



Scenes From A New School

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Trying out the carpeted, tiered seats in the new Supply Elementary School theater, in photo above, are prospective students, their mothers and a little brother. Pictured, from left, are Chad McCumbee, Jeanine McCumbee, Zachary McCumbee, Jessica Doshier and Sherry Doshier. Below, dress-up time for kids is any time there are 'big folks' hats, scarves and frills. Twins Kristin, left, and Brandon Immen, enjoyed playing grownup last week in a kindergarten room at Supply Elementary School.



Community Rallies To Help Caudill

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on the uncontested facts of the case without having to wait for a jury trial.

After the marrow harvest, Varnam said Caudill is expected to return home this weekend and return to Duke hospital next week for more treatment.

The transplant will allow Caudill to receive highly toxic doses of chemotherapy treatment, scheduled to begin Sept. 7, that body might otherwise not be able to withstand.

The harvested bone marrow is frozen and held in reserve, a form of insurance in the event Caudill's system is unable to begin producing sufficient new blood cells of its own after the chemotherapy. Sometimes the infusion isn't even needed; the patient's body goes back to work making sufficient new blood cells on its own.

Following a period of isolation, if needed, the marrow will be injected back into the body. It seeds itself,

replacing the bone marrow the treatment has destroyed.

Varnam said the Durham hospital is trying to keep the cost of treatment down by doing as much treatment as possible on an out-patient basis.

"They're working every way they can with her to cut down on expenses and go ahead and go with it," she said.

Friends hope to raise more money for the bone marrow transplant fund next weekend, when Varnamtown holds its annual community festival. Half of the proceeds from a karate demonstration on Friday, Sept. 4, will be donated. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Lockwood Folly Community Building on Stanbury Road. Admission is \$3.

On Saturday, food and other items will be sold at a booth on the festival grounds at Varnamtown Town Hall. All proceeds will go to the Caudill fund.

Also next Saturday, a benefit concert that is not part of the festival

will be held at Shallotte Middle School at 7:30 p.m.

Performers will include The Singing Americans of Maiden, The Serenaders of Bladenboro and The Altarmen of Shallotte.

No admission will be charged, but there will be a free will offering during the concert with all proceeds going to the bone marrow transplant fund.

Also, proceeds from a Sept. 5 yard and bake sale at Shell Point Baptist Church will go to the fund.

Traffic Signal In Works For Seaside Intersection

BY SUSAN USHER

Relief is on the way for motorists who travel the busy N.C. 179/N.C. 904 intersection at Sunset Beach.

Following a peak-season traffic count conducted Friday, Aug. 7, the N.C. Department of Transportation has agreed that a full traffic signal is needed at the intersection, along with other improvements already planned this fall.

Once the South Brunswick Islands post office branch opened, said Roger Hawkins, division traffic engineer, "it was obvious that a traffic signal was needed."

Installation of the signal will be coordinated this fall with the widening and resurfacing of approaches to the intersection and installation of left turn lanes.

"It sounds like it will be between October and November," said Hawkins.

Money for the signals is expected to come from the spot safety fund. The formal request is "still in the hopper," said Hawkins, but should go to the traffic engineering office in Raleigh this week, in time for consideration by the state Board of Transportation at its October meeting.

"It's a cut and dried situation," said Hawkins. How quickly the work is completed depends in part on when the improvements are scheduled after Labor Day and how quickly the signal plans are completed.

Judge Recommends Babson Reinstatement To Former Job

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

Brunswick County's former animal control supervisor may be back at her post soon, if the state personnel commission and the county health board follow a judge's recommendation.

Administrative Law Judge Beecher R. Gray decided Aug. 14 that Zelma Babson, fired June 25, 1991, for failure to perform her duties satisfactorily, should be reinstated to her former position as animal control supervisor and should receive back pay and attorney fees.

This decision was released by Babson's attorney Sheila McLamb, who said the commission "historically follows the judge's recommendation."

When the commission issues its opinion to the Brunswick County Health Department, which it must do within 90 days, the health board and Director Michael Rhodes will decide whether to abide by the decision or to file an appeal with Superior Court within 30 days.

Babson had her first bout with the health department in April of 1990, when she was warned about using a county vehicle for personal business on county time. In September of the same year, she received another warning in connection with an after-hours animal control call. Other complaints about her work included, in June 1991, alleged intimidation of

employees and failure to respond to service calls within a reasonable time.

All these were dismissed by Gray in his recommendation, while he allowed allegations that she failed to complete quality assurance work directives in January 1991 and June 1991 allegations that she used profanity with employees.

The complaint regarding personal use of a county vehicle arose from Babson's stop at the Waccamaw Baseball Park to unlock a concession stand for an inspection on her way to an animal control visit. Babson later said she had taken her lunch break early in order to help prepare the concession stand for use that night. No departmental guidelines existed regarding lunch breaks.

Another complaint revolved around Babson's making an after-hours service call on an injured animal Sept. 1, 1990. After unsuccessfully trying to contact her supervisor, John Crowder, as well as Rhodes and other officials required by policy, she got permission to respond to the call from County Commissioner Benny Ludlum.

The health department policy allows workers to answer calls after hours only in the event of an emergency.

In regard to profanity used before employees, five of whom signed a 34-item complaint against Babson,

the judge's findings indicated that profanity was routinely used in and around the animal control office by the staff, including Babson.

She received four warnings concerning "failure to perform her duties" and in June 1991, Rhodes placed her on investigatory/disciplinary suspension then on June 25 terminated her employment.

In March 1992, Babson took her case to a state personnel hearing, denying that she had been discourteous or intimidating to employees and asserting that her supervisor had told her employees could answer non-emergency calls after hours if instructed to do so by a county commissioner. She also noted several cases prior to her incident in which other officers were dispatched to non-emergency, after-hours calls by Rhodes or Crowder.

Following Judge Gray's decision, Babson said, she wanted her job back. "I loved the work I did," she said. "I enjoyed working with the people, too, though I understand the people didn't like me. I know the public was satisfied, though. I've gotten so many calls encouraging me."

Rhodes declined to comment on the recommendation, saying that, in the event the personnel commission accepts it, the health board will be a part of any decision to reinstate Babson or to appeal.

HEARING WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER

Draft Sunset Beach Land Use Plan Ties Level Of Growth To Services

BY SUGAN USHER

Sunset Beach Town Council and Planning Board members put finishing touches Monday on a proposed Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) land use update which it plans to take to public hearing next month.

At its Sept. 7 meeting, the council is expected to schedule a Sept. 21 hearing to receive public comments on the plan. Prior to the hearing, copies of the draft will be available for public inspection at both the Sunset Beach Town Hall and the Brunswick County Planning Department. The proposed plan will be submitted to the N.C. Office of Coastal Management for review, and then to the Coastal Resources Commission for consideration. Once approved by the CRC the plan is adopted by the town.

Required under provisions of the N.C. Coastal Area Management Act, the plan is meant to guide land use and growth in the community over the next five years and to address protection of coastal resources.

Policy statements adopted in the plan by the town council will regulate issuance of CAMA minor and major permits for development in any areas of environmental concern. Also, they must be consistent with, and be implemented through, the town's land use regulations such as zoning and subdivision ordinances. And, projects and proposals that are reviewed by state and federal agencies are screened for consistency with the town's land use plan, which could serve as grounds for denial or revision of a project.

The draft presented Monday provides for continued, but managed,

growth.

"Generally, Sunset Beach believes in managing and directing the town's growth and development in balance with the availability of municipal services," the draft indicates. The town recognizes "that improperly managed growth can actually harm or 'destroy' the very appeal which attracts new residents and seasonal visitors in the first place."

The plan provides for retaining the primarily single-family residential character of the island, while allowing for other types of housing, primarily on the mainland.

The plan does not specifically advocate or discourage a high-rise bridge to the island. Instead it supports "improved bridge access to the island" to promote public safety, reiterating the position taken by the town council in a resolution sent to the state several years ago.

The town also says it will improve stormwater runoff, pursue development of a regional sewer treatment system with Calabash, and continue seeking an island location for public restroom facilities. Should a new bridge be built to the island, the town advocates construction of a new boat ramp.

Council reiterates the town's intent to comply with and enforce existing state and federal regulations and outlines several policy and/or regulatory changes it proposes to carry out.

The plan supports use of package sewage treatment plants where needed on the mainland in the absence of the regional sewer system and supports enforcement efforts by the county health department. The coun-

cil plans to amend its subdivision ordinance to require that the developer submit a maintenance plan to ensure proper servicing.

With few exceptions, most of the changes made Monday afternoon were editorial in nature.

However, wording of the plan's position on marinas is still being fine-tuned, and is dependent on the definition of a marina. Planning board and council members indicated they weren't interested in encouraging commercial basin-type marinas but noted the need for greater boating access. Marinas aren't addressed at all in the current zoning ordinance.

Councilman Ed Gore pointed out existing long-range plans by Sea Trail Corp. for a dry storage and launching facility on its four-acre tract at the end of Park Avenue for which permits have been maintained. He said others possibilities exist as well.

The plan indicates the town will study the feasibility of requiring that building height restrictions can only be changed by a public referendum, an issue mentioned frequently by the public during preparation of the plan.

Presently, the height limits on the island are predominantly 35 feet on the island and mainland, with a general limit of 50 feet on multi-family structures on the mainland. However, with additional setback area, higher buildings are allowed in both Mainland Business 1 and Mainland Residential 1 zoning districts, a provision Councilman Bud Scrantom thinks ought to be reconsidered.

Zoning Plan Deliberation Continues

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industries, the boards agreed with Harvey's plan to require agricultural industries to make a special application to the planning board.

If the board agreed to allow the operation, it could create an "economic development overlay district" with special buffering requirements to lessen its impact on neighboring property.

Normal Weather Is In Forecast

Weather conditions are expected to remain near normal over the next few days.

Shallotte Point weather watcher Jackson Canady said temperatures are expected to range from the upper 60s at night into the upper 80s during the daytime, with around three-quarters inch of rainfall.

For the period Aug. 18 through 24, he reported a maximum high of 90 degrees, which occurred Aug. 19, and a minimum low of 68 degrees, which occurred both Aug. 18 and 22.

A daily average high temperature of 87 degrees combined with an average nightly low of 69 degrees for a daily average temperature of 78 degrees. Canady said that is about 1 degree below average.

He recorded 2.57 inches of rain, which fell primarily during the early part of the period.

Planning Board Member Marion Warren said it was a good idea "to draw the line at processing," but wondered if the law would require people engaged in traditional farm-related activities to apply for an overlay district.

"My neighbor raises laying hens. Is she going to have to come to me for permission?" Warren asked. "If when we say processing we're talking about Aunt Sally putting together dozens of eggs to sell, I don't think she needs to come and see us."

Harvey said that such activities would not require a permit because "bona fide farms" and "retail sales of items grown on the premises" are specifically allowed in rural zones.

The board also discussed a provision restricting large "occupation related" vehicles from being parked in the R-7500 "low-density residential" zone. The law would require such vehicles to be screened from view and would prohibit any vehicle larger than 2.5 tons from being parked in such neighborhoods.

"What if it's his or her job to drive a school bus? Does this mean he can't drive it home?" said Gray. "My neighbor has a lot of work vehicles in his back yard. I don't want to tell him he can't put them there."

Harvey said the R-7500 districts were intended to be the "purest residential zone." He noted that zoning cannot be applied retro-actively. The law would apply only to develop-

ment that occurs after its adoption.

"This is what we're zoning for, trying to keep areas with a residential nature. I have no problem with this," said Warren. "If you're zoning for a nice neighborhood, you don't want a three-yard dump truck parked across the street."

The boards agreed to keep the restriction, basing it on the size of the vehicle instead of its relation to the homeowner's occupation.

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