

**LETTERS**

**Beacon News Editor Commended**

To the editor:  
We should like to commend Ms. Susan Usher for the fine articles appearing in the issue of the *Beacon's* issue of Sept. 12 in re to the Lions Quest program and the need for a new central office for the Brunswick Schools. Both articles were well written, followed a sequential pattern throughout, and separated the wheat from the chaff in a rather tedious meeting which seemed endless.  
Ms. Usher is to be congratulated on her professionalism and skill.  
Leonard C. Ferguson  
Shallotte

**Retraction Warranted**

To the editor:  
After reading your issue of Sept. 12, and Susan Usher's article on the Sunset Beach town meeting, I felt compelled to write.  
Ms. Usher must have attended another meeting, as she certainly was not at the meeting attended by my wife and I. Ms. Usher stated that there were two spokesmen from Sea Trail, and then credited Gene Connelly with being the inquisitor. Mr. Connelly only asked one question, while numerous questions were asked by the other two gentlemen. Both of these gentlemen identified themselves before speaking.  
I realize that the *Beacon* is a small weekly paper, but accuracy should be expected by your paper and your readers.  
I am certain that Mr. Connelly will expect a retraction and he deserves it. Perhaps you should request a copy of the minutes of the meeting prior to publishing.  
George Rowe  
Sunset Beach

**Why Shut Out The Public?**

To the editor:  
I understand that the county commissioners have been holding unofficial or secret talks with a private firm about the possibilities of taking over the county sanitation department, garbage collection, landfill, etc.  
This is a serious issue that raises lots of other questions. The public needs to have some input. We have been frozen out of this decision.  
Before County Manager David Clegg and that bunch of commissioners waste any more of our money, the public has a right to get some answers. For example, what are the alternatives? Will the private firm provide the same service at the same costs as the current department provides? What will happen to the current workers and their families? They spend their money in Brunswick County. Has a decision, of any kind, been made? Why have we been shut out?  
Thurman Gause  
Shallotte

**The People Deserve To Know**

To the editor:  
Unofficially, it appears that the Brunswick County manager and board of commissioners have been secretly planning to eliminate the current garbage service Brunswick residents receive for their tax dollars and replace it with service from a private firm. The public, however, has been shut out! We have not been allowed any input.  
The people deserve to know all the facts and options. Public hearings and long range planning should be the norm—not the rare exception.  
Franklin Randolph  
Bolivia

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HAIRGRASS, or purple muhly, can be beautiful as its purple seed heads wave in the wind. PHOTO BY BILL FAVER

**Be Sure To Notice The Grasses**

The grasses are often among those things we see all the time but seldom take time to notice. Grasses cover almost one-third of the earth's land area and can be found on mountain tops and in depressions below sea-level. We find cultivated grasses in neat lawns and golf courses and parks and along roadsides. We also find wild grasses deep in forest glades and in prairies, savannahs, steppes, veldts, and in pampas.  
And, of course, some of our major grain crops are grasses and got their start thousands of years ago when seed were gathered from their wild ancestors for food. Barley has been recorded since 5000 BC, corn was known in 4000 BC, and rice was growing in China as early as 2500 BC. Sugarcane, the sweetest grass, was harvested in India in 300 BC. Bamboo is the largest of the grasses. Wheat, rye, oats, and millet are several other commercial grasses we know.



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One of the small grasses we can notice this time of year is the beautiful purple muhly or hairgrass. The scientific name is *Muhlenbergia Capillaris*. This bunch grass grows in a clump and can get to be three feet tall, though most often is found around two feet. The seed heads take up 1/3 to 1/2 of the entire stem and it is these fine seeds with long purple, hair-like threads that we notice waving in the wind. The plants are often found in valleys behind the dunes and on flats just higher than the marshes, in places where the sand has some moisture. The fine purple haze at the top seems even more beautiful in a slight breeze in early morning when glistening with dew.  
We don't think of grasses as "blooming" and to see the flowers we usually will need a magnifying lens or a microscope. Many scientists can only identify the many species of grasses by their flowers as the leaves and stems are very similar. We can identify the purple muhly by its color and learn to appreciate its beauty as a representative of a group of plants we often overlook.

**AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OVER 80 Region Got Soaked In August**

Southeastern North Carolina got a good soaking in August, with a total of 8.65 inches of rainfall.  
The amount of rain was 2.01 inches above normal for August, according to the monthly report from the National Weather Service in Wilmington.  
Measurable rain was recorded on 17 days during the month, with the heaviest downpour being 2.07 inches on Aug. 12.  
The weather service recorded thunderstorms on 12 days in August, which was three days more than normal.  
There were 20 cloudy days, six partly cloudy days and only five clear days during the month. The area received 47 percent of the possible sunshine in August.  
The average temperature for August was 80.2 degrees, which was only half a degree above normal, according to the weather service.  
The highest reading was 98 degrees on Aug. 4, and the coolest temperature was 68 degrees on Aug. 16, 21, 22 and 30. The high temperature was at least 90 degrees on nine days in August.  
Average wind speed for the month was 6.2 mph. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 36 mph on Aug. 5 and 35 mph on Aug. 18.

**Writing A Book On Building Library**

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one can possibly question the need for a new branch, but why did it have to become such a political yo-yo?  
There should be just one reason for building a library—so children and adults can have a place to go where they can read, learn and educate themselves.  
Ms. Tillman and the building committee did a tremendous job, but leave it to Leland to write the book on how to build a library.

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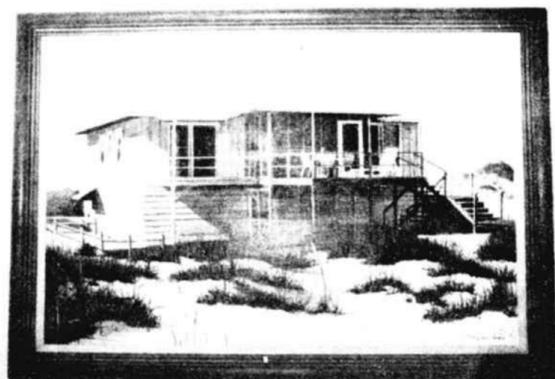
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