

Brig. Gen. David Whaley hugs Col. Charles Zakszeski, outgoing Sunny Point commander, who will be retiring from the Army in September. A change of command ceremony was held Friday at the terminal. (See Page 8.)

Original request repeated

Schools say progress must depend on funds

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

How can the Brunswick County school system raise its score on the state report card, if it doesn't get the money it needs to get the job done?

That's a question the board of education will be asking the board of commissioners when the two meet at 6 p.m. this Friday, July 23, at the county government center public assembly building near Bolivia.

"How can you improve the report card if the resources aren't there?" chairman Donna Baxter asked after a special school board meeting Monday night.

The county agreed to give the school system \$7.85 million for current expenses, which includes instructional programs dealing directly with the teaching of students and

'Go back to the original budget. We're going to ask for that. We're not trying to be hard-core. To me we have the kids we have to answer to.'

Donna Baxter
School board chairman

support services providing administrative, technical and personal assistance to enhance instruction.

That, according to school board figures is 5.33 percent, or \$397,084, more than the schools received last year; however, it is \$1.5 million less than requested.

The second part of the budget is capital outlay which covers building and renovation of schools, equipment and vehicles. The county agreed to fund \$576,672 of the pared-down \$2.5 million budget.

In its original request, the school

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For Yaupon Beach tap-on

Long Beach approves sewer use regulations

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

An exhaustive, 24-page sewer use ordinance detailing regulations for the operation of all future sewer lines owned by the Town of Long Beach was unanimously approved Tuesday night by the town council.

Town officials say the ordinance was required by the state in order for Long Beach residents to tap onto Yaupon Beach's sewer system, which is expected to begin operation in September.

The ordinance outlines a number of regulations concerning the operation of a sewer system, including prohibited discharges, radioactive waste limits, maximum permissible levels of hazardous materials and wastewater discharge permit requirements.

Turtle Creek-By-the-Sea developers plan to construct 115 residential units and 100 motel units in the eastern portion of Long Beach, and developer Homer Wright plans to construct 22 residential units and a clubhouse nearby. Both developers, as well as a few residents of 79th Street, have expressed an interest in

tapping onto Yaupon Beach's sewer system.

The developers or individual residents would be responsible for having the sewer lines constructed, and would then turn them over to the Town of Long Beach for ownership and maintenance, explained town manager Tim Johnson. All sewer

lines would have to be designed to match up with any future sewer lines built by the town, he added.

Long Beach would then bill the residents 1.25 times the user rate charged in Yaupon Beach, plus an administrative cost to cover the added billings and any costs re-

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Gypsy moths land at MOTSU docks

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Illegal aliens who flew from an ammunition ship docked at Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point near Southport recently have state officials worried.

Agriculture experts say the stowaways, feared to be a hybrid species of the Asian gypsy moth, may pose a threat to hardwood trees, shrubbery and pines typically found

in southeastern North Carolina.

The answers may lie thousands of miles away.

Researchers were sent scrambling to Germany this week to learn more about the enemy.

An European variety of the moth is found in northeastern North Carolina but its females do not fly.

"The significance of this introduction is that the females do fly," said Howard Singletary Jr., director of

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Looking for minorities

Schools to form recruitment panel to find good candidates

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

A minority recruitment task force has been created by Brunswick County schools in response to a black community contention that the school system doesn't consider qualified minority candidates for vacancies.

Reading from a memo following a two-hour executive session at Monday night's board of education meeting, school Supt. Ralph Johnston admitted "the percentage of minority administrators and teaching staff needs to be increased to meet ideal ratios with the student population."

Of the county's 8,583 students, 25.7 percent are black. However, just 17.6 percent of the central office, administrative and teaching staffs are black. The largest percentage of black representation is at the assistant principal level, where five of the 13 employed, or 38.5 percent, are black.

"In an effort to be proactive and clearly demonstrate our commitment

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Thurman Gause

to the effort, I am creating a minority recruitment task force," Johnston said Monday.

The task force "will work toward assuring an equal percentage of certified minority staff equal with the student population" and establish a leadership academy so school system employees can be trained for administrative positions.

Assistant superintendent Jan Calhoun was given the responsibility of

identifying and activating the task force immediately.

Thurman Gause, the only black member of the board of education, said Tuesday he hopes the task force does something before the school year begins in August. He wants to see more blacks hired for central office positions, as well as principals and teachers.

However, if nothing is done quickly, a planned boycott of schools by the more than 2,000 black students across the county will be carried out, Gause said.

"It just depends on how soon they get things done," said Gause. "This is something we've been asking for for two years."

"We've been promised so many things. We're not taking any more lies," he said.

By keeping students home during the first ten days of school, blacks could keep the school system from receiving more than \$2 million from the state, which allocates funds based on the number of students en-

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Schools want more money

Warren can't believe request

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Don Warren says he can't believe the schools want more money. Fighting over tax dollars in court irks the chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners.

He ran for office last fall as a friend to education.

"I believe I have four friends on this one," he said.

The three Democratic and two Republican commissioners frequently vote along party lines. They have awarded the schools what amounts to a 17-percent increase in total funding in the current budget.

However, the Brunswick County Board of Education wants an additional \$4.3 million to build an elementary school near Leland and another \$525,000 added to current expenses.

Does Warren think the schools deserve another \$4.8 million?

"No, I do not," he said Monday. "Emphatically, no."

The two boards will meet Friday in the first step of a process some

commissioners predict will end up in court.

"There's no money in the budget," said Warren. "It would have to come from the general fund."

The schools will get \$8,430,072 from the county for the 1993-94 fiscal year. The school system will also get an additional \$1 million to upgrade its computer technology program so computer systems can be placed in each classroom.

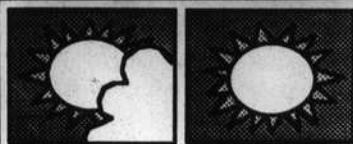
"I feel like if expenses are over \$1,100 per student through our county appropriations, then we are doing a fair share," said Warren.

He has asked for the school system's financial records so he can review them before Friday's meeting. School board chairman Donna Baxter requested the joint meeting two weeks ago, he said.

Interim county attorney Michael Ramos also got a phone call from school board attorney Glen Peterson. That conversation included reference to court action should commissioners deny the request, War-

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OUTSIDE



Forecast

The extended forecast Thursday through Saturday calls for partly cloudy skies. Daytime highs will be in the lower 90s while nighttime lows will be in the lower 70s.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, JULY 22	LOW
11:04 a.m.		4:49 a.m.
11:18 p.m.		5:07 p.m.
HIGH	FRIDAY, JULY 23	LOW
11:57 a.m.		5:36 a.m.
----- p.m.		6:00 p.m.
HIGH	SATURDAY, JULY 24	LOW
12:08 a.m.		6:27 a.m.
12:53 p.m.		6:59 p.m.
HIGH	SUNDAY, JULY 25	LOW
1:04 a.m.		7:19 a.m.
1:54 p.m.		7:59 p.m.
HIGH	MONDAY, JULY 26	LOW
2:01 a.m.		8:17 a.m.
2:54 p.m.		9:05 p.m.
HIGH	TUESDAY, JULY 27	LOW
3:03 a.m.		9:17 a.m.
3:57 p.m.		10:09 p.m.
HIGH	WEDNESDAY, JULY 28	LOW
4:06 a.m.		10:18 a.m.
5:00 p.m.		11:11 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly Inlet, high -22, low -8.