

## Stakes Are High

When the Trojans play the Cougars Friday, there's more to it than a friendly county title. At stake are West's chances for a conference crown and the state playoffs. Page 1-C.



## Seashore Frolics!

Remember the highlights of the N.C. Festival By The Sea, with story and photo coverage of the sporting events, Halloween carnival and parade in Sections A, B and C.

## Election '88 Arrives

Before voting on Tuesday, Nov. 8, check the profiles of local candidates inside this issue, as well as a sample ballot and list of the polls, Pages 6, 7, 8 and 9-A.

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BOB JAMIESON (far right), Wilmington regional manager for the N.C. Division of Natural Resources

and Community Development, talks after the meeting with three Sunset Harbor community property owners.

### TOWNS AWARDED GRANTS

## Access Facility On Hold At Sunset Beach

BY DOUG RUTTER

Last-minute action by the island's primary developer prevented the Town of Sunset Beach from joining three other municipalities in the county in receiving state beach and estuarine access grants this week.

The largest of the local grants, \$213,000, was to have been awarded Wednesday to Sunset Beach, for a regional beach and estuarine access facility proposed at the east end.

However, island developer and town council member Ed Gore has at least temporarily blocked receipt of the grant. Gore owns the land needed for the facility, but he began building a house on the property earlier this week.

Meanwhile, the N.C. Division of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD) awarded grants totaling \$72,968 to three communities: Ocean Isle Beach and Long Beach for neighborhood beach access areas and Navassa for an estuarine access facility.

At Sunset Beach, the state was prepared to award funds for a regional facility which would have provided access to beaches fronting both the Atlantic Ocean and the bay adjacent to Tubbs Inlet, said Town Administrator Linda Fluegel.

The grant would have required local matching funds of \$24,500 and in-kind services or donations of \$24,500. The total cost of the project would have been \$262,100.

State funds would have been used to purchase the two lots needed for the facility, said Fluegel, while local funds and donations would have provided for construction of a restroom

facility, boardwalks to both beaches and an undetermined number of parking spaces.

She said the lots form a "U" shape where Main Street loops around to Canal Drive at the extreme east end. The total area of both lots is 14,015 square feet.

Don Follmer, NRCD director of public affairs, said, "We were all set to go with that one, but it just fell through. It's as simple as that. The deal just collapsed."

The state found out about work on the Gore property Monday after piling had been put in the ground, he said, and proceeded to cancel the scheduled announcement that a grant had been awarded to Sunset Beach.

"That was a last-minute thing," Follmer said of the home construction. "We thought we had it in place."

Although the town will not be awarded the state grant immediately, he said the town will receive some funding for beach or estuarine access when a new location is determined. He added, however, that the grant may not be for the same amount of money.

"The money will be held until they can find another access area," said Follmer. "They will eventually get a grant."

When Sunset Beach Town Council applied for state funding of the facility in May, they also applied for beach access grants at two other locations, Fluegel said.

Gore could not be reached for comment Tuesday afternoon.

While Sunset Beach residents will have to wait for improved beach and

estuarine access, their neighbors to the west will receive state funds immediately for a smaller, neighborhood access area.

According to Haskell Rhett, field representative with the N.C. Division of Coastal Management in Wilmington, Ocean Isle Beach was awarded state monies totaling \$2,450 to improve access at the east end of the island.

Combined with \$125 in local matching funds and \$125 worth of in-kind services, the town will establish an eight-vehicle parking area where Whiteville Street ends near the strand, said Rhett. The grant will also help provide a dune crossover and bike rack at that location.

When Ocean Isle Beach Commissioners agreed to apply for the grant in May, they viewed it as an important step in reducing dune erosion at the east end and providing easier access to surf fishermen.

The largest of the state grants awarded in Brunswick County went to Navassa, where a regional estuarine access facility has been planned. It will be phased in over several years with the first phase funded this year.

According to Rhett, the waterfront park will be built on approximately adjacent to Davis Creek on seven acres of land previously dedicated to the town by owner Donald Sneeden. The land is valued at \$39,350.

The state will provide \$65,578, which will be used to pave an entrance road and construct two gazebos, a boardwalk along the creek, picnic and parking areas and (See ACCESS, Page 2-A)

## State: River Pollution Solution Shared Problem

BY SUSAN USHER

Panelists representing a bevy of state agencies told a group of more than 60 concerned residents last week that the future of Lockwood Folly is up to the local community as well as the state.

Meeting Wednesday night at the public assembly building in Bolivia, the panel also made it clear that the river's problems can't be blamed on any one source, but rather on many sources.

"The problem is all of us," said

George Gilbert, deputy director of shellfish sanitation. "If you pave, build, farm, etc., it speeds the flow of run-off and coliform. That's where the bottom line is."

He was responding to Varnamtown oyster house owner Carson Varnam, who noted earlier that nothing of an industrial nature had been built on the river for 10 years, yet it had deteriorated. "Somewhere, somebody," Varnam said, should claim responsibility for causing the pollution, for making sure it doesn't

continue and for cleaning it up.

Chaired by Bom Jamieson, Wilmington regional manager for the N.C. Division of Natural Resources and Community Development, the meeting was called at the request of Annie Smigiel, president of Save Our Shellfish, SOS.

Though a small section opened Saturday, local shellfishermen are concerned about the extended closing of the river to harvest since August. They're worried also about the potential effect of a marina proposed just upstream of one of most productive areas in the river. They believe the project would contribute to the pollution that forced the closure of what was thought to be a "safe" area that included five shellfish management areas just below Genoe's Point.

"Our common goal," said Jamieson, "is to preserve the water quality of the river and restore it, if that's possible."

To that end, panelists fielded a variety of questions and comments from the audience, clearing up some concerns while admitting answers to some questions simply don't exist.

### Proposal Coming

There is some hope for the river. A report that should be compiled "by late winter," said Preston Howard, regional supervisor for the Division of Environmental Management, that will outline steps that can be taken.

The recommendations will be based on a study of data collected by several agencies, including the federal Environmental Protection Agency. These include water samples taken in the river, main tributaries and inlets, and studies of development and drainage practices in the river basin area.

"If someone, maybe the Brunswick Health Department or Planning Department, Shellfish Sanitation or any other agency can help with rectifying this problem, that will be in the

(See RIVER, Page 2-A)

### POLLING IS TUESDAY

## Last-Minute Rush Pushes Registration Over 28,000

An unprecedented 28,346 people are eligible to vote in Brunswick County on Nov. 8, with a last-minute rush pushing the total well beyond the 26,709 on the books as of Sept. 20.

According to County Board of Elections Supervisor Lynda Britt, the new figure breaks out to 18,046 Democrats, 9,267 Republicans and 1,033 Independents.

She's anticipating a turn-out of approximately 60 percent. In the last presidential election year, 1984, President Reagan's presence on the ticket helped draw voters for a 63 percent-plus turnout locally, as did several other factors.

"I don't know if Dukakis and Bush will draw that much interest," she added, noting that local contests are not sparking that kind of interest either.

In any case, those who go to the polls will get to vote "about as big a ticket as you can possibly have," said Britt, excluding bond referenda and constitutional amendments. Six years ago there would have been

seven ballots. This year there were plans for just one. However, the accidental omission of three district judges whose re-election is unopposed led to printing of a second, separate ballot.

For the fourth time this year, voters will mark their ballots by connecting the two pieces of an arrow.

The arrows make for more accurate electronic scanning of the ballots, according to Britt, unlike X's, which voters tended to make too big, covering more than the intended box.

With the growth in voter registration, absentee balloting is up also. More than 600 ballots had been requested, she said.

"It's like Christmas—only seven more shopping days," suggested Britt.

In Shallotte, as many as 653 residents will vote on whether to allow the off-premises sale of table-quality wines within the town. The referendum was requested by four local grocery stores.

by the county.

The 14th District includes Brunswick County and single townships in New Hanover and Pender counties.

Vice-president of Coastal Insurance & Realty Inc. of Shallotte, Redwine said he is seeking reelection to ensure that the county has "effective representation in Raleigh," to articulate local needs. Top concerns relate to economic development, education and the environment, he said.

During his tenure, Redwine has voted support for rural economic development assistance, the Center

for Rural Development, and for the Marine Crescent, on whose governing board he serves. He also also fought efforts to consider Brunswick County for a nuclear waste disposal site and to allow routine clam dredging in local waters.

This year he has served as co-chairman of a legislative study committee. Last month the panel drafted a range of recommendations relating to state septic tank regulations.

Though he first voted for them, he now supports repeal of the so-called "Hardison handcuff" amendments, which prohibit the state from having environmental regulations stricter

than those of the federal government.

Redwine advocates a regional approach to solid waste management, has introduced bills to fund offshore fishing reefs and coastal beach access.

He is proposing a model bill for recycling that would take a state and local government partnership approach.

As vice chairman of the appropriations committee that funds the state's Department of Commerce, Redwine said he plans to find out what happened to 94,000 inquiries never answered by the state's tourism development office. He was

## Shallotte 8th-Graders Choose Dukakis, Jordan In Mock Poll

Those big public opinion polls that pick Vice President George Bush and Gov. Jim Martin to win on Nov. 8 don't mean a thing to eighth-grade social studies students at Shallotte Middle School.

They're picking Michael Dukakis for president and Bob Jordan for governor anyway.

Those were just two of the races that Shallotte eighth-graders took to the "polls" last Wednesday in a mock election designed to promote better understanding of the electoral process.

Teacher Barbara Holcombe coordinated the local program, which was devised by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction's Division of Social Studies. Other teachers whose classes participated were Pauline Hewett, Cherry Basinger, Debra Carroll and Janice Gore.

In connection with the mock election, local Democrat Ronald Hewett

and Brunswick County GOP Chairman John Dozier spoke to the students about their respective party's principles, philosophy and history.

In turn, the eighth-graders presented each party representative with two laminated posters of their party's mascot, donkey or elephant, to be used during the remainder of the 1988 campaign.

Voting in the mock election included the following:

- President—Dukakis/Bentsen 89, Bush/Quayle 62.
- Governor—Jordan 81, Martin 42.
- Lieutenant Governor—Tony Rand 63, Jim Gardner 63.
- Secretary of State—John Carrington 67, Rufus Edmisten 56.
- Attorney General—Lacy Thornburg 72, Sam Wilson 49.
- State Senate—Randolph Sullivan 52, R.C. Soles Jr. 47.
- State House—David Redwine 82,

Rozell Hewett 19.

•Clerk of Court—Diana Morgan 66, John Ramsey 47.

•Register of Deeds—Robert Robinson 51, William Kirby 33.

•County Commissioner, District One—Chris Chappell 43, Kelly Holden 24.

•County Commissioner, District Three—James Poole 61, Gene Pinkerton 28.

•County Commissioner, District Four—Tom Simmons 44, Frankie Rabon 36.

•School Board, District One—Douglas Baxley 55, Tom Pope 45.

•School Board, District Three—Robert Slockett 43, Jonathan Hankins 38.

•School Board, District Four—Donna Baxter 48, John Watkins 33.

•Coroner—Greg White 69, Larry Andrews 43.



REDWINE

HEWETT

introduced legislation to establish a welcome center on the Shallotte U.S. 17 bypass.

While he sees nothing wrong with partisan elections for the school

board and submitted the bill that established them in Brunswick County, Redwine said he would be willing to listen.

"I don't know what difference it makes what vehicle you use to get them there," he said. "If you make a mess out of it people ought to take you out. However, I would be willing and able to listen, and to change if need be."

He has supported funding to increase the pay of educators and to reduce classroom size.

While education legislation will be of continuing importance, Redwine (See REDWINE, Page 2-A)

## Rep. Redwine Faces Challenge In Bid For Third House Term

State Rep. David Redwine's bid for a third term is being challenged by a former county commissioner—and a former Democrat, Rozell Hewett, 70, of Shallotte Point.

A Democrat, Redwine, 41, has served 2½ terms, having been appointed to the 14th District House seat following the resignation of Tom B. Rabon Jr. in 1983. He was most recently rated by the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research as 28th in effectiveness of 120 House members. That effectiveness is reason enough to send him back to Raleigh, he suggested. He said he thinks he can provide the leadership needed in Raleigh