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By Terry Pope
County Editor

It appears there won't be a state investigation of the controversial viewing of a X-rated videotape on the Brunswick Community College campus.

And school officials say they believe Democratic sheriff's candidate Ronald Hewett had nothing to do with the showing and took appropriate action, as the class instructor, when he learned a tape had been watched while he was away for lunch.

"There was no criminal action," said BCC president Michael Reaves. "I would think it was in poor taste and wasn't appropriate to do that. You would think that adults would not engage in this behavior, but there was actually no crime committed."

After interviewing students in Lt. Hewett's Basic Law Enforcement class in November, 1992, college officials confirmed a X-rated tape was brought onto campus during the noon to 1 p.m. lunch hour of a Saturday class. Students told college officials Hewett had gone home for lunch.

"So far, we haven't had a student yet that said he (Hewett) was there," said Reaves. "These students are scattered, too. One is in Florida."

Reaves said college staff has interviewed six or seven students thus far, and will request interviews with three students in the class who have alleged in writing that Hewett instructed them to rent the pornographic tape and to bring it back on campus. Hewett denies any involvement in the incident, and says he

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Brown says he showed letter, tape to others

Candidate says he was looking for opinions

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Republican sheriff's candidate James Brown says he believes the allegations against his Democratic opponent and admits he gave others copies of a notarized letter and 15-minute X-rated videotape that tries to link Ronald Hewett to the controversy.

In an interview this week, Brown says he wants the State Bureau of Investigation to decide who is right, and talked openly about his role in handing out a tape and several letters earlier this month.

Hewett's attorney, Roy Trest of Shallotte, says he may file lawsuits against anyone attempting to smear Hewett's name and claims distributing the information is libelous.

"They're getting off the issue," claims Brown. "The issue is, did Ronald Hewett do this? I have admitted what I did. Yes, I did it."

"I've done nothing that I know of wrong. If it was wrong handing out the truth, then I'm wrong."

Brown says he gave a letter to a Leland police officer who came to his home, letters to political supporters in Southport and a tape and letter to a law enforcement friend at Ash.

"With the Leland police officer, no, I didn't ask for his feedback. I just gave it to him and asked him to make a determination and to throw the letter away," said Brown. "But the other people, it was just for their feedback of what they thought about it. I freely admit

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Tide table

HIGH	LOW
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27	
1:25 a.m.	7:44 a.m.
1:55 p.m.	8:26 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28	
2:28 a.m.	8:46 a.m.
2:54 p.m.	9:26 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29	
3:33 a.m.	9:51 a.m.
3:54 p.m.	10:24 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30	
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	
3:35 a.m.	9:54 a.m.
3:53 p.m.	10:19 p.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	
4:34 a.m.	10:53 a.m.
4:50 p.m.	11:12 p.m.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	
5:30 a.m.	11:49 a.m.
5:45 p.m.	11:58 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	
6:24 a.m.	12:04 a.m.
6:39 p.m.	12:42 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.

No sewer, poll insists

Results of last week's Pilot Line question -- Which is the better way for a Brunswick County barrier island town to manage its wastewater? -- show that 204 callers, or 71.3 percent, favored individual septic tanks and 82 preferred a public sewer system.

While the question concerned all barrier island towns, most of the calls are suspected to have come from Long Beach, where town council has begun a study of wastewater and stormwater management options.



Fulfilling a promise, Supply Elementary School principal Carolyn Williams last week planted a kiss on the hairy snout of this Vietnamese pot-bellied pig. Williams vowed to kiss a pig when the school successfully raised one million pennies, or \$10,000. The money will be used to purchase new playground equipment.

Photo by Jim Harper

Full-scale CP&L drill on Tuesday

Carolina Power and Light Co., Brunswick County and the State of North Carolina will test emergency plans for the Brunswick nuclear plant next Tuesday, November 1.

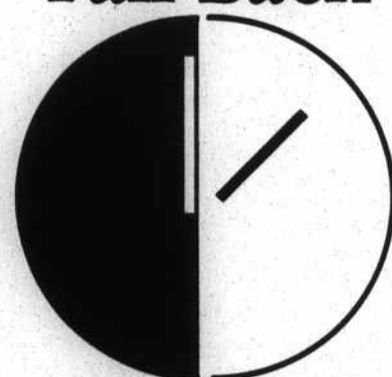
The 34 emergency warning sirens around the plant will sound at full volume for about three minutes during the exercise, and the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) will activate with a test message.

The exercise will measure the ability of CP&L, county, state and federal emergency response personnel to respond to an emergency at the plant.

Residents may see numerous associated activities such as workers conducting environmental monitoring in nearby areas, and emer-

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Fall Back



Sunday, October 30, 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

School finance plan okayed

County will borrow money, repay with sales tax

By Terry Pope
County Editor

School officials are not exactly pleased with the financing plan for a new \$5.7-million Leland area elementary school, but residents had few comments at a public hearing on Monday.

The school board would rather pay for the school by generating more county tax revenues. Instead, the county's option to offer certificates of participation will do, and will likely be approved at the school board's next meeting.

"We do not agree that this is the way we want to go with this one school," said Donna Baxter, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Education. "But in the Leland area, this school is desperately needed. It will take five years to pay back the amount in half-cent sales tax revenues."

As the county experiences growth in its school-age population it must create additional classroom space where schools are becoming overcrowded, said school superintendent Ralph Johnston. That growth is steadily occurring in the Leland area, where Lincoln Primary School houses grades K-3

and Leland Middle grades 4-8.

The new elementary school will house grades K-5 and draw its enrollment from students at both schools.

The school board purchased the property near Belville along N. C. 133 from the N. C. State Ports Authority for \$128,000. The county will issue certificates of participation to pay for the construction. It is a plan similar to getting a new home loan, with individual investors negotiating for the notes.

That sum will be paid back with accumulated state half-cent sales tax revenues re

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Supply septic system repairs can commence

By Terry Pope
County Editor

County commissioners have allocated the \$363,000 in half-cent sales tax revenues school officials say they need to finance capital projects.

The Brunswick County Board of Education can now spend the money to repair a faulty septic system at Supply Elementary School, make site improvements at all 13 county schools and install a storage tank and bus-washing facility at the school bus garage near Bolivia.

In the past, the two boards haven't seen eye-to-eye on school spending, but the capital project ordinance was approved by commissioners Monday without any adjustments as it was

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