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Election results

Countywide 6,141, or 39.5 percent of 15,531 registered voters in 18 municipalities and three other jurisdictions went to the polls Tuesday to elect municipal leaders, commissioners of two sanitary districts and trustees of Smithville Township's hospital, Brunswick County Board of Elections officials said.

All tallies are unofficial until canvassed Thursday, but here is what the voters in some of those towns, cities and districts said Tuesday:

Bald Head Island

Peter T. Taussig and Andrew J. (Andy) Sayre, with 62 votes each, were apparently elected to the Bald Head Island Village Council to serve full four-year terms of office. With 79 votes, Kathlyn (Kitty) Henson bested A. T. Hyde Jr.'s 17-vote total to fill an unexpired portion of a term of office. Unsuccessful candidates for full terms were: George Hayworth, 22; William C. Taft, 20; Jack Cox, 13; Wyman Yelton, 3. A mayor will be chosen from among council members seated in December.

Boiling Spring Lakes

With 187 votes, Thomas Tully led a field of six candidates to apparently become mayor of Boiling Spring Lakes. He will succeed mayor Mark Stewart, who did not seek reelection. New commissioners will be Charles Schneiders with 235 votes and Jack Redmond with 224 votes. Other candidate totals in the mayoral race were: David C. Gainvors II, 9; Janice O. Harrison, 40; Ronald L. Prince, 54; David P. Putnam, 115; Tom Simmons, 160. Unsuccessful commissioner candidate and their vote totals were: Juanita Akers, 166; Charles Bunten, 23; Gerald K. Core, 76; Paul W. Toland, 185; Patricia A. Walters, 141. In the election 562, or 34.9 percent of the city's 1,610 registered voters, cast ballots.

Caswell Beach

No changes in Caswell Beach. Incumbent commissioners Paul O'Connor and Bill Boyd were returned to office with 121 and 111 votes, respectively. Newcomer John Verrecchia's write-in campaign failed. All write-in candidates attracted 56 votes.

Southport

Unchallenged in his bid for reelection, mayor Bill Crowe attracted 433 votes citywide. With 406 and 344 votes, respectively, incumbent Ward I aldermen Paul Fisher and Jim Brown will be returned to office. They bested newcomer Paula Spelts, who captured 138 votes in the Ward I contest. Wayne Hewett will be the new alderman from Ward II. Hewett's 191 votes bested incumbent Ward II alderman Phil Joyner's 172 votes. Aleyah McKenzie-Muhammad drew 92 votes in that race. Voter turnout in Southport was just over 35 percent.

Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District

No contest here. Incumbents James W. (Bubba) Smith, Ginger Canady Harper and Thomas Bowmer were returned to office without challenge. Harper and Bowmer received 18 votes each. Smith received 17.

Yaupon Beach

Top vote-getter in the town Tuesday was Martin John Wozniak with 185 votes. He will be seated on the board of commissioners in December with incumbents William S. Smith and mayor Dot Kelly, who captured 165 and 142 votes, respectively. Unsuccessful candidates for the board of commissioners were David Durr with 129 votes and John Henry Wolfe Jr. with 41 votes. A mayor will be seated from among the membership of the board of commissioners in December.

Dosher Board of Trustees

No surprises here either. All unopposed, incumbents Gib Barbee and Charles Johnson were returned for full terms with 1,936 and 1,645 votes, respectively. Ben Blake, with 1,983 votes, will fill out the unexpired portion of a term of office.

Locke is top vote-getter

Altman slate gets Long Beach nod

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

Unchallenged in her bid for election to a fourth two-year term of office, Long Beach mayor Joan P. Altman led five of her six-member slate of candidates for council seats to victory in Tuesday's balloting.

But, the candidate garnering the most

votes among the council candidates Tuesday was Jim Locke with 1,021 votes unofficially. He was the only one of four candidates endorsed by the registered political action committee Long Beach United For Progress to win election.

"I would credit it to one thing: I was able to shake hands with a lot of people," Locke said while hosting a party of his supporters at his home Tuesday night. "I

went into the community. I went to the trailer parks -- to the areas some of the others didn't go -- and I talked to them. I listened to them."

In addition to Locke, incumbent councilor Kevin Bell, with 954 votes unofficially, and newcomer J. K. Somers, with 931 votes unofficially, were apparently elected to four-year terms of office.

Incumbent Mary Snead, with 924 unof-

ficially, former commissioner Mike Oxford with 900 votes unofficially and incumbent councilor Horace Collier, with 895 votes unofficially, apparently were elected to two-year terms of office.

As Long Beach returns in this election year to electing councilors to four-year, staggered terms of office, the top three

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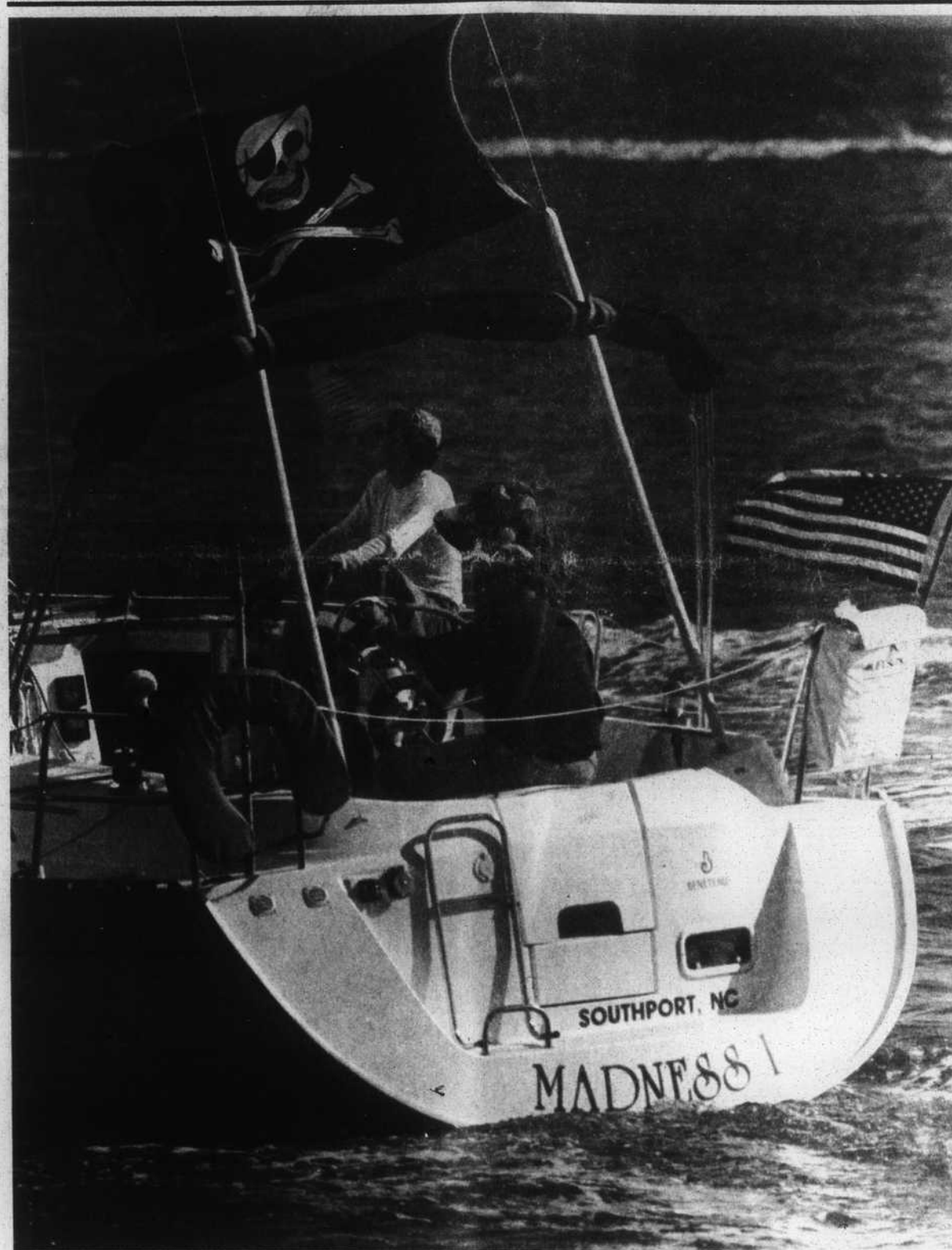


Photo by Jim Harper

"We were schooner-rigged and rakish, with a long and lissome hull, and we flew the pretty colors of the crossbones and the skull," goes the Ballad of John Silver, but it was sloop-rigged and smartly sailed that mattered Saturday in the Stede Bonnet Regatta. More photos, and race results, in the "Neighbors" section.

Permit sought ADM wants to discharge in Cape Fear

By Richard Nubel
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Archer Daniels Midland Company will seek a federal permit to discharge diluted gypsum into the Cape Fear River from its Southport plant on East Moore Street.

In an October 2 letter to the N. C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, ADM senior project engineer Randy Whitesides said ADM would make application to pump a solution of diluted gypsum, a byproduct of the citric acid recovery process, continuously into the Cape Fear River at a rate of 20,000 gallons per minute.

Gypsum is the white compound most commonly
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Southeast area EMS station site reviewed

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

Response to medical emergencies in Southport-Oak Island may be quicker now that Brunswick County EMS has established a 24-hour-a-day presence in the region.

Monday a county EMS crew and ambulance were stationed at Southport Volunteer Rescue Squad headquarters. EMS director Tracy Jackson said the crew will be headquartered in Southport on a temporary basis until a new substation in the southeastern portion of the county.
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Sacred Heart fills seniors' needs

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Five years ago, Sacred Heart Catholic Church members began to discuss the growing need for affordable senior housing in the Southport-Oak Island area and ways the church could address that need in the face of a major stumbling block: No money.

"The question was, how can the church build a senior housing community without the money to do it?" said Sacred Heart Senior Housing Committee chairman Janet Huggins. "It was a wonderful idea, but I couldn't imagine how our little church was going to do it."

On Thursday, November 6, at 2 p.m. the church will realize its dream when it celebrates groundbreaking for construction of Sacred Heart Villas, a 44-unit, \$2.7-million senior housing community adjacent to the church.

Construction is scheduled to begin later this
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