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Term plan goes to the legislature

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Voters will decide in November whether to bring back staggered, four-year terms for school board members and county commissioners.

State Rep. David Redwine (D-Ocean Isle Beach) said Tuesday he will introduce a special bill when the N. C. General Assembly convenes May 13 to let voters decide the issue once again.

"All of our legislative delegation is in favor of this," said Redwine. "I've received resolutions from both parties, civic groups and town officials asking for another vote on the issue. There seems to be a tremendous amount of support for it."

Redwine represents most of Brunswick County in the 14th District, along with State Rep. Dewey Hill of Lake Waccamaw. Portions of northern Brunswick County are included in a minority 98th District represented by Thomas Wright of Wilmington.

A switch to two-year terms for all five seats on the two boards resulted from a 1992 referendum in which county voters at the time favored a change. But the mood of the people apparently has changed after two elections under the plan.

If the referendum passes in November, the bill will stagger terms based on the amount of votes each winner receives in the general election, said Redwine.

The top three voter-getters for the commission and school board will serve four-year terms while the bottom two will be seated for two years. Those two would face reelection in 1998 and the top three in the year 2000.

"That's only because you need to stagger it, and that's the best way to See Term plan, page 17

DOWNTOWN REPAIR

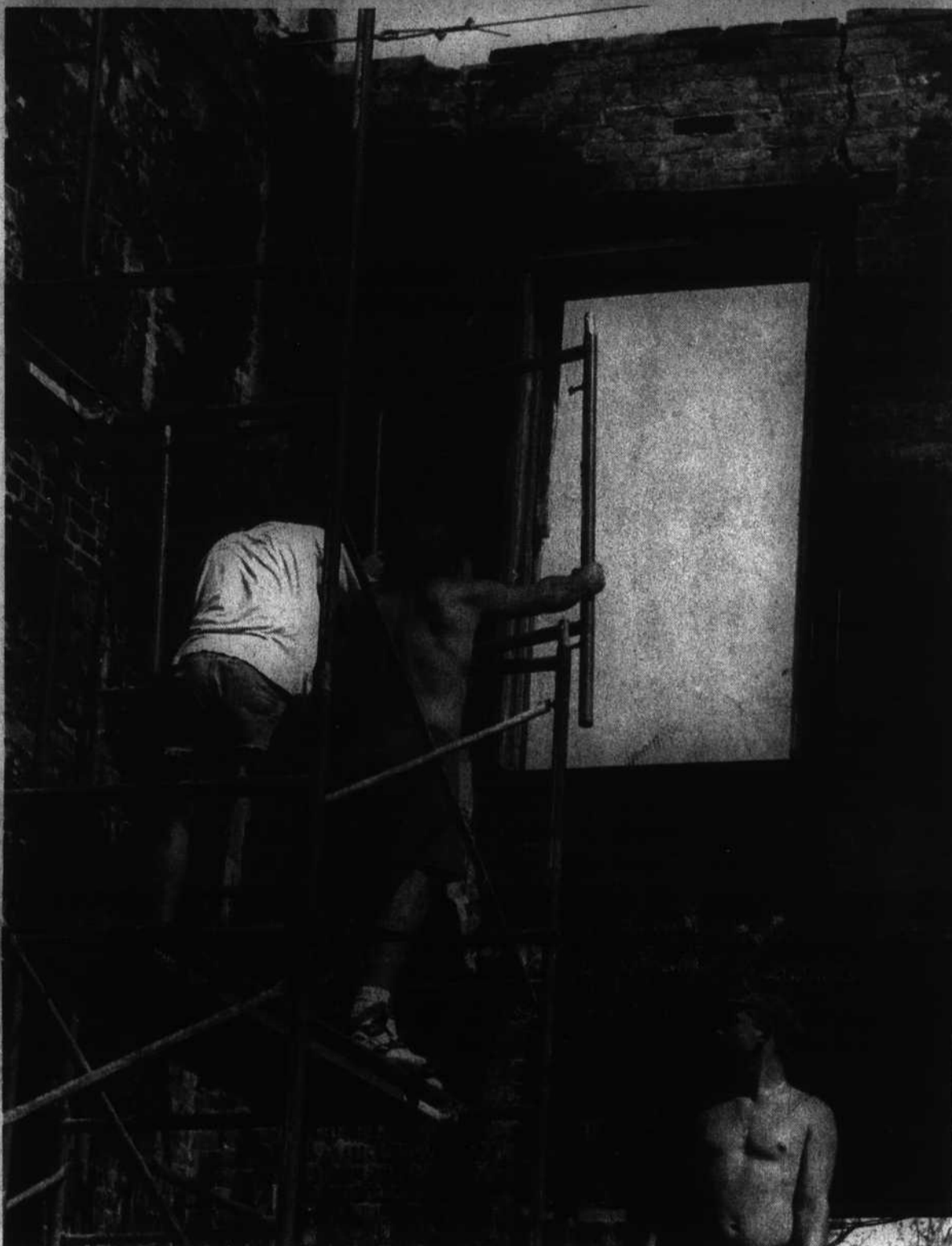


Photo by Jim Harper

Scaffolding was erected at the fire-damaged Hood Building last week in preparation for the renovation project to begin. It will cost about \$250,000 to repair and bring the building up to current building code. Contractors from Port City Builders are expected to complete the project in October and the Doshier Flea Market can return to its former home.

All board seats Primary vote next Tuesday

7th District race to replace Rose is a free-for-all

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday, but a runoff election is almost assured in some key races.

With 11 candidates seeking the 7th District U. S. Congressional seat and three Democrats competing in the local register of deeds race, voters will likely return to the polls Tuesday, June 4, the date of a second primary if needed.

One school board candidate has withdrawn from the District 3 race and must be replaced on the

November ballot. Bob Hayes of Long Beach did not have a primary opponent in the Republican race, and his name would not have appeared on the ballot this Tuesday.

"It seems to be quieter than primaries in the past," said Brunswick County Board of Elections supervisor Lynda Britt. "All of that is pointing to a low voter turnout."

That may increase the chance of a runoff race even more.

A candidate must gather 40 percent of the ballots cast, plus one vote, to avoid a runoff with the second-highest candidate. With seven Democrats and four Republicans seeking retiring congressman Charlie Rose's seat, it will be difficult for one to win a primary race outright.

Also, this is the first time unaffiliated voters will be allowed to cast

See Primary, page 14

SBSD considers Yaupon request, district zoning

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

A Yaupon Beach request for exemption from an ordinance banning disposal of wastewater in the Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District will come before district commissioners for action Monday morning.

SBSD commissioners' meeting is to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the district office at 4310 Long Beach Road. The board is also scheduled to conduct first reading of a zoning ordinance amendment regulating mobile home parks and campgrounds and will adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of \$350,000 worth of bond anticipation notes.

As Yaupon Beach attempts to win approval of a third plan to dispose of up to 400,000 gallons of treated wastewater plant effluent each day, it finds itself at odds with an ordinance adopted by SBSD commissioners earlier this year.

The Yaupon Beach treatment plant is sited on Fish Factory Road in the sanitary district. Under terms of its consulting engineers' most recent proposal, Yaupon Beach seeks to dispose of up to 50,000 gallons per

day effluent by spray-irrigating some seven acres of land that town owns adjacent to the plant site.

Realizing land suitable for disposal of treated wastewater would soon be at a premium, SBSD commissioners earlier this year banned wastewater disposal by any entity other than the district itself.

A Yaupon Beach request for exemption from the ban was tabled by district commissioners last month when a map depicting Yaupon Beach's entire land holdings was presented. The board now appears poised to grant Yaupon's request to spray the seven acres it obtained in 1993 from Standard Products.

Yaupon Beach is banking that a quick state approval of the seven-acre irrigation site will allow Standard Products to begin development of a residential and marina complex on the Intracoastal Waterway at its old menhaden processing plant site.

Commissioners will conduct a See SBSD, page 14

Doshier's health fair is Sunday

Doshier Memorial Hospital will host its annual Health Fair on Sunday, May 5, 1 to 4 p.m. Highlights include over 50 exhibitors and free health screenings.

Complete blood profiles will be available for \$20; fasting is recommended eight to 12 hours before these tests are done. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information, persons may call 457-5271 or 845-3242, extension 276 or 376.

Deputies fired fatal shots DA says self-defense in Shallotte shooting

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Deputies who returned gunfire which killed Shallotte resident Johnnie Lee Hill during a domestic disturbance February 11 acted in self-defense and were justified in their actions, district attorney Rex Gore has concluded. Gore closed his investigation of the fatal shooting Tuesday after reviewing an extensive report prepared by the State Bureau of Investigation.

No charges will be filed against the Brunswick County

sheriff's deputies who were at the scene when the incident suddenly turned deadly. Hill was struck in the legs by at least one bullet at the mobile home just south of Shallotte after officers responded to the call that a woman was being held inside against her will.

Gore said he regrets the loss of life in the incident, which was turned over to the SBI for investigation.

"For a reason known only to him," said Gore, "Mr. Hill chose to escalate a routine call to check on the safety of Lou Nell Bissette into a life-threatening situation." See Self-defense, page 17

Bolivia Elementary Llewellyn is 'teacher of year'

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Bolivia Elementary School teacher Maria Llewellyn has been named 1996 Brunswick County Teacher of the Year and will compete for the title at a regional level.

Llewellyn has been at Bolivia Elementary for two years and has been teaching for eight years.

"I decided I wanted to be a teacher in second grade when I had the most wonderful teacher," she said. "Since then I've watched every teacher I've had and have made mental notes of all the things I wanted to do, and all the things I didn't want to

do." Llewellyn said she tries to relate everything she does in the classroom to something in the outside world. For example, this year her fourth grade students have started a school "post office" and "bank." Students, teachers and parents now communicate regularly through the school mail system, she said, and her students try to earn as much "money" as possible by coming to school each day and turning in homework on time.

"My students get 'paid' \$50 a day to come to school, but if they're absent they don't get paid, and if they don't do their homework or it's late, they're docked," she explained. "At the same time,

they're learning how to manage and save their 'money.'"

Llewellyn said her students "hated" her when she informed them that one-fourth of their income had to be given to the IRS for taxes.

"One thing I try to instill in my students is self-responsibility," she said. "The happiest moment for me is when a student does something for himself without my help. By the end of the year, my students can run the class without me, and that's the way I like it."

The Brunswick County Association of Educators (BCAE) selected a teacher of the year See Teacher, page 18



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Forecast

Our area can look forward to mostly sunny skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs will be in the mid 70's to 80.

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