to make recommendations for ways the state could fund these projects. The university, community college and public school systems have turned in a nearly-\$2-billion "wish list," Redwine said.

"Something I've been pushing for is the use of lottery proceeds to build up the capital needs of the state and the schools," he said. "About \$2 billion in revenue for the state has been projected over a ten-year period if a lottery is established."

Redwine said he believes the only other two options the state has to pay for these costly projects is to float a bond referendum or raise taxes.

The N. C. Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission has been assigned the daunting task of revamping the state's entire criminal justice system so that convicted criminals actually serve the sentences they were given.

Redwine said the commission will recommend minimum and maximum sentences for each type of crime, and will try to work with local law enforcement agencies to come up with alternative punishments, such as community service, for non-violent offenders.

"We're going to try to put some truth back into sentencing," he said.

The Criminal Case Disposition Committee is a new committee set up to intervene in what Redwine refers to as "in-fighting" between trial lawyers and district attorneys. Redwine said he has heard "horror stories" about people who have waited two years in prison for their trial to come up because of delaying tactics by district attorneys.

Finally, the Students at Risk Committee was formed this year to determine which students are most at risk of dropping out of school,

and how the schools can intervene to keep students in school.

"The key is you have to get a child early, you have to get them in pre-school, so they're not behind already when they get to high school," Redwine said.

Studies have shown that students from low-income families are more at risk of dropping out than other students, he said, and that black males are the most "at-risk" group

of all. Poverty, abuse, poor academic performance and high unemployment are all tied together, Redwine stressed, so any intervention would have to involve the entire family.

"We're going to try to develop some special strategies to address this problem," he said. "Black males have a tremendous drop-out rate and a high unemployment rate, and we're trying to develop some intervention strategies to combat this."

Fishermen are rescued after overnight ordeal

Two fishermen clung to the bottom of their overturned boat for 22 hours over the weekend before being rescued off Frying Pan Shoals by Coast Guard helicopter.

Jimmy Horne, 49, of Charlotte and Ray Houston, 49, of Concord just had time to don life jackets when their disabled 25-foot outboard swamped and overturned about 11 a.m. Friday.

They had set out from the wildlife boat ramp earlier in the day.

The men held onto the craft, unseen by several passing vessels, until early Saturday morning when the freighter *Wladibostok Senator* spotted them some 12 miles southeast of Frying Pan tower and alerted the Coast Guard, which was already engaged in a search.

The helicopter brought the men to Oak Island Coast Guard Station and they were transported by Long Beach rescue personnel to Doshier Memorial Hospital, where they were examined, warmed and fed.

Mrs. Judy Horne said her husband told her "minutes felt like hours" while he and Houston waited for rescue. He said his throat was raw from shouting at passing vessels before the freighter spotted them.

Mrs. Horne said the boat swamped so quickly the men couldn't take flares into the water with them for use in summoning help.



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Coast Guard rescues vessel

Oak Island Coast Guard rescued a 21-foot pleasure boat off the Cape Fear inlet Monday evening after a commercial towing vessel failed to locate the craft.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the initial distress call came shortly after 3 p.m. from a boat which had lost power "off Lockwood Folly Inlet."

When the commercial tow craft failed to make contact the Oak Island 41-footer got underway, and spotted a red flare off the beach.

The Coast Guard also reported that the fishing vessel *Blessing* foundered off Southport early Sunday and was towed ashore by a second commercial fisherman, the *Aimless Lady*.

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