

Gone Fishing—Again

Saturday afternoon was sunny, but a bit breezy for fishing in outside waters. Instead, Johnny and Florence Neal of High Shoals and Sunset Harbor packed their gear, along with their family pet, Bowser, and headed to Lockwood Folly River.

## Fewer Inspections Put Dent In Budget

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"I had expected a shortfall," Rhodes said. "We'll just have to inform the county commissioners at this point."

However, an economic slump means more people are also seeking health services at the department.

A lowering of federal poverty guidelines has qualified more people for Medicaid benefits, thus expanding client enrollment in maternity and child care programs, said Victoria Smith, supervisor for the two programs.

The board agreed Monday to hire two additional social worker IIs to handle the client increase. Rhodes said a \$4,375 grant from the N.C. Department of Environmental Health and Natural Resources Maternity Care Coordination program will pay the salary of a social worker in maternity care. The proposed salary from April to June would be \$3,459, Rhodes said.

Last fiscal year, the department served 100 maternity care clients with a 50 percent funded position. The department estimates it will serve an additional 75 maternity care clients this fiscal year, thus earning the department an additional \$18,750 in Medicaid payments.

"Being conservative with the numbers," Rhodes said, "the positions will pay for themselves without any additional funds."

Maternity care coordination assists Medicaid clients in seeking carly health care and ensures that the mother receives a package of medical and non-medical services throughout pregnancy.

An additional worker will also be hired in child service coordination with a \$8,425 grant from the state. Salary for the position from April to June is expected to cost \$6,353,

The department expects to expand the program by 33 children this fiscal year, which will bring in an additional \$5,940 in Medicaid payments. Next fiscal year, the department expects to provide services to an additional 35 children, making the program self-supportive on Medicaid payments.

The child service coordination program is a revision of the 1979 High Priority Infant Program, said Kim McIntyre, a child service coordinator. Its aim is to give infants at risk of early death the maximum opportunity to reach their full development, she said.

"The program is available to all children less than three years of age who are at risk for developmental or disability handicaps, chronic illness or social and emotional disorders," Ms. McIntyre said. Children under five with diagnosed disabilities are Try, Try Again

The board agreed Monday to delay election of a chairman and vice chairman of the board a second time after two people nominated to become chairman asked that their names be withdrawn.

Brad Williams nominated William Phillips to be chairman Monday. Jerry Lewis nominated Maliston Stanley. But both nominees declined the offer, saying they were too involved in other activities to accept the responsibility.

Vice Chairman Arthur Knox presided over the meeting Monday.

"I believe we better try again next month, Mr. Chairman," said board member Bill Rabon.

"We're going to have about the same members present at the next meeting," was Knox's reply.

The board agreed to table the issue until the March meeting.

Board members Rabon and Phillips did volunteer Monday to serve on the environmental health committee that will establish a management entity to oversee new septic tank permit regulations starting July 1.

The regulations will require that persons seeking septic tank permits also file a plan for continued maintenance of their sewer systems.

Board members Pat Nutter, Williams and Stanley volunteered to serve on the budget committee.

a better area," he said.

sewer system expansion.

Calabash is one of five communi-

take part in the three-year-old pro-

government employees, including onment, Health and Natural Resourcoordinator for Coastal Initiative.

Also represented at the meeting were the state Departments of Transportation and Economic and Community Development.

"It went real good I think," Simmons said of the meeting. "We just talked about some of the goals, and what we can expect from them and what they can expect from us." Goals of the committee including

Ocean Isle Commission Sets Workshop

■Voted to allow representatives of

on petitions and asking for contribu-

tions. Employees of the environ-

year, said Redwine, all programs are under scrutiny. That, he said, is "probably good" from one standpoint. "It gives us the opportunity to take a look and see if a program is doing what we want it to." If not the program may be done away with or reshaped according to a

Along with a lottery bill, Redwine is looking at a way to recoup an approximately \$18 million lost when the state fails to collect taxes on motor vehicles.

The bill is similar to one Redwine introduced two years ago that has since made the rounds of the legislature for revisions. "What they've done is come full circle back to what we had two years ago," he said.

If adopted, the measure would prevent the purchase of tags for a vehicle on which property tax has not been paid. It requires the coordinated effort of two state agencies.

"Eventually the tag renewal notice will be coded so that agents will know not to sell tags to individuals who haven't paid insurance."

Eventually will eliminate need to list motor vehicles for tax purposes, since they will go into the joint Division of Motor Vehicles/Tax Assessment Office computer system at the time of purchase/registration.

## Calabash Forms Coastal Committee

Assignments, Budget Hot Topics For State House

strative Office of the Courts.

stead in the other area.

said Redwine.

Redwine said he had asked to

serve again on the Appropriations

Subcommittee for Environmental

Health and Natural Resources, but

that Blue had asked him to serve in-

some tough decisions to be made,"

"He said there were going to be

The state's monetary woes were

on the minds of legislators this week

as budget hearings began on ways to

cover the shortfall for the fiscal year

now half-over as well as the coming

biennium. Redwine said the estimat-

ed shortfall figure continues to rise,

standing at about \$686 million now.

"Nobody knows or can predict how

it will eventually turn out," he said.

ment is in money trouble and not to

expect a lot. I expect some services

to be curtailed or cut back, includ-

ing a very conservative approach,

with few initiatives for new pro-

most options, he said. In the past it

has asked department heads to find

ways to reduce spending and tapped

one-time revenue sources. This

As a result, the legislature is tak-

The legislature has run out of

"I'm telling people state govern-

"It's a very scary time."

grams being proposed.

ing education.

Calabash has formed a 10-member committee of officials, residents and businessmen who will try to take advantage of the town's recent selection for the N.C. Coastal Initiative program.

State Rep. David Redwine was

still waiting to hear whether he will

be named to a House redistricting

committee, but as of Tuesday had

five other assignments secured.

These included one co-chairmanship.

day afternoon had made appoint-

ments to all committees except the

two most sought after this term: the

powerful legislative and congres-

sional redistricting panels that will

guide boundary marking of new

electoral districts in North Carolina.

but Redwine is hoping he will be

among those named to serve on one

Meanwhile, he will serve as co-

chairman of the Appropriations

Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety; vice chairman of the Com-

mittee on Public Employees; and a

member of three other panels: Judi-

ciary II, Public Utilities and Com-

mittee on the Environment, Solid

funding natters that relate to the

Departments of Corrections, Crime

Control & Public Safety (which in-

cludes the Highway Patrol and Em-

ergency Management divisions);

Justice Department (Attorney Gen-

eral's Office and SBI) and Admini-

The appropriations panel handles

Waste Subcommittee.

or the other.

No member can serve on both,

Speaker Daniel Blue as of Tues-

T.J. Morgan, who is employed at Marsh Harbour Marina in Calabash, chairs the committee, which includes Mayor Doug Simmons and Commissioners Jon Sanborn and Stu Thorn. Other members are Warren "Bud" Knapp, Ed Schaack, Hank Rutter, Richard Johnson, Rich O'Donnell and Paul Walker.

The Coastal Initiative program encourages environmentally-sensitive development along the coast and offers free state assistance to communities that are chosen by the

ties that was selected last month to

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could make a better community and

firms interested in designing the

gram. The newly-formed committee held its first meeting with state officials Monday at the Calabash Town Hall.

Mayor Simmons said the committee met with about eight state Lorraine Shinn, regional manager for the N.C. Department of Envirces in Washington, N.C., and staff

widening part of N.C. 179, providing sewer service to the waterfront, building a public boat ramp and establishing an historical society.

Simmons said the committee

plans to meet again with state offi-

cials a few months from now. In the meantime, it will meet on its own to further define goals and discuss how it will achieve those goals with the state's help. Morgan wrote letters to Gov.

James Martin and Lt. Gov. James Gardner last month inviting both of them to visit Calabash in late February to take part in a public meeting.

The committee proposed a meeting at the Calabash fire station to explain the Coastal Initiative program and the town's goals and obectives. Simmons said the town hasn't received any response from Raleigh.

## Water Project Design Work Begins

(Continued From Page 1-A) areas where property owners are assessed the cost of running water lines into the developments off of adjacent trunk lines.

Presently, the county does not have a policy for assessing residents who happen to live along main trunk lines but who can benefit from having the water made available to them. The UOB is expected to recommend a policy to commissioners soon. UOB members Robert Nubel and Chairman Al Morrison are working with Public Utilities Director Jerry Webb to draft a proposed policy.

Shallotte Point residents collected signatures on seven pages in November and again in January asking that water be made available to their community. The petitions, addressed to the UOB, state that those signing "ask your help, cooperation and endorsement to bring water to their homes and businesses. As taxpaying citizens, it has been their utmost desire to support the growth and constructive development of

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Brunswick County," it states.

The petition was organized by Mrs. William T. Sellers and Mrs. Earl Pigott, both residents of Shallotte Point.

UOB members Monday questioned how much of the Shallotte Point water project would be part of the main trunk distribution system and how many areas would have to begin planning for SADs.

What is our play in this?" asked D.V. Jones. "To what extent are we to use Shallotte Point as a SAD?"

Jones said since he owns property at the Point he would "have to back off" of discussions when the UOB gets to that point in the project. Nobody wants water there more than I do," he added.

Webb told the board that he interpreted the Shallotte Point petition as a start of the process for forming SADs in areas there that do not end up along main trunk lines.

This capital improvements project will put lines down the major state roads," Webb said.

The county must establish costs

and determine how many and which state roads will receive trunk lines and which areas must act as SADs. Such a plan is also dependent on the hydraulics of the system, Lewis said. He expects many of the residents who live on state roads there to be connected to main lines.

Nubel told the board Monday that it should act swiftly on recommending a policy to commissioners for assessing residents along main trunk lines.

"If we don't get something on assessment fees we'll have lines in the ground before we get a policy," Nubel warned. "It's been at least four months now since Kelly Holden (commission chairman) was here and asked us to do something and we still don't have anything in writing."

In other business Monday, UOB members instructed their attorney, Michael Ramos, to review a proposed contract with Houston and Associates to design SAD 12, a collection of 10 subdivisions between Ocean Isle and Calabash that are next in line to receive county water.

They are Houston and Associates of Shallotte, Robert L. Bellamy and Associates of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Powell Associates of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Henry Von Oesen and Associates of Wilmington, which designed the town's present sewer system. Other Business

## Wrecks **February**

Highway accidents in Brunswick County claimed the lives of two people in January; however, February has been a different story. As of Tuesday afternoon, the

partments' juridictions.

"It's the least number of accidents that we have had in many, spokesperson for the Highway Patrol office in Wilmington.

There have only been nine high-

ports filed by State Troopers in Brunswick County since Wednesday, Feb. 6, Ms. Oakley said. The last serious injury from a

Feb. 3, she said.

Last month, accidents claimed the lives of two county residents. Aaron Leon Stevenson, 30, of Calabash, was killed Jan. 24 in a headon collision near Thomasboro on U.S. 17 south of Shallotte.

Jan. 19. Herbert Parker Jr., 65, was killed when his truck ran off the road and struck a tree on Stone Chimney Road near Holden Beach,

mental group will be allowed to canvass residents daily from 3 p.m. changes," he said. until 6 p.m. between now and April. Town board members said they didn't want the canvass conducted during the tourist season. ■Heard that Building Inspector Druied Roberson issued 17 building

permits in January. He collected

In other business, commissioners: \$10,058 in fees on a construction valuation of \$1.4 million. the N.C. Alliance for Conservation Approved several minor changes

As of Tuesday, the town had re- Action to go door-to-door handing in the town's flood damage prevenceived letters from four engineering out literature, collecting signatures tion ordinance. Roberson said the "housekeeping amendments" included several changes in definitions. "There's no real substance ■Heard a report from Roberson on

fire code enforcement requirements scheduled to take effect July 1. Towns will be required to have certified fire code enforcement officers review building plans under the new state rules.

# Fewer In

number of traffic accidents reported to the State Highway Patrol had drastically decreased for the month. The Highway Patrol responds to accidents outside of local police de-

many months," said Ruby Oakley, a

way accidents reported in the county in February, Ms. Oakley said.

There have been no accident re-

highway accident was reported on

"We've been fortunate," she added.

A Southport man was also killed

## Temps To Drop To Near Normal

will feel a touch of cooler weather over the next few days as temperatures fall to near normal levels. Shallotte Point meteorologist

Jackson Canady said he expects temperatures to range from around the mid-30s at night into the mid-50s during the daytime. The area should receive about a half-inch of rainfall, which is the norm for this time of year. Temperatures during the period

will be cooler than during the peri-

Name.

The South Brunswick Islands od of Feb. 5-11, when Canady recorded a maximum high of 73 degrees on Feb. 5.

The minimum low during the period was 34 degrees, occurring on the 10th. a daily average high of 67 degrees combined with an average nightly low of 43 degrees for an average daily temperature of 55 degrees. That, said Canady, was about 9 degrees above average for this time of year.

He recorded .61 inch of rainfall for the period.

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### Hiring Questions Go To DA Questions raised about the proce-

dure used in hiring Brunswick County's schools superintendent are now in the hands of the district attorney's office.

Glen Peterson, attorney for the Brunswick County Board of Education, said Monday night he has forwarded to District Attorney Rex Gore materials presented to him.

"It was pretty much the same information that appeared in the newspapers," said Peterson, referring to articles and materials for which board member Robert Slockett was the primary source.

Slockett, who was out of town this week and did not attend Monday's meeting, had pushed for the board to either conduct its own investigation or ask the district attorney to investigate through the SBI.

dence of wrongdoing had been pre-

Board Chairman Donna Baxter made the motion to involve the DA's office at the board's January meeting, saying that while no evi-

sented to the board, "in some people's minds there is a problem," a situation she said the board wanted cleared up so it could go on about its other business.

Slockett called for an investigation after telling fellow board members and the press that Barbara Rogers, a Wake County principal who had applied for the superintendency, had questioned whether Superintendent P.R. Hankins had met the literal requirements of the job posting and alleged that another board member had attempted to make a deal with her.

Peterson said Mrs. Rogers has since filed a grievance against the board with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Mrs. Rogers had indicated earlier she was pressing the issue not because she wanted the superintendent's job, but because she wanted to see the board change its way of conducting business.

Mrs. Rogers could not be reached Tuesday afternoon for comment.