Filing starts

Three seats open for commission, schools

By Terry Calhoun
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The books will open at noon on Monday, January 1, at the Brunswick County Board of Elections for residents who plan to seek a ballot spot in the Void May primary elections.

The deadline for filing in most February 7, according to Linda Blos, supervisor of the county elections board.

Board of commissioners

These seats will be up for grabs on the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners this election cycle. The District 1 seat current occupied by Leslie Elder of Oak Island, District 4 seat of Jenell Bellamy Johnson of Ash and the District 5 seat now filled by board chairman William "Bill" Scott will all be up for open. Commissioners, now chairman of the commission, are in their

duty.

The filing fee for the four-year

term on the county board is $100.

Board of education

These seats are also up in the school for the Brunswick County School Board.

The District 1 seat will be filled by the "fill" Thomas of Ash, the District 2 seat now held by School Board President Mark Foreman of Supply and the District 4 seat held by the Director of Ash and to open.

The filing fee for the four-

year school board term is $50.

State House, Senate

Brunswick County voters will be asked to choose candidates in the May 7 primary to fill the November

general election for the North Carolina's 14th Congressional District. R. C. Scott, of Southport City, is serving the current year-end Senate seat.

The State House ballot opens will also be determined. David Rutherford of New Hanover, John Beach and Luke Macauley's District 2 seat now represent

Brunswick County. The 9th District seat is filled by House from the 14th District while Thomas W. Wright of Wilmington fills the 9th District seat. The 9th District seat is currently filled by state Rep. Scott, of Southport City.

Filing starts in five days.

Register of deeds

The four-year term of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds seat is filled by E. B. Miller Jr. Miller is serving the current statewide seat which is filled by Robert H. Johnson. Filing fee is $335. The winner's job, now held by Greg White, will also be open. Filing starts in five days.

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St. James Plantation

Deal struck on wetlands

Developers agree to pay $213,000 fine

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St. James Plantation developers have reached an agreement with the N.C. Division of Water Quality to pay a total of $213,000 in fines for water violations.

The landowners have further agreed to establish 13 acres of dunes to prevent erosion and off-

site sedimentation in return for receiving the

fine.

The agreement was reached Tuesday with officials at the N.C. Division of Water Resources, including two on whose lands by developers St. James Plantation.

"We are pleased that a settlement agreement has been reached," said St. James Plantation president John Adams.

"It is important part of our community is the beauty of our land-

scape and we make conscious an estab-

lishment of wetland buffer that blends in with the natural surroundings," Tomato Stevens, director of the state Division of Water Quality, said in a news release.

Charles Gardner, director of the Division of Land Resources, said the settlement also allows for the縣-

ment to pay $5,000 or 9 percent, of the original $55,000 for the county agency assessed in April, plus $25,000 in en-

vironment.

"It is a good agreement that achieves a resolution of wetland violations," Stevens said.

With the settlement, the county will receive compliance with Division of Water Resources and the newly added wetlands on the lands by developers St. James Plantation.

"We are pleased to the public, as it is a major victory," said Kate McGeer, assistant superintendent for compliance and enforcement.

In the prior the new, the school system had already selected a branch for all the projects in phase one of its facilities plan. In 2000, construction of the $51 million elementary school will begin, along with the $59 million in renovations and additions at the three high schools.

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