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Sewer needs

Yaupon selects new consultant to end problem

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

New engineering consultants and Yaupon Beach commissioners Monday night hammered out a 12-point plan aimed at ending that town's wastewater management woes.

The Wooten Company, a Raleigh engineering, planning and architectural firm, will serve as new consultant to the town. While contract provisions have not been completely negotiated, commissioners and Wooten president Arthur L. Kennedy indicated the company will serve as engineering consultant for operation of the town's 400,000-gallon-per-day (gpd) wastewater treatment plant and

Last month, commissioners fired consulting engineer George Finch, Boney and Associates, which had designed the town's wastewater system in 1990 and 1991. The town has charged the firm, formerly known as Boney and Associates and headed by Finley Boney, had failed to meet contractual obligations to the town.

In talks Monday night, Kennedy told commissioners the 12-point plan he brought was designed to address both short-term needs of the town's wastewater system and to assure the town adequate sewer capacity for ten

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Williams Southport principal

Belville Elementary School principal Carolyn Williams will serve as principal of Southport Elementary School effective July 1.

Superintendent of schools Marion Wise recommended the transfer Monday night and the school board unanimously approved the assignment.

Dr. Patt Carney resigned as principal of Southport Elementary two weeks ago. She said Wise told her he had decided not to renew her contract and offered her the opportunity to resign before being terminated.

Williams has been principal of Belville Elementary School for one year and was a major supporter of the year-round schools program scheduled to begin in northern primary and middle schools next school term.

Prior to her position at Belville Elementary, Williams was an elementary principal in Scotland County schools for six years and an assistant principal there for ten years.

She holds bachelor of arts and master's degrees in childhood education from the University of Texas, and

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Photo by Terry Pope

Law officers armed with weapons and tracking dogs searched a wooded area near Sandy Creek for five hours before a burglary suspect was captured with the help of citizen volunteers. The suspect, considered armed and dangerous, was apprehended and is being held in Brunswick County jail under \$150,000 bond.

Results in four areas

End-of-grade reading, math scores improved

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

End-of-grade math and reading test scores for Brunswick County students in grades three through eight increased this year in 11 of 12 categories, testing coordinator Bill Detrie told the school board Monday night.

"I'm real excited to hear we're heading in the right direction," declared school board chairman Glenda Browning. "We're finally starting to see the results of many years of some very fine teachers helping kids de-

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HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH II WRITING			
(percent performing at grade level)			
STATE	22.7	26	17.9
BRUNSWICK COUNTY	18.8	10	10.7
SBHS	24.5	7	9.9
NBHS	16.4	8.2	4.3
WBHS	16.5	15	15.6
BRUNSWICK LEARNING CENTER	12.9	0	4.8

Budget hearing

Public, water don't mix at public forum

By Terry Pope
County Editor

An angry crowd of approximately 200 people turned Monday's county budget hearing into an opportunity to protest a recent vote that requires mandatory hook-ups to the county water system.

The few persons who spoke on topics actually related to the \$84.3-million budget had to overcome outbursts from the restless crowd.

Someone shouted, "What's that got to do with the water?" as Partnership For Children director Lori Bates asked Brunswick County commissioners to support the Brunswick County Board of Education's request for increased funding.

A group of residents circulated fliers prior to the hearing, at local businesses and post offices, and they also held a community meeting Monday afternoon at Shallotte Township District Park to gear up for the debate.

When board chairman JoAnn Bellamy Simmons of District 4 tried

'It's for all of these golf courses, all of these people they've brought in from other places to take over our county.'

Kenneth Lowery

to tell the audience they had received wrong information about the ordinance approved last month, she was shouted down. The information dealt with assessments, top fees and foreclosing on property and garnishing of wages to collect from property owners who refuse to pay.

"There has not been a price cited."

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Land deal pending

Board okays investigation of relationship

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

To protect the integrity of the Brunswick County Board of Education, board member Billy Carter Monday night requested an investigation of his relationship with Margaret Rudd and Associates Inc. Realtors, the firm that represents the owner of 40 acres of land the board may pur-

chase to construct a new elementary school.

Carter said a fellow board member, whom he would not identify, suggested that Carter would receive a kickback if the board opts to purchase the land because he is a friend and neighbor of Rudd's.

"Since that comment was made I think the matter should be clarified."

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Rescue on call

'If people would help others, they'd feel better about themselves'

By Wendy Bigham
Staff Writer

Jene Wise will drop anything she's doing at any hour of the day to hop in an ambulance and go.

"I run at 2 a.m. with my hair messed up, but I still run," said the ten-year Long Beach Rescue Squad volunteer.

Wise said she and her husband Cecil decided to join the rescue squad to learn life-saving techniques to save each other in an emergency and also to help their community.

As an ambulance driver, Wise said she has seen victims of wrecks, heart attacks, violent domestic disputes,

gunshots, strokes, diabetes, broken limbs and jellyfish and stingray bites. Retirees often have spare time on their hands and are looking for ways to be of service to others, said Wise. With the growing need for rescue squad volunteers (currently there are 26), she said now is an opportune time for retirees to get involved.

As a senior citizen, Wise said her volunteer service on the rescue squad helps her feel useful and she invited other seniors to get involved.

"If people would help others, they would feel better toward themselves," she said. "We try to get senior citizens who have four or five hours to give, a strong back

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Despite a ten-to-12-hour workday, Long Beach Rescue Squad volunteer Jene Wise is prepared to respond on a moment's notice.

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