

Election At A Glance

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Sandy Creek

COUNCIL

- ✓Brenda Gaye Mitchell.....42
- Louis A. Blouir.....14
- ✓Willie E. Millinor (I).....40

Long Beach

MAYOR

- ✓Joan Altman.....610
- H. Michael (Mike) Oxford.....568

COMMISSIONER

- ✓Horace Collier.....737
- David Drummond (I).....582
- ✓David Durr.....661
- ✓William Easley.....608
- Jean Gray (I).....434
- James R. (Jim) Somers.....421

Yaupon Beach

COMMISSIONER

- Rhett Blackman.....52
- ✓Joseph W. Broyles (I).....128
- ✓May W. Moore (I).....133
- James Laverne Poole Sr. (I).....94
- ✓Darrell D. Posey.....99
- J.M. Warren.....71

Caswell Beach

MAYOR

- ✓Jack B. Cook (I).....30

COMMISSIONER

- ✓Ester (Johnnie) Gillis.....34

Dosher Hospital

TRUSTEE (4-year)

- ✓Eugene B. Tomlinson Jr.940

TRUSTEE (6-year)

- Debra Amos.....620
- ✓Gib Barbee.....1424
- Evelyn Teal Butler (I).....805
- ✓Charles B. Johnson (I).....1113

Southeast Sanitary District

- ✓Lucille M. Laster.....13
- ✓James R. (Jimie) Wilson (I) 17

Area United Way Extends Campaign

The Cape Fear Area United Way has extended its annual fund-raising campaign through Nov. 15 in an attempt to reach its goal and finalize campaigns at local organizations.

The United Way had raised \$1,854,623, or about 93 percent of its \$2,002,000 goal, as of Oct. 29, according to a news release.

Many companies are still conducting employee campaigns and should finish in the next few days.

To make a contribution, call 919-251-5020 or mail your pledge to Cape Fear Area United Way, P.O. Box 1503, Wilmington, N.C. 28402.

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MISTY CARMICHAEL was driving this Firebird to West Brunswick High School last Friday morning when the accident occurred. She died Saturday.

Fatal Accident Revives Overpass Debate

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glass, broken glass and shoes scattered along the southbound lanes of the highway and down the bypass median.

Police closed the two southbound lanes of the bypass for about 30 minutes following the wreck. Southbound traffic was restricted to one lane the rest of the morning while police continued to investigate the accident.

Gause said police weren't able to determine the speed of the logging truck because it didn't leave skid marks. The Corvette created skid marks as it was dragged down the highway.

Melanie Hill, who was working at Handee Hugo's at the bypass intersection when the accident happened, said the truck was going faster than the 55 mph speed limit. "It was in the wind. It was going pretty fast—too fast to stop."

Gause said the driver of the logging truck told police he didn't have time to stop the vehicle before the collision.

"He said that it went from green light to red light without the caution light coming on," Gause said. "It's possible that he may not have had time to hit his brakes."

Doug Bowers, division engineer with the N.C. Department of Transportation, said state officials investigated the traffic light following the accident and concluded that it was working properly.

"We don't feel like there is any malfunction in

the traffic signal," Bowers said.

Ms. Hill said motorists have been complaining about the traffic light changing too fast. "Sometimes the trucks come through here and they'll be laying on the horn. They'll be letting people know they're coming across."

Bowers said the state traffic service unit will finish its investigation of the fatal accident within two weeks and make recommendations to improve safety at the intersection.

The tragic accident has renewed interest in an overpass at the intersection. An overpass had been discussed but was never included in the state's plans for the bypass.

"I don't understand why they didn't build an overpass here," Brunswick County Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan said at the scene last Friday. "I knew this was going to happen."

State Rep. David Redwine said he and other local officials advocated an overpass when the bypass was being planned, but were told by DOT officials that it wasn't feasible.

Redwine said transportation officials said an overpass would be costly and would delay construction of the bypass. The DOT also said a traffic light at the intersection would be as safe as an overpass.

Bowers, the DOT division engineer, said the N.C. Board of Transportation alone has the au-

thority to approve construction of an overpass. He said it would take at least 12 to 18 months to get it done if it was approved.

The Brunswick County Board of Education adopted a resolution of concern Monday night asking the N.C. DOT to address safety problems at the intersection, and planned to send copies to various elected officials.

Chief Gause said the intersection is dangerous because of its proximity to the high school and the fact that many motorists travel the bypass going at least 55 mph.

"I just hope and pray that the people will write to whoever they have to to get an overpass at that intersection," Gause said. "I'm afraid if we don't get an overpass there we're going to see more wrecks."

Gause said he will ask the DOT to lower the 55 mph speed limit along that stretch of the bypass and put up yellow lights that will flash in the morning and afternoon when traffic to and from the school is heaviest.

In the meantime, Shallotte Police and the N.C. Highway Patrol have beefed up enforcement of traffic laws near the intersection.

"We are monitoring that traffic as much as we can right now," Gause said Monday. "We are working that intersection heavy."

Police are using radar to detect speeders in the morning and afternoon when school lets out.

Police Car Damaged In Collision

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The accident brings to 14 the number of highway fatalities to date this year on Brunswick County roadways. At the end of November last year, 14 fatalities had been recorded.

Patrol Car Damaged

An unmarked patrol car belonging to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department collided nearly head-on with another vehicle last Thursday morning, Oct. 31.

Detective Billy D. Hughes, 39, of Ash was driving the unmarked 1989 Ford north on Old Georgetown Road (S.R. 1163) enroute to a call at 8:30 a.m. when he struck a 1989 Chevrolet pickup truck operated by Durwood Grey Ward Jr., 23, of Sunset Beach.

According to Mrs. Oakley, Ward pulled out of a private drive onto Old Georgetown Road, traveling north, then attempted to cross the road into another private driveway.

Det. Hughes entered the left lane in an attempt to pass Ward and struck the truck "almost head-on," Ms. Oakley said, referring to Trooper W.H. Thompson's report.

Ward was charged with failure to yield right of way.

Both were taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply for treatment of injuries. Ward was not seriously hurt, while Hughes' injuries were more serious.

Trooper Thompson estimated the damage to both cars at about \$5,000.

Failure To Reduce Speed

Two cars collided last Friday afternoon when one of the cars was apparently unable to stop in time to avoid an accident.

Allen Moore Gore, 76, of Shallotte was driving a 1989 Oldsmobile south on N.C. 179 at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1 when he was struck from behind by another car.

Gore was about to turn onto Village Road (S.R. 1145), about six tenths of a mile south of Shallotte.

Troy Van Buren Keepon, 72, of Shallotte was driving a 1985 Ford, traveling south on N.C. 179, and

was unable to stop the car, according to the report filed by Trooper Thompson, said Mrs. Oakley.

Keepon's car then struck Gore's car in the rear.

Keepon was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Both drivers only suffered minor injuries, but Keepon's passenger, Fannie Keepon, 80, of Shallotte, was taken by ambulance to The Brunswick Hospital and treated for more serious injuries.

Thompson estimated damages to Gore's vehicle at \$1,500 and to Keepon's vehicle, \$4,000.

Failure To Slow Speed

A car was rear-ended when it

stopped for traffic last Friday on U.S. 17 almost two miles north of Shallotte.

Jarrod Yates Gupton, 16, of Supply was traveling north in a 1985 Buick when he stopped for traffic, according to Trooper D.B. Harvell's report.

Glenn Allyn Lafferty, 29, of Pascagoula, Miss., reportedly failed to slow down and the 1989 Ford he was driving struck Gupton's car in the rear, Mrs. Oakley said.

There were no injuries.

Lafferty was charged with failure to reduce speed.

Trooper Harvell estimated the damage to each car at about \$3,000.

County Tables Request For Soil Scientist

BY TERRY POPE

Adding a soil scientist to the Brunswick County Health Department staff is a "luxury" the county can't afford.

That's what Brunswick County Commissioners Monday told Health Director Michael Rhodes Monday when he appeared before the board for the second straight meeting to ask that the position be funded.

"It's a luxury I don't think we can afford as early as Mr. Rhodes wants it," said District 3 Commissioner Gene Pinkerton.

At the Oct. 21 meeting, Pinkerton asked that the board consider the effect hiring a soil scientist would have in helping to improve the "economic development of Brunswick County."

Pinkerton said he wants the board to reconsider the position in June, for the 1991-92 budget. Rhodes had requested \$22,000 to fund the position from Jan. 1 to June 30, but the department only has \$1,500 available in lapsed salaries. The money would have come from the county's contingency fund, said Commission Chairman Kelly Holden.

A soil scientist is needed prior to July 1, said Rhodes, when the state is expected to adopt new rules regarding the permitting and inspecting of low pressure pipe (LPP) and larger sewer systems allowed in Brunswick County.

"Hopefully, with six months, it would be helpful to already have that person on," said Rhodes. "We need that level of expertise for coastal soils."

Commissioners cut a similar position from the budget in June by a 3-2 vote, however, that person did not make on-site inspections and was not an employee of the health department. The county's soil scientist was reassigned to the county engineer's office in June.

The proposed soil scientist would

be an authorized health specialist capable of making on-site inspections and soil evaluations, would oversee the LPP monitoring program and assist the environmental health staff in the placement of sewer systems.

The Brunswick County Board of Health has adopted a policy that requires improved monitoring of LPP systems, which have been blamed for coastal and groundwater pollution. The board moved ahead of the state when it adopted its LPP regulations, deciding not to wait until July when it will be mandated by the state.

The program will be mandated, but the soil scientist's position will not be, said Rhodes. He had planned to use the person 30 percent of the time to monitor the LPP program. At other times, the person would help eliminate a current backlog of applications for on-site inspections.

Holden said the board of commissioners has been hammered recently with complaints regarding sewer systems permits.

"A lot of people think commissioners can wave the magic wand and make lots perk," said Holden. "Quite often we're the ones that get the complaints. I think at times we feel like our hands are tied."

In other business Monday, the board:

- Adopted an N.C. Association of County Finance Officers' resolution asking that the state consider that county budgets are prepared often before state-shared revenues are distributed. Brunswick County Finance Director Lithia Hahn was recently elected president of the association.
- Approved a deed of dedication for Phase I-A of the water system at St. James Plantation near Southport.
- Approved an installment finance resolution, not to exceed \$10 million, to pay for water line expansions to Seaside and Shallotte Point.
- Approved a budget amendment to

transfer \$1,000 from vending machine money to the Larry Bell Fund to help needy families. Bell, a former acting director of the Brunswick County Department of Social Services, died in a car crash in 1985.

Another budget item accepts revenues of \$750,000 from the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority and expenses of \$750,000, said Ms. Hahn, for a zero balance.

- Accepted a low bid of \$52,509 from Herring International Truck Center for a road tractor for the Operations Services Department. A second bid of \$55,153 was received from Tarheel Ford. A third firm, Case Power, submitted a sealed envelop that did not include a bid, said County Manager David Clegg.
- Approved an annual contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to continue the county's Public Housing Agency program.
- Appointed George Kelly of Leland to the Brunswick County ABC Board, to serve the unexpired term, about 1 1/2 years, of Joyce Vereen, who resigned.
- Reappointed Shirley Clemmons, George K. Evans, William B. Babson and Paul Baccarny to the Brunswick County Hospital Authority.

Cooler Weather Is Anticipated

Weather conditions for the South Brunswick Islands should start to reach below normal for this time of year over the next few days, Jackson Canady, Shallotte Point meteorologist, said Tuesday.

The outlook calls for temperatures and precipitation to be below average for this time of year, Canady said. He said he expects a daytime average of around 60 degrees and an average evening temperature of about 40 degrees.

He estimated that a quarter inch of rain may fall in the next week.

"Cool to cold temperatures are below the average for right now," Canady said.

For the period of Oct. 29 to Nov. 4, the region saw a maximum daytime high of 79 degrees, recorded on Nov. 2.

A minimum evening low of 40 degrees was recorded on Oct. 30.

The average daytime high was 69 degrees and the average evening low was 47 degrees, combining for an average daily temperature of 58 degrees, Canady said.

Canady recorded no rainfall at his home in Shallotte Point.

Incumbents Fare Well

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the winner of a coin toss would get the final seat.

At Long Beach, Joan Altman won the mayor's post in a tight race with Mike Oxford, 610-568, and both incumbent commissioners seeking reelection were defeated.

Horace Collier was the top vote-getter in the town board race with 737, followed by David Durr with 661 and William Easley with 608.

Incumbents David Drummond and Jean Gray lost after serving one term each on the board.

Outgoing mayor Johnny Vereen, who was defeated in last month's primary received 78 write in votes.

Besides kicking out the incumbents, Long Beach voters also rejected a proposal to expand the recreation building -888 to 355.

Elsewhere on Oak Island, Yaupon Beach voters returned two of the three incumbents to the town board.

May Moore and Joseph Broyles were reelected for another four years, along with newcomer Darrell D. Posey.

James L. Poole Sr. was the only incumbent defeated Tuesday, losing to Posey by five votes.

However, a challenge is likely at Yaupon Beach, where 36 voters had cast ballots before officials discovered an error on the ballot. It instructed voters to vote for two candidates, while they were to actually vote for three.

In Southport, former mayor and alderman Norman Holden defeated incumbent mayor C.B. "Cash" Caroon, 490 to 314.

In the town board race, Ward I incumbent Mary "Meezie" Childs was re-elected along with Ward II incumbent Nelson Adams.

William W. Delaney received more votes than anyone in Ward II to win the only other town board seat. Incumbent Paul Sweeney was not returned to office.

Voters also ousted an incumbent mayor in Leland, where S.L. Doty defeated Russell Baldwin by nearly 100 votes.

Incumbent Councilwoman Jane Gilbert was re-elected, while Thomas Hyatt will replace incumbent Lynette Carlisle on the town board. Hyatt, Gilbert and Doty were running on the same ticket.

At Boiling Spring Lakes, voters chose Mark Stewart, a commissioner since 1987, as their new mayor.

Bert Buckbee and Warren Plowden were elected to the town board from a field of seven candidates.

Sandy Creek voters re-elected Willie Millinor to the town council along with Brenda Gaye Mitchell. Residents also approved a \$225,000 bond referendum for road improvements and maintenance by a 69-to-3 margin.

Smithville Township voters elected Gib Barbee and incumbent Charles Johnson to six-year terms on the Dosher Hospital Board of Trustees. Eugene Tomlinson Jr. was unopposed in his bid for a four-year term on the board.

Candidates in Navassa, Caswell Beach, Belville and for the Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District board were unopposed.

Wreck Report Is Corrected

It was incorrectly reported in the Oct. 31 issue of *The Brunswick Beacon* that a car operated by Lloyd David Radcliffe of Leland struck another auto driven by Jeffrey Wayne Henshaw of Carolina Beach in an Oct. 24 accident.

According to State Trooper B.C. Jones' report, Henshaw was charged after the 1980 Oldsmobile he was driving struck a 1983 Volvo

driven by Radcliffe, who was attempting a left turn into a private drive.

It was also incorrectly reported that Radcliffe's vehicle was a rental car from TNT Auto Sales in Leland. TNT both owned and provided the car to Radcliffe for sales calls.

The Beacon apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this error.