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Tuesday Results

Board of Commissioners

District 1

(Democrat)
 ■ Don Warren 2838
 □ Randy Stanley 2749
 (Republican)
 ■ Douglas Simmons 1262
 □ C. W. Hughes Jr. 840

District 2

(Democrat)
 □ Bruce Quaintance 2209
 ■ Willie Fullwood Jr. 3308
 (Republican)
 ■ David Sandifer (Unopposed)

District 3

(Democrat)
 ■ Wayland Vereen (Unopposed)
 (Republican)
 ■ Leslie Collier (Unopposed)

District 4

(Democrat)
 □ Tom B. Rabon Sr. 2764
 ■ JoAnn B. Simmons 2884
 Simmons wins seat.
 No Republicans filed.

District 5

(Democrat)
 ■ W. M. (Bill) Sue (unopposed)
 (Republican)
 ■ David A. Bright Jr. 960
 □ Roger L. Rogers 916

Board of Education

District 1

(Democrat)
 ■ Olaf (Bud) Thorsen 2868
 □ Harvey W. Gaskins 2350
 (Republican)
 ■ Rozell Hewett (Unopposed)

District 2

(Democrat)
 □ Clara S. Carter 1851
 ■ Joyce Parker Hewett 2352
 □ Polly G. Russ 1534
 (Republican)
 ■ Charlie Searce III (Unopposed)

District 3

(Democrat)
 ■ William D. (Billy) Carter 3431
 □ Cora M. Croff 1822
 (Republican)
 ■ Bob Hayes (Unopposed)

District 4

(Republican)
 ■ Pat Purvis Brown (unopposed)
 Brown wins seat.
 No Democrats filed.

District 5

(Democrat)
 ■ Glenda Browning (unopposed)
 (Republican)
 ■ Julia (Julea) Wood 831
 □ Scott Bright 777
 □ Ada J. Mullins 320

Register of Deeds

(Democrat)
 ■ Robert J. Robinson 2443
 □ Raymond Carl Gilbert 1799
 □ Bill Sisk 1593
 (Republican)
 ■ Virgil F. Batten 1406
 □ Yvonne Lewis Bright 752

Coroner

(Democrat)
 ■ Greg White (unopposed)
 (Republican)
 ■ Charles A. Drew 1337
 □ Franklin N. Eaddy 608

14th District State House

(Democrat)
 ■ E. David Redwine 4251
 ■ Dewey Hill 3150
 □ Joseph B. Carter 1805
 (Republican)
 ■ Robert Quinn (unopposed)
 ■ Shirley Babson (unopposed)

Low voter turnout, but change made

Incumbent school chairman, commissioner lose primary

By Terry Pope
 County Editor

County residents who voted in Tuesday's primary ousted an incumbent county commissioner and the school board chairman.

JoAnn Bellamy Simmons of Ash defeated incumbent District 4 commissioner Tom Rabon Sr. of Winnabow to win that seat outright. No Republicans filed.

Also, school board chairman Clara Carter lost her reelection bid when she was upset by Joyce Parker Hewett of Supply. The surprise candidate also outdistanced former school board member Polly Russ in the Democratic District 2 primary and

avoided a runoff by gaining 41 percent of the vote.

As predicted by Brunswick County Board of Elections supervisor Lynda Britt, it was a low turnout at the polls Tuesday with just 8,805 of a registered 37,465 persons voting. It represents a 24-percent turnout, one of the lowest on record.

In the heated register of deeds race, incumbent Robert J. Robinson captured 41.8 percent of the Democratic votes to avoid a runoff against challengers Bill Sisk and Raymond Gilbert.

Commissioners

In District 1, former commissioner Don Warren of Shallotte won the Democratic nomination over Randy Stanley and will face incumbent Republican Doug Simmons in the fall.

Simmons, of Calabash, was an easy winner over C. W. Hughes Jr. of Shallotte Point. It will be a rematch between Simmons and Warren in the fall.

In District 2, Democrat Willie Fullwood Jr. won the nomination over Bruce Quaintance of Ocean Isle Beach. Fullwood will face David Sandifer in November.

Newcomer David A. Bright Jr. of Leland won the Republican nomination in District 5 over Roger L. Rogers.

Fullwood's victory gives minorities a shot at gaining a seat on the commission. Fullwood defeated Quaintance by capturing 59 percent of the vote. Quaintance had listed the most expenditures of any candidate in the primary on his campaign

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VOTER TURNOUT



Photo by Jim Harper

The weight of government fell squarely on citizen shoulders again Tuesday as voters turned out to select their candidates for county, state and national offices.

Bond notes sought

District sewer plans proceed

By Richard Nubel
 Municipal Editor

In separate actions Monday morning, Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District commissioners asked the state treasurer to allow the district three more years to repay \$350,000 in bond anticipation notes and authorized the sale of an additional \$350,000 worth of those notes.

Bond anticipation notes are short-term financial instruments sold by local government entities to raise capital for projects before permanent financing is available. In the district's case, proceeds from the initial \$350,000 anticipation note sale were used to pay engineering costs to date, including payments to an engineering consultant fired last year. Pro-

The consulting engineer says Southport needs additional flow to defray the high sewer costs city customers pay

ceeds from the \$350,000 sale authorized Monday will be used to pay the district's new engineering firm, W. K. Dickson & Co., of Charlotte, which

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'Pilot' wins 17 awards

The State Port Pilot was presented the Metro Plus Business Award that recognizes "best balance of entries" in the Community Division, 3,500 to 10,000 circulation, Friday at the annual North Carolina Press Association advertising contest.

This is the third consecutive year the Pilot has won the most awards in its division. The 17 awards tied for the most won in any community newspaper division at the annual conference held in Chapel Hill.

First-place awards included:

■ Best Retail Ad -- Lynne's Hallmark Shop, See Awards, page 10

New superintendent

Schools make 'Wise' choice

By Holly Edwards
 Feature Editor

Associate superintendent for Cumberland County schools Marion Wise will assume leadership of the Brunswick County school system July 1.

Following a clandestine three-month search for a new superintendent, Brunswick County school board members voted unanimously to hire Wise during a special school board meeting Tuesday morning at the central office.

Board members also approved a four-year contract with Wise in which they agreed to supplement his state salary with local funds sufficient to

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WISE

1,100 vaccinations

Rabies spread to east county

By Terry Pope
 County Editor

Rabies has spread rapidly from Ash to Leland, and the growing threat has more and more pet owners concerned.

Approximately 1,100 rabies vaccinations were given at four local veterinarian offices during a clinic sponsored by the Brunswick County Health Department on April 27. The clinic was held just days before another rabies case was reported on Lanvale Road near Leland.

That discovery shows the fatal disease has moved eastward to cover the entire county and places all pets not vaccinated against the disease in danger. It was the third case found in 1996, all within the past six weeks.

This time, it cost a dog its life. "The dog was not up to date with its rabies vaccine, having had a one-year vaccine back in 1990 and none since," said Jan Reichenbach, health educator with the Brunswick County Health Department. "Since this was the case, the dog's owner made the decision that the dog would have to be destroyed, which it was."

On Tuesday, April 30, the dog's owner returned home from working a second shift and noticed his six-year-old boxer was barking outside and wouldn't stop. The owner went into the yard to investigate, and found a raccoon was hiding inside the dog's house.

"The man called animal control, and an officer went out at 12:40 a.m. and captured the raccoon, took it back to the shelter and put it down," Ms. Reichenbach said.

Following procedure, the raccoon's head then was sent to a state lab in Raleigh for testing. The department was notified the raccoon tested positive.

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Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with temperatures in the mid 80's and a chance of showers and thunderstorms.

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