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of NE 77th Street, it was reported October 14. The event took place sometime after September 7.

### Boiling Spring Lakes

•An officer was called to intervene in a domestic dispute at a Boiling Spring Road home October 8. The officer stood by as one party to the dispute gathered belongings and left the residence.

•An officer was called to intervene in a domestic dispute at a Wimberly Road home October 9. The disputants were an estranged husband and wife. The officer spoke to the two and left the residence.

•A steel door valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a Nassau Road construction site October 14. The report remains under investigation.

•A fight and damage to property were reported at a Holly Road home Sunday. The individual alleged to have caused damage had left the home before officers arrived. A complainant was advised of his right to initiate prosecution via warrant from a magistrate.

•In the reporting period officers responded to ten animal control complaints and two security alarms. Assistance to other emergency services was rendered 12 times. Four warning notices and three motor vehicle citations were issued.

### Southport

•A Herring Drive woman October 13 reported someone had taken a purse from her car while it was parked in her yard. Value of her purse and its contents was \$40.

•A Leland woman employed by Bald Head Island Club reported October 14 that someone had broken into her 1996 Geo Tracker while it was parked in Indigo Plantation Parking Lot C on October 10. Damage to the car was estimated to be \$610. Property valued at \$600 was taken from the vehicle.

•A Yaupon Drive resident reported someone took a \$100 cellular phone from his home on October 2 or October 3.

•A waitress reported a man left a Small Boat Harbor area restaurant Friday night without paying for a portion of his bill. The license plate number she gave police traced to a Boiling Spring Lakes man. Boiling Spring Lakes police located the man at his home and he told them he had paid what he felt his dinner was worth. Southport police advised restaurant personnel of their right to initiate prosecution via warrant from a magistrate.

•A fight was reported at a Small Boat Harbor area restaurant at 1:35 a.m. Saturday. A 37-year-old Caswell Beach man said he was struck in the face by a man he did not know. There were no other witnesses and the man sustained only minor cuts on his face. The victim said he would not prosecute if his attacker were found.

•Stephen Beaufort Smith, 35, of Wilmington was arrested at a Bay Street motel October 18 after allegedly engaging in a domestic dispute with his wife, who sustained minor injuries to her neck and shoulders. He was charged with domestic violence and held without privilege of bond at Brunswick County jail. Trial is November 12.

•A Long Beach Road man reported someone took his \$1,000 moped while it was parked at Fiddler's Creek Apartments between 1 and 7 p.m. Friday.

## Yaupon proposal challenged by mainland board

### SBSD

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tion will become part of the Town of Yaupon Beach on September 1, 1999.

The suit contends, "The ordinance is invalid and unenforceable in that the ordinance and the area proposed for annexation failed to meet ... statutory requirements..." Further, SBSB alleges, "... the Annexation Feasibility Study failed to meet the statutory requirements imposed by" state law.

Addressing the Annexation Feasibility Study published by Yaupon Beach, SBSB asserts it fails to adequately describe how the town will provide services to the area proposed for annexation in substantially the same manner -- "on a non-discriminatory basis" -- as they are pro-

vided in Yaupon Beach corporate limits.

Specifically, SBSB alleges, "... the town does not intend to, and is unable to, provide fire protection to the areas to be annexed on the date of annexation on substantially the same basis and in the same manner as such service is provided within the rest of the town..." Additionally, it is asserted, the Annexation Feasibility Study "fails to provide sufficient information about the means by which the town will be able to provide adequate water levels for providing fire protection services," in violation of laws governing annexation.

The Yaupon Beach Annexation Feasibility Study notes the Yaupon Beach Volunteer Fire Department contracts to provide service to Yaupon Beach and also serves the proposed area of annexation now.

Apparently, SBSB will contend the level of service is different in Yaupon Beach than on the mainland, as the feasibility study itself notes: "The Yaupon Beach Volunteer Fire Department is a class 6/9S and provides fire protection to Yaupon Beach, Caswell Beach, the N. C. Baptist Assembly and the proposed annexation area. A Class 6 means that property is located within 1,000 feet of a Yaupon Beach Water System fire hydrant. The proposed area to be annexed is in the 9S class, meaning that some of the homes are more than 1,000 feet from a Brunswick County Water System fire hydrant."

The suit goes on to challenge the Yaupon Beach contention that the area to be annexed meets statutory requirements for annexation. SBSB alleges the total resident population of the proposed annexation area is

only two persons per acre and "therefore is not sufficiently developed for 'urban purposes' as required by" annexation laws. SBSB says the method Yaupon Beach used to establish population density criteria was flawed.

One of the bigger contentions of the suit on which the court has been asked to rule is SBSB's claim that marsh between Yaupon Beach and the property in Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District is acreage that is privately owned and should be counted when determining if 60 percent or more of the proposed annexation area has been subdivided into tracts of five acres or less, as required by annexation law.

Yaupon Beach did not count 287.186 acres of marsh, Intracoastal Waterway and land in other government use in its calculation of the subdivision test.

# Re-Elect A Proven Community Leader Who Cares!



Ronald Hewett is a professional, full-time, dedicated, educated, career law enforcement officer. He is also a Brunswick County native and a family man who realizes that our most important resource is our people.

Not only are his patrol officers more visible on the streets, they are active in community affairs. The Sheriff's office has adopted Bolivia Elementary School and each week tutors children with a one-on-one approach.

*For this community involvement, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department was nominated this year to receive the Governors Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. This was the only sheriff's department in the state to be so honored this year.*

Our sheriff and his officers are not just people with handcuffs, they are there for our community and are involved with the community.

Sheriff Hewett recognizes that our young people are our future and are a major key to crime prevention in the future.

He established two week-long summer enrichment programs for elementary kids: a Cop Camp for deserving third and fourth grade youngsters supervised by uniformed deputies, and a DARE Camp where fifth grade students learn self-esteem and enjoy structured fun and learning through field trips.

*He did such a good job of teaching our young people about the dangers of drugs that he was recognized as DARE Officer of the Year for 1992-1993—in North Carolina as well as the nation!*

Resource officers are now in all county high schools and middle schools to make them safer for our children.

Since 1995, deputies have worked at night keeping businesses as safe as possible, making 95,750 burglary prevention checks. Neighborhood patrols have also been stepped up to keep residential breakins down. Value of stolen property recovered is nearly four million dollars!

*Officers also keep a close eye on county churches to keep our places of worship safe from those who might try to destroy them.*

Another top priority has been to keep drunk

drivers off the highways. "Booze It and Lose It" drunk driving points, for which the County Commissioners have provided the overtime funds, has helped in this effort.

Domestic violence is no longer a "silent crime," with 8,801 calls to date, and 753 arrests. A domestic violence triage unit has been formed to send the strong message to would-be offenders that this Sheriff has "zero tolerance" for all kinds of crime.

An emergency response unit has also been organized to arrest the most violent offenders and for high-risk entry situations. It is staffed by the most disciplined and well-trained officers.

*Not only is the department the most community-minded in the county's history, it is also the best trained, with over 15,686 hours devoted to training. Deputies are encouraged and allowed to shift schedules to earn advanced certificates and go to college.*

Ronald Hewett is proud that Brunswick County has just been recognized by the North Carolina National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force for having an "outstanding marijuana eradication program."

*Brunswick County has been identified as one whose law enforcement officers are dedicated and very effective at eradicating marijuana. Ronald Hewett accepted an award from the NCGJ Joint Counterdrug Task Force Oct. 15 "for outstanding performance during the 1998 Bladerunner Operation."*

Drug arrests are up and the streets are safer than four years ago. The street value of drugs seized is more than five million dollars, \$166,330.35 in cash has been confiscated from drug deals and 2,528 drug-related arrests were made.

Ronald Hewett has done everything he promised you he would do—and more. The Sheriff's office has been open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and has answered over 72,633 calls!

*It is reassuring to have a professional, dedicated lawman like Ronald Hewett in charge of the Sheriff's office. You know him, he knows you. He is a person you can talk to in time of trouble and one you can count on to be understanding and discreet.*



Why Re-elect  
**Glenda C. Browning**  
to the Brunswick County School Board?

In her four year tenure, she has served two years as Vice-Chair and the last two years as Chairman of the Board. During those four years, the following changes have occurred in our county school system:

- Reading Scores - UP!
- Math Scores - UP!
- Minority Scores - UP!
- Competency Test Percentages (exceed state and region) - UP!
- Writing Scores - UP!
- SAT Scores - UP!
- School violence - DOWN!
- 13 of 14 schools made EXEMPLARY status by exceeding 10% improvement over goals set in state-wide ABC program. One is a SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION.
- College and Technical classes available to high school students through the Center for Advanced Studies at Brunswick Community College.
- Teen Court implemented

When you vote for Board of Education,  
Vote  
**Glenda C. Browning**  
District 5

*Always, Children First*

COMMON SENSE GOVERNMENT  
THAT PROTECTS  
WATER • ENVIRONMENT • QUALITY OF LIFE

VOTE November 3rd for...  
**BOB QUINN** NC HOUSE  
*People First*

PAID FOR BY BOB QUINN CAMPAIGN

COME JOIN SHERIFF HEWETT FOR SUPPER  
**FISH FRY & Hot Dogs**  
Sandy's Seafood House  
Under Oak Island Bridge  
SATURDAY, OCT. 24  
4:00 PM

**Ronald E. HEWETT**  
SHERIFF

COME JOIN SHERIFF HEWETT FOR  
**BBQ Dinner**  
Shalotte Park  
SUNDAY, OCT. 25  
4:00 PM