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Brunswick Waste contract extended

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Brunswick County has contracted with Waste Industries Inc. for another year to haul garbage to an incinerator near Fayetteville and to operate its three county transfer stations at Southport, Leland and Ocean Isle Beach.

"Has their service improved to where I can in good conscience vote to extend the contract?" asked District 3 commissioner Leslie Collier of Long Beach last week.

She referred to numerous complaints from residents filed with commissioners over operation of the transfer stations in the past. Waste Industries has served the county since March, 1992, but in the last six months it has operated under a new supervisor of services in Brunswick County.

In the past, residents have complained about the cleanliness of the

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Assistants join Wise's school team

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

The personnel director for the N. C. Department of Public Instruction and the 1996 North Carolina principal of the year were hired Monday to serve as assistant superintendents for Brunswick County schools.

At the recommendation of superintendent of schools Marion Wise, the board of education unanimously voted to hire Clarence Willie to serve as assistant superintendent for operational services, and Mary McDuffie as assistant superintendent for instructional services.

Willie will replace Jan Calhoun, whose contract was not renewed last month, and McDuffie will replace Oscar Blanks Jr., who resigned last year due to health reasons.

Both will be paid \$70,000 a year but their contracts have not been finalized.

McDuffie's strong points include

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Juan Manuel Rueda, backed by friends and well-wishers, sang for joy July 3 as he became a naturalized American citizen along with 55 others in a ceremony on the grounds of Fort Johnston. Host for the

evening was Col. Donald Parker, and keynote speaker was former U. S. education secretary William Bennett.

Photo by Jim Harper

SBSD Plans change course

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Consulting engineer David L. Pond brought Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District commissioners some good news and some bad news Monday morning.

The bad: Soils at the Brunswick County Airport will only be suitable to accept some 60,000 gallons of treated wastewater effluent per day and not the 100,000 gpd engineers had hoped to spray on that property for irrigation.

The good: Absorption tests on the planned golf course adjacent to the Arbor Creek subdivision indicate the entire 500,000-gpd projected treatment capacity of the district's plant can be sprayed for irrigation there.

Concentrating flow on the one golf course disposal site will save SBSBD an estimated \$600,000, the engineer said.

"While the airport seems somewhat negative, if we can save \$600,000 and redirect that to the City of Southport, that seems like a good option," Pond, of W. K. Dickson Inc. consulting engineers, said.

He said if project costs were cut

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A major concern

Federal cuts threaten Lockwood Folly Inlet

By Terry Pope
County Editor

If dredge funds are cut from the federal budget, maintenance of the Lockwood Folly River will all but cease.

To local fishermen it is a tremendous concern.

"If the Lockwood Folly Inlet is closed, I predict that within two or three years there will never be another shellfish taken from that river," said Arden Moore of Shallotte, president of the Carolinas Commercial Fisherman's Association.

Moore has asked the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners to revive the county fishermen's

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Wilson's plans Live Oak store

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Wilson's supermarket owners plan to locate a store at Live Oak Village Shopping Center, across from Food Lion on Long Beach Road.

The long-rumored move was heralded in a July 3 letter to city manager Rob Gandy from Wilson's consulting engineers, who seek to have the Live Oak Village location -- formerly a Winn-Dixie supermarket -- removed from the City of Southport water system. Hannaford Brothers Company, of Portland, ME, owner of Wilson's supermarkets, wish to install a sprinkler system in the Live Oak Village location. That sprinkler system cannot be supported by meager

flow at the terminus of the city water system.

A Brunswick County water main also runs by Live Oak Village, at the intersection of N. C. 211 and N. C. 133, which will support the sprinkler system.

Aldermen have been asked to "re-lease" Wilson's supermarket from the city water system so it may connect to the county water system at Live Oak Village. The city board of aldermen is to entertain that request Thursday night as it meets in regular monthly session beginning at 7 p.m.

"We are the civil engineers for a proposed Wilson's supermarket which is to be built in the existing building space at Live Oak (Village)

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Beaches were packed too

'Largest ever' crowds (again) attend festival

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Where in the world did they all come from?

By just about everybody's estimation more people attended the N. C. Fourth of July Festival last week and more people visited Oak Island than at any time ever before.

Official crowd estimates are hard to come by, but the word "largest" kept popping up in everybody's conversation in immediate post-festival days.

"Everyone I've talked to, including those who have seen more festivals than I have, keeps telling me the

parade and fireworks crowds were the largest ever," said 1996 festival president Karen Sphar-Hope. "If that is true, I have a lot of people to thank -- not only the many who attended the festival, but the many volunteers who served festival committees which entertained the crowds once they got here."

"It was the largest crowd that I have seen in Southport in my seven years, both at the parade and at the July 4 evening entertainment and fireworks," Southport police chief Bob Gray said.

The huge crowds that ventured to the city this Fourth of July could have been attributable to the unusually

large population swell that hit Oak Island this holiday week.

"I think it was the largest crowd I've seen in 11 years," Long Beach police chief Danny Laughren said.

Laughren said more people may have stayed in Long Beach than in any other week's period ever.

Again, official estimates of Long Beach and Oak Island population are not made.

"Everyone I talked to says there were at least 50,000 people," chief Laughren said. "Normally we've got 5,000 to 40,000 and there were much more than normal."

The biggest adaptation law en-

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Marine band performs here on Thursday

Thought the Fourth of July celebration in Southport was over? Well, to keep the patriotic juices flowing in Southport just a little longer, the N. C. Fourth of July Festival Committee will present the renowned Second Marine Division Band from Camp Lejeune in concert on the Garrison at Fort Johnston Thursday. The free concert will begin at 7 p.m.

The band will perform a tuneful array of military, classical, jazz and show music. The Second Division Marine Band has entertained presidents, the Queen of England and numerous heads of state. It has won many awards.

Those attending the free concert are advised to bring lawn chairs or blankets to the Garrison for seating. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.



Forecast

Hot and humid are what we have in store for the rest of the week and weekend. Temperatures will be in the upper 80's and low 90's with heat index readings up to 110.

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