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Yaupon sewer

Disposal capacity in doubt

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

New consulting engineers to Yaupon Beach brought commissioners mixed news Monday night: The town can find disposal capacity equal to the capacity of its wastewater treatment plant, but the Oak Island Golf and Country Club property alone will not accept the entire 400,000 gallons the town's treatment plant can treat each day.

Engineer Ford Chambliss of The Wooten Company told commissioners the five golf course holes in Yaupon Beach corporate limits, sprayed 365 days a year, could only accommodate between 60,000 gpd and 65,000 gpd treated effluent. The entire 18 holes of the golf course -- 13 of which are in Caswell Beach which has an ordinance banning discharge in its corporate limits -- can only accommodate between 180,000 gpd and 240,000 gpd, the engineer said.

"You can get a lot of water to go into sand as long as you've got a place for it to come out," Chambliss said. With the entire golf course property flat and near sea level, there is no place for a large volume of water to travel.

The news is at least mixed, if not bad, for commissioners who had considered the golf course option their best in a three-year quest to seek additional wastewater disposal capacity. Commissioner Roy Johnson, himself an engineer, had estimated the town's entire treatment capacity of 400,000 gpd could be sprayed on the five golf course holes in Yaupon Beach. Monday night, Johnson still asserted the golf course operators sprayed between one million and 1.3 million gallons of water each day during summer months to irrigate the golf course.

That treated effluent may only be sprayed at a rate of between 180,000 gpd and 240,000 gpd makes disposal of wastewater at Oak Island Golf and Country Club less attractive to both the town and the golf course.

"You're also saying the golf course still needs 800,000 gallons per day," Johnson said. "They're spraying between a million and 1.3 million gpd in summer."

Johnson said the golf course has considered digging additional wells
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Marty Pennacose, a Ute Indian from Colorado, performs a traditional tribal dance during the Native American Pow Wow at Brunswick Town. Event organizers hope the Pow Wow will become an annual celebration and revitalization of Indian traditions and culture.

Aldermen's agenda:

Annexation, PRD plan

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

Aldermen may act Thursday night to increase the size of the City of Southport by another 57.1 acres and may decide whether or not to permit a planned residential development of up to 81 single- and multi-family units on a parcel extending along the

west side of Willis Drive from East Moore Street to a point beyond Brown Street.

The agenda for the October meeting of the Southport Board of Aldermen is consistent with those of the last several months. Residential development has clearly been on the menu for the city in the second half of this year. The city recently
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Williamson resigns

Second bridge not jeopardized by controversy

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

Although the proposed second bridge to Oak Island played a central role in a political flap that cost a Board of Transportation member his seat Friday, the project, which has led Brunswick County's Transportation Improvement Plan priority list for years, will not be sidetracked, another transportation board member said.

Moreover, North Carolina Transportation Secretary Garland Garrett supports construction of the western Oak Island bridge on schedule, said Michael Mills, of Wilmington, a statewide appointee of Gov. Jim Hunt's to the Board of Transportation.

"The bridge project is still 100 percent," Mills said Tuesday. "Anticipating that there would be those who would question commitment to the project, I very pointedly asked Secretary Garrett and division engineer Doug Bowers about it yesterday. Secretary Garrett supports that bridge 100 percent and so does the division engineer."
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Isle Beach was ordered to resign his seat as District 3 representative to the state Board of Transportation. Gov. Hunt called Williamson to his office that morning from a board meeting after *The News and Observer* of Raleigh ran a front-page story suggesting Williamson had voted as a trans-
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Winding River

Paperwork done; school may begin

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Details have been finalized, land has been purchased and bids are ready to be advertised for construction of a new elementary school at Winding River Plantation, scheduled for completion in the summer of 1999, assistant superintendent of operations Clarence Willie told the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday.

Final design and cost estimates for the school will be submitted to the state Department of Public Instruction this week, he said.

The estimated price tag on the new school is \$8.1 million, most of which will be covered by state bond revenues. The school board closed last week on a 19.5-acre tract for \$150,000. The site is located about 500 feet from N. C. 211 and surrounded by Zion Hill Road and the Winding River Plantation golf course and development.

Willie reported he will begin negotiations with the state Department of Transportation to have a stoplight placed at the intersection of N. C. 211 and Zion Hill Road.

The Winding River Plantation development
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Brig. Gen. Stewart addressed South Brunswick High students.

'A debt of gratitude'

Students observe Veterans Day

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Because there will always be evil world leaders, the United States will always need young men and women willing to risk their lives to protect America's freedom, liberty and way of life, Brig. Gen. Wilbert Stewart told an assembly of South Brunswick High School students last week.

Stewart was guest speaker at the annual Veterans Day observance organized by the school's JROTC unit.

"I'm sure all of you have relatives who have served in the military and some of you will one day serve as veterans," Stewart told students. "I think you'll agree that setting aside one day to let our veterans know how proud we are of them is well worth the sacrifices

they've made."

North Carolinians in particular have taken liberty and freedom very seriously, Stewart said. One-sixth of all Confederate troops were from North Carolina, he noted, and there were more Civil War casualties from North Carolina than any other state.

Stewart added that 87,000 North Carolinians served in World War I, over 100,000 served in the Korean War, 168,000 served in the Vietnam War and the highest percentage of Vietnam War volunteers came from eastern North Carolina.

Those who survive war continue to pay a price long after the battles are over, Stewart said.

"I hope you are all proud of what our veterans have done for our country," he said. "We surely owe them a debt of gratitude."

Strike up the band... but quietly

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

School band rooms will be equipped with acoustical panels to reduce the noise level in classrooms, and help preserve the hearing of students and band directors.

A \$58,303 allocation to install the panels was approved unanimously Monday night by the Brunswick County Board of Education.

The panels also will allow band students to hear the sound of their instru-
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