

Five Seek Four Bolivia Seats; Mayor Unopposed

Five candidates are competing for four seats on the Bolivia Aldermen. Mayor Ina Mae Mintz is running unopposed.

Alderman candidates Sarah E. Knox, Alice Lesh and Guy H. Wescott did not reply to the *Beacon* questionnaire. Neither furnished a picture.

Cox Wayne Cox, the only alderman candidate not an incumbent, is a maintenance electrician for Mundy Construction. He graduated from John T. Hoggard High School in 1970 and has a diploma in machinist trades from Cape Fear Technical College. Cox says he is seeking the office because of "my experience as a contractor—also in making church decisions—as a father, a husband and an everyday worker. I will help this town make good sound decisions and judgments."

E. Wescott Ella Jane Willets Wescott has served as an alderman for 12 years. She is business manager at Archer Daniels Midland. She attended Bolivia High School, Wichita Falls (Texas) School of Business and UNC-Wilmington. Her leadership experience includes 18 years in accounting and office management. She is seeking to keep her seat because, "I feel the board of Aldermen have made strides this past term in improving government in Bolivia. I would like to be a part of the future improvement..." She says the Bolivia zoning ordinance should be reevaluation, that some areas may need rezoning to allow growth, and that housing standards should be established.

Sandy Creek Voters Elect Next Mayor

In Sandy Creek, a small town where the condition of the new roads and drainage ditches are a big concern, town residents get to elect their mayor or directly this year for the first time since the town was chartered in 1988.

Previously the five-member town board elected the mayor from its membership every two years following the municipal election.

Starting this year the mayor will be elected directly by the voters every two years, and four council members will serve staggered four-year terms. Members will elect a mayor pro-tem to a two-year term when the new council takes office.

Franklin D. Squires, is seeking the mayor's post, which has been held since the town's beginning by Ernest F. Grainger, who is seeking reelection.

Nine candidates are vying for the two council seats available this year: Milton (Mike) Garner, Robert Cowan, Earl Gurkin, Shirley McCoy, Robert B. Cruse, Charles Bailey, Daniel E. Canady and incumbents Carolyn A. Hamilton and Donald C. Minnis.

Squires, Blouir, Garner and Canady returned *The Brunswick Beacon's* candidate questionnaire.

Squires For Squires, improvement of the police department, more attention to streets and drainage and greater responsiveness by the mayor are concerns that need to be addressed in the coming year.

Squires said he is running to create an atmosphere of trust and unity between the community's residents and its mayor and to assure residents of a voice in issues before the town council. He said his concerns are for the needs of the community and its welfare.

Quality control supervisor for Victaulic Co. of America, Squires has no previous experience in elective or appointive offices. He has eight years of management experience in manufacturing.

"I feel the police department is ineffective and that an insufficient amount of time is spent each month on patrol," he wrote. Squires proposes reviewing the scheduling procedure for possible

ways to increase the number of hours available by officers for patrol and looking at other possible means of securing police protection, such as the county.

Saying the new streets and drainage ditches were "poorly engineered," he also advocates reviewing contracts and other documents to determine whether the proper work was done and whether the finished product is as promised. Although new, the streets already require numerous patches, the shoulders are eroding and the ditches filling with sand, he said.

Squires is concerned about the mayor's failure to act promptly on issues. "His actions concerning an issue, regardless of whether he is opposed or in favor of it, should be complete and prompt."

Squires is a graduate of Pamlico County High School, studied business administration at the U.S. Army's USAFI for two years and studied mechanical engineering for one year at Pitt Community College.

Blouir

Louis Blouir wrote, "I have run for this office for three times and I think it's time for a change."

His goal as a candidate is to create "better relations between the citizens and council for betterment of Sandy Creek."

Like Squires, Blouir expressed concern about the state of the town's roads. This year he thinks the council should focus on getting a town hall.

Furthermore, council needs to "quit making excuses and beating around the bush," because in the past he's been told one thing while the council has done another, he said. "I stand behind what I say and do."

Blouir is a retired security guard, diesel mechanic and diesel and auto mechanics instructor. Among other employment, he spent just over 19 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring as a motor transport chief. He attended Barberton High in

Ohio, completed his GED while in service and has completed additional work-related courses since then.

Garner

Mike Garner said he's running because he is "deeply concerned" about the town's leadership and hopes his input will help make Sandy Creek a better place to live.

"I'm very open minded and I truly care about what goes on in Sandy Creek," he attested. He would like to see "a more focused look" at the children of Sandy Creek and "see them more involved."

He also believes the town's residents should be more involved in the major decisions of Sandy Creek because "everyone's opinion counts."

Garner is a 1977 graduate of McColl High School, in McColl, S.C., and is a lineman for Vision Cable.

Canady

With his service as chairman of the Sandy Creek Planning and Zoning Board since February, Daniel E. Canady said he thinks he has shown his desire to serve the town's residents. He says he wants to be the "citizens' advocate and voice."

During the coming year he said council needs to take steps to insure that future development and growth of Sandy Creek enhances property values and the lives of residents. He advocates establishing a plan now for the future maintenance of the newly paved roads as well as developing a plan for town drainage.

Canady, a senior measurement technician for N.C. Natural Gas, is a graduate of Garland (Ark.) High School and has furthered his education with continuing education classes as well as special courses in gas measurement and North Carolina insurance training. He is also a notary public.



BLUIR



CANADY

BSL Mayor Is Unopposed; Seven Seek 2 Board Seats

Seven candidates are seeking two seats on the Boiling Spring Lakes Board of Commissioners. Incumbent Mayor Steven Mark Stewart is unopposed.

Candidates Charles A. Bunten, Herbert C. Bunten, John D. Ganey Jr., Raymond W. Hicks, Charles A. Schneiders and Tom Simmons did not respond to the *Beacon's* questionnaire.

Stewart

Mayor since 1991, Mark Stewart is a mechanic at Carolina Power & Light. Before becoming mayor, he served four years as a BSL commissioner.

"During the last six years, I have been a member of a team which has been setting the pathway for our city to grow and prosper," he said, "always keeping our current citizens, future citizens and our natural beauty in focus. I want to continue being a member of this team."

He lists as priorities maintaining the town's residential character, allowing limited and tightly controlled light industrial development; revising zoning ordinances to protect property values and preserve the

town's character; and more aggressive road improvement.

"I have the knowledge and experience of our city government," Stewart said. "I understand our needs, our problems and know the direction in which we want and need to go."

Prince

Lacy W. Prince is an instrumentation technician at Carolina Power & Light. He is a graduate of Shallotte High School.

"I feel that all citizens of Boiling Spring Lakes need equal representation instead of just special-interest groups," he says.

His priority issues include equal enforcement of city ordinances, planned and orderly growth, and zoning and city ordinances which allow for well-planned and controlled growth. He cites as his qualification "the desire to represent all the citizens of Boiling Spring Lakes."



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Councilmen Face Challenges In Navassa Town Elections

In Navassa, the only man who has ever served as the town's mayor, Louis (Bobby) Brown is unopposed in his bid for another two-year term.

However, council members Roosevelt (Behop) Toomer and Jimmy Lewis face challenges from Ida White Dixon and Edward Williams. Council members serve staggered four-year terms.

Only Lewis returned the *Beacon's* candidate questionnaire.

A self-employed builder and electrician, Lewis is seeking election to the board he's served on for three years.

He plans "to work diligently" to push for a sewage disposal system, installation of street lights and adequate housing for the town's growing population.

"I feel like I am qualified because I have had three years of experience on the town council," he wrote. "I know the immediate needs of the people of Navassa."

Lewis said he has proved his ability to get things done, such as getting a road paved, improving cemetery maintenance and improved housing, and pledged to "continue to fight" for residents' rights as citizens of Brunswick County.



LEWIS

Amos Challenging Incumbents For Seat On Doshier Trustees

Two incumbents and a challenger are seeking two six-year terms on the Doshier Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

Bill Kirby did not respond to the *Beacon's* questionnaire.

Amos

Debra (Debby) Amos, is challenging incumbents Bill Kirby and C. William Newnam. A certified substance abuse counselor, she currently is not employed outside the home.

She holds degrees in nursing, psychology and substance abuse counseling.

Amos says she has "a keen interest in keeping Doshier Hospital an up-to-date quality medical facility for both residents and visitors in this area."

She feels the top issues are keeping Doshier financially sound while planning for expanding services due to area population growth; possible federal grant money for women's and children's services like New Hanover received; and a community wellness center that would include health counseling and physical therapy.

of hospital work, banking and financial planning experience, administration and management background in health service, and the time and interest to use this for the community."

Newnam

C. William Newnam is president of Peacock-Newnam Funeral Home. He currently is completing the unexpired term of William Sizemore, who resigned upon moving from Smithville Township.

Newnam is a graduate of John Wesley College and the Kentucky College of Mortuary Science. He currently serves on the board of Southport 2000.

"Our community needs and deserves the best possible medical facilities," he says. "Presently, Doshier Memorial Hospital ranks with the finest, and I want to continue to be a part of the forward progress we have enjoyed in the past."

His priority issues include acting responsibly in regard to health care reform, expanding medical facilities not only to Boiling Spring Lakes but to Oak Island, recruiting new medical specialists and adding specialized medical equipment.

"I have a special love for Doshier Memorial Hospital," he says. "I also feel that 34 years of dealing with physicians, nurses and other hospital personnel on a professional basis has given me a great deal of insight into the workings of a hospital."



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Holden Beach Water Still High In Chemical Tri-Halomethanes

BY DOUG BUTTER
Holden Beach's drinking water still contains too much of a chemical that has been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals, according to the latest test results. Town Manager Gus Ulrich said the level of tri-halomethanes (THMs) in the water remains "just a shade" over what state and federal health agencies consider acceptable.

The latest annual average of THMs in the water system is 103 parts per million (ppm), which is 400 ppm over the acceptable level. The average covers testing during the last quarter of 1992 and first three quarters of 1993.

Tri-halomethanes are the byproduct of the chlorination process that is used to disinfect drinking water. High levels of the chemical in water are caused by long periods of exposure to chlorine and high temperatures on a regular basis. "We did a very thorough flushing job before we took this test," Ulrich said.

Holden Beach purchases its water from the county, which handles all chlorination at its water plant.

"We don't put any chlorine in it," Ulrich said. "The county does that to keep it safe to drink."

Ulrich said a state test in July revealed that the level of THMs in a nearby water line on the mainland side of Holden Beach was 476 and the level of THMs on the island was 1993.

Ulrich said the fact that the water line comes to a "dead end" at the water end of Holden Beach is contributing to the high level of THMs.

"That's a big part of the problem. It's not clear how we could get a connection across the waterway," he said.

Ulrich said the town will take another water sample sometime in the next quarter, probably in December. The town sends the water samples to an independent lab for analysis.

Dr. Ken Rudolph, toxicologist with the S.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, said he expects the level of THMs to drop as the weather turns cooler.

He said it's not unusual for level of THMs to increase during the hot summer months because of the heat.

Rudolph said the presence of THMs is part of the "trade-off" for drinking water that is purified with chlorine.

"You almost have to accept some level of tri-halomethanes," he said. "I don't think there's any reason to have any short-term fear of the water."

If the level remains over 100 ppm, Rudolph said one option for concerned residents is to purchase a carbon filtration system to remove THMs and chlorine from their drinking water.

Ulrich said THMs have been shown to cause cancer in laboratory rats and mice when these animals are exposed to high doses for a lifetime.

The town manager said the link to human beings is believed to be small. A man who drank a half-gallon of water containing high levels of THMs every day for 10 years would increase his risk of cancer by 1 in 60,000.

Rudolph said there have been a lot of studies done concerning the effect of tri-halomethanes on humans.

The results of those studies are mixed," he said. "Some of these studies show an association with cancer and some do not. The jury's still out on that."

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