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TB tests are given at South

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

A majority of South Brunswick High School students and staff members are being tested for tuberculosis and the results of the tests will be known on Friday.

Supt. Ralph Johnston told school board members Monday night a South Brunswick High student had been diagnosed as a suspected tuberculosis case and as a preventive health measure students in grades ten, 11 and 12 would receive a skin test.

"To test that number of people is a monumental task," principal Sue Sellers admitted.

Letters explaining the situation were mailed to parents last week and should have been received by Monday, Sellers said.

Parents and students shouldn't be overly concerned about the possible exposure. Victoria Smith, public health nursing supervisor, said, "It's not that the person was really sick. It's just a preventive measure. Nobody's going to get sick."

Ninth graders are not being tested because they would not have been exposed to the individual who was diagnosed over the summer.

Anyone who has a positive skin test would be required to have a chest x-ray and would be put on INH, a preventive medicine, for a year, Smith explained.

Tuberculosis is caused by a germ that most often attacks the lungs. According to the American Lung Association, anyone can breathe in TB germs from the air, which are spread by the coughing or sneezing of a person who is carrying live TB germs.

Some of the symptoms are night sweats, fever, frequent coughing, feeling tired or weak, unexplained loss of appetite and weight loss.

Smith said some people can carry the TB germ for years and never have any health problems.

South Brunswick High School students or staff members who missed the initial testing should go to the Brunswick County Health Department for a skin test.

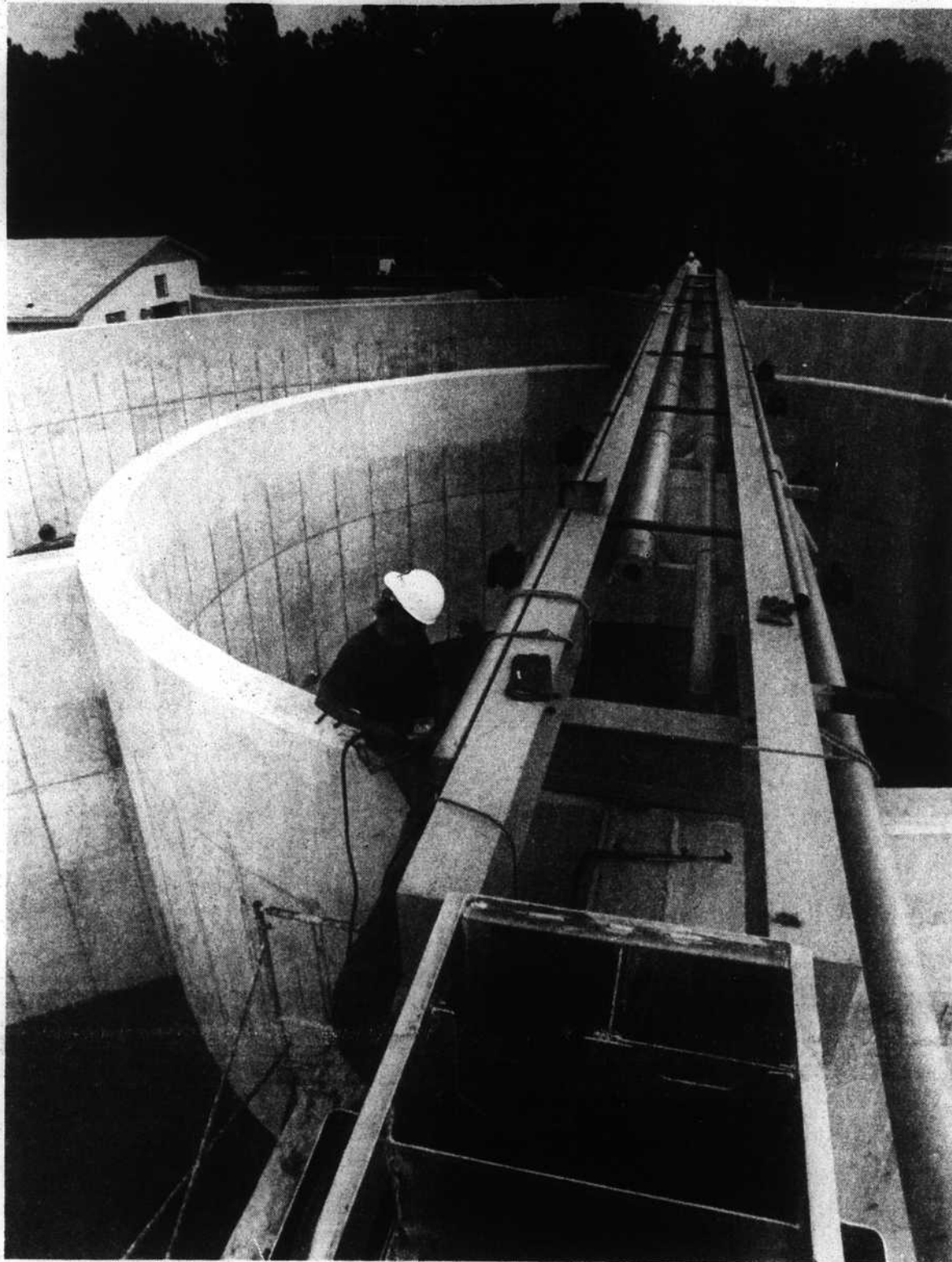


Photo by Jim Harper

Kinsey Contracting Company employee Jacky Dixon last week put the finishing touches on the wastewater treatment plant that will serve Yaupon Beach and possibly several large out-of-town developments. The plant is expected to be completed

Tuesday and activated the following day. However, actual sewage treatment will not begin until mid-October to allow time for extensive testing of the plant.

Old yacht basin

City docks boat-slip rental fee increase

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

Fee changes recommended in Southport's proposed boat-slip lease agreement would drive boaters to other docks and would alter the unique character of the old yacht basin, residents told the board of aldermen Thursday

night.

"The old basin has a certain character and a certain clientele," said resident Rick Johnstone, who moors his boat at the facility. "I'm afraid if the rate goes up it would drive some of those boats out of there."

Other residents complained that boat-slip fees are not used to maintain

or improve the dock, but are put into the city's general fund.

"That dock was not put there as a source of revenue for the city," resident Robert Creech told the board. "I think the fees would make it unnecessarily harsh on those of us that use it."

In response to the complaints, the

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Football Contest

Football forecasters can win \$50 in a weekly contest sponsored by The State Port Pilot and area businesses.

This week's contest appears on pages 4B and 5B.

Winners are chosen by the most correct answers among the 20 games that appear in merchants' ads on page 5B.

Deadline draws near

Smoking ban proposal drags on, hearing set

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Health officials want to hear from the public before no-smoking rules are considered for restaurants and public places.

A public forum is set for Tuesday, September 21, 7 p.m., in the public assembly building at the Brunswick County Government Center near Bolivia.

At issue is whether the health department should force restaurants to provide no-smoking areas with separate heat and ventilation systems, a move that could be costly for some business owners.

Debate on Monday indicates that even the Brunswick County Board of Health is divided over whether to enact a countywide ordinance.

"We just keep on making rules, and I disagree," said Bruce Quaintance, board member. "That's strictly my personal opinion."

The board voted unanimously to hold the forum but chose not to endorse a draft ordinance a committee modeled from one in Wake County. Veterinarian Brad Kerr, health board member, chairs the committee that wrote the rules.

He races against an October 15 deadline when a state law prohibits

'It's not intended for the department to give out a lot of fines. The intent is to protect the health of Brunswick County residents from second-hand smoke.'

Brad Kerr
Board member

passage of local rules that are more restrictive.

Health organizations have lobbied local boards to adopt some form of smoking control. Members have been bombarded with phone calls and letters from both smokers and non-smokers as the debate heats up.

"I've gotten some 50 or 60 calls," said Quaintance. "They come both

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Some costs higher

Yaupon sewer nears start-up

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

An array of details involved in starting operation of the Yaupon Beach sewer system were solidified Monday night by the board of commissioners, as the anticipated start-up date fast approaches.

Engineering consultant Finley Boney told the board that construction of the treatment plant and collection system will be completed Tuesday, September 21, and the treatment plant will then be activated on Wednesday. However, the plant will have to undergo about a month of testing before the collection system can be activated.

Once the system begins operation in mid-October, residents will have 90 days to have their sewer access lines installed and connected to the main sewer line.

Commissioners appeared dismayed to learn Monday that the projected costs

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Vote allows change

A check of clerk records shows a vote taken by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners last week will allow county manager Wyman Yelton to merge two departments.

Emergency management will now move under the leadership of Doug Ledgett, head of emer-

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Board opposes hiring of manager consultant

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Both parties claim it is simply politics. Recent outcry that focuses on former county manager Billy Carter's role in local government has some questioning who is actually running the show.

An internal memo leaked to news reporters last week shows county manager Wyman Yelton asked the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners for permission to hire Carter as an adviser.

When they got the note,

two Republican members were steamed.

"I called Mr. Yelton myself," said Donald Shaw, of District 5. "I was really unhappy. I said if he had to have someone, then to get someone with no political background."

Carter responds to the criticism in a related article in this issue.

Yelton's memo stated that Carter could help the county file for state and federal grants, that he had helped in that area years ago. The two are acquaintances from when Yelton served as manager in Wayne County.

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OUTSIDE



Forecast

The extended forecast Thursday through Saturday calls for variably cloudy skies with a chance of showers. Highs are expected in the mid-80s with nighttime lows forecast in the mid-70s.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	LOW
8:40 a.m.		2:25 a.m.
8:59 p.m.		2:51 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17		
9:32 a.m.		3:12 a.m.
9:48 p.m.		3:43 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18		
10:24 a.m.		4:00 a.m.
10:40 p.m.		4:35 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19		
11:18 a.m.		4:49 a.m.
11:33 p.m.		5:29 p.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20		
12:14 p.m.		6:24 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21		
12:29 a.m.		6:33 a.m.
1:12 p.m.		7:22 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22		
1:28 a.m.		7:33 a.m.
2:15 p.m.		8:22 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.