

Decision Appealed

A ruling which upheld the rights of private property owners in the Holden Beach West subdivision but guaranteed limited public access to the western end of Holden Beach has been appealed.

Durham attorney James Maxwell, who represents a group called Concerned Citizens of Brunswick County Taxpayers Association, said last Thursday that an appeal recently was filed with the N.C. Court of Appeals in Raleigh.

Last November in Brunswick County Superior Court, Judge Bruce Briggs of Madison County ruled in favor of Holden Beach Enterprises Inc., which was the defendant in the 1986 lawsuit brought by the citizens group and the state.

The trial involved the citizens' contention that Ocean View Boulevard West through the subdivision was a public right-of-way to Shallotte Inlet, even though the developer had constructed a gate and guardhouse at the entrance to Holden Beach West to restrict public traffic.

The N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development's Office of Coastal Management intervened in the case as a plaintiff, in its role as administrator of the state's coastal access program.

Maxwell said he expects the appeal to be heard within six months. A decision could be made by the appellate court in about nine months, he said.



Take Top Honors

West Brunswick High School students Dean Smith (left) and Barry Newman won first-place awards in speech contests at a recent District II Future Farmers of America rally. Smith, president of the local FFA chapter, placed first in public speaking with his speech, "The American Farmer: A Proud Heritage." Newman took top honors in extemporaneous public speaking with a speech on the role of agriculture in international relations. Both advance to state competition in June.

Reception Set For Volunteers

Shallotte Middle School will honor volunteers who have helped the school during the past year with a reception Monday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Approximately 200 volunteers have logged 746 hours of work during the 1987-88 school year, according to Assistant Principal William Detrie. They have helped teachers in the classroom and shared their particular expertise and time in meeting the needs of the school and its students.

Schools Take AIDS Program To Personnel And Parents

BY SUSAN USHER

There's no vaccine, no cure, no certainty of how many people once exposed to the virus will develop AIDS.

Only one thing about AIDS seems certain, Brunswick County Board of Education Chairman James Forstner told an audience of mostly school personnel last Thursday night in Shallotte: "Once you catch it, you're going to die."

A family practitioner, Dr. Forstner joined Superintendent of Schools John Kaufhold in presenting the second in a series of three informational programs on AIDS. They presented the school system's recently adopted AIDS policy and previewed "A Letter From Brian," a 29-minute video that is to be shown next school year to students in grades seven through 12. The schools will also introduce an AIDS curriculum for grades K-12 now being developed by the State Department of Public Instruction.

In the video, four high school students learn, as narrator Michael

Warren notes, that "the AIDS virus doesn't care what color we are, what sex we are, or if we are straight or gay. AIDS is everyone's concern."

The film stresses that by saying "No" to sex and to drugs, teen-agers can avoid exposure to AIDS, and that if they choose sexual activity, to use protection and help prevent the spread of AIDS.

It was standing room only in the West Brunswick High School multipurpose room for an attentive audience of bus drivers, teachers, administrators, teacher assistants and a smattering of parents of students.

According to Kaufhold, it is only a matter of time before the Brunswick County Schools must deal with an AIDS victim. The spread of AIDS within the heterosexual community could "explode" as it did in the early 1980s within the homosexual community, he noted, "or people could listen."

He stressed, "We want to talk about AIDS before we get a case in school. We want to educate you as

Warren notes, that "the AIDS virus doesn't care what color we are, what sex we are, or if we are straight or gay. AIDS is everyone's concern."

"AIDS is a fact of life—it won't go away; we must deal with it."

And, rather than hysteria, Kaufhold and Forstner say they would rather the community respond to any reported case "in a capable and compassionate manner."

Currently there are two confirmed cases of AIDS in the county, according to the Brunswick County Health Department.

Statewide, Forstner noted, there are 11 children with AIDS.

AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency, is a condition which damages the immune system, the body's defense against disease. This damage leaves the body open to attack by infections and cancers that are not a threat to healthy people. It is these infections and cancers that kill many people with AIDS.

AIDS is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV. Not everyone who is infected with HIV develops AIDS or AIDS-related complex. Some infected persons seem to

remain in good health. Factors such as drug and alcohol abuse, stress and other illnesses may increase the likelihood that an infected person will develop AIDS.

In "A Letter From Brian," the American Red Cross position on adolescent sexuality education comes across clearly. The ARC advocates:

"That 'saying NO' to sexual activity be recommended for single teenagers for a variety of reasons;

"That education regarding sexuality should be provided within the family, with schools and community organizations supplementing parental education while encouraging parent-child communication; and that instruction should be provided for parents and teenagers. The ARC's AIDS prevention program includes student booklets, teachers' guides and parents' brochures; and

"That Adolescent sexuality education should be based on 'positive values that rest on religious, ethical, legal and moral foundations."

Greg Norris, a faculty member at Shallotte Middle School, noted the video is being shown there to students participating in the "Say No" program. It has been received "very positively," he said, but added that he's not certain of its appropriateness for seventh graders.

Still, he and others said educational information on AIDS does need to be shared with students in the lower grades. Forstner noted that he sees pregnant 14 year olds "all the time," and that the youngest pregnant girl he has seen in his practice was 11 years old.

AIDS is not highly contagious and is not transmitted through casual contact such as sneezing. Forstner noted that the most common ways it can be spread are through the sharing of body fluids such as semen, blood and vaginal secretions—most often through sexual activity, sharing drug needles contaminated with the AIDS virus. AIDS can also be passed by an infected mother to her unborn or newborn child.

As for the use of condoms to prevent the spread of AIDS, Forstner noted, "There is no 'safe' sex," he said. "There is only safer sex."

Audience members had only a few questions, one regarding the effectiveness of condoms. Forstner noted that foreign-made brands do not necessarily meet the same standards as American-made.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Waples Graduates

Robert William Waples of Shallotte was graduated from Campbell University at Buies Creek on May 9, with a bachelor's degree in business administration.



While at Campbell, he served as president of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and was a member of the College Republicans and Adam Smith Free Enterprise Business Club.

Waples is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, Md., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Waples of Copas Shores, Shallotte.

Attends Meeting

Mrs. Linda S. Varnum of Supply attended the May 6 spring meeting of the South Central District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries in Anson County. Featured was a program on "Team Building."

She is secretary to the Brunswick County Agricultural Extension Service, located in Bolivia.

Receives Credential

Carol Ann Burney of Supply, a worker with the local Head Start program, has been awarded a Child Development Associate Credential by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in recognition of her outstanding work with young children.



A team of evaluators that included childcare professionals and a parent observed her working with young children as part of the organization's efforts to improve child care by evaluating workers and recognizing skilled caregivers.

Zuber Inducted

Freshman Teresa Raye Zuber, a 1987 graduate of West Brunswick High School, was recently initiated into the N.C. State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national scholastic honor society for freshmen.

Members must earn a B-plus or better grade point average during

their first one or two semesters while carrying a full-time course load.

Ms. Zuber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Zuber of Route 1, Shallotte.

Completes Course

Josie Gause Brown, a Brunswick County native now employed with the Fayetteville Police Department, recently completed an 80-hour course in basic criminal investigation at the N.C. Justice Academy in Salem.

Three Graduate

Three area students graduated May 5 from Winston-Salem State University.

They were Dwight Bryant, son of Harvey and Ernestine Bryant; Henry Randolph Jr., son of Lillie J. Randolph and the late Rev. Henry Randolph; and June Lakeitha Johnson, daughter of Ida Mae Johnson and the late John Howard Johnson.

Attends Conference

Abbie Bitney of Southport attended the 1988 conference, "A Family Affair," of the National Genealogical Society in Biloxi, Miss., in April.

Bitney is a local genealogist and teaches a continuing education course on "How To Trace Your Family History" for Brunswick County College. She is active in the Brunswick Town Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Southport Historical Society.

She was accompanied by her husband, Dr. Raymond H. Bitney Jr.

Shallotte Rescue To Sell Barbecue

Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad will sell homemade barbecue dinners with all the fixings at the squad building on Saturday, May 28.

Plates will cost \$3.50 and will be sold all day starting at 11 a.m.

Volunteers will also deliver in the Shallotte area to any person ordering at least five plates. Orders can be called in to the squad building at 754-6666.

The rescue squad building is located on N.C. 179 just east of U.S. 17, across from Shallotte Middle School.



Fishermen Are Successful

A crew of fishermen visiting from western North Carolina caught an assortment of bottom fish last Thursday about 70 miles offshore aboard the "Salty P" out of Captain Pete's Marina at Holden Beach. Pictured, from left, are Charlie Spencer, mate; Everett Sipe of Mount Holly with a 10-pound, 13-ounce American red snapper; Michael Thomas of Morganton with an 11-pound dolphin; Mike Masterson of Valdese with a 12-pound lobster; Ralph Conn of Southern Pines with a 20-pound yellow fin tuna; and Capt. Gary Carr.

Fugitive In Custody

A Shallotte area man who was indicted on drug charges last June was captured last week after eluding local authorities for more than a year.

Alan Dale Brooks, 24, was taken into custody Friday in Anderson, S.C., by South Carolina lawmen, said Brunswick County Sheriff John C. Davis.

The fugitive was located by agents with the S.C. Law Enforcement Division as a result of being listed in a national police information network, Davis said.

Brooks was one of 32 defendants indicted June 11, 1987, by a Brunswick County investigative grand jury—the first of its kind in the state. He was indicted on charges of conspiracy to traffic in more than 400 grams of cocaine and trafficking by possession of more than 100 grams of cocaine.

According to the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office, Brooks—charged on other drug traf-

ficking counts—was declared a fugitive on April 13, 1987. Special Assistant District Attorney Bill Wolak said last month that Brooks fled Brunswick County after pleading guilty to drug charges.

Davis said Brooks was returned to Brunswick County late Monday. The defendant was being held in the Brunswick County Jail under a \$300,000 bond Tuesday afternoon.

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