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Septic Tank Systems Ranging In Cost

What does it cost to put a sewage disposal system in now in Pamlico County, in light of the regulations the county began enforcing a little over two years ago? The cost varies, according to a recent survey, from about \$1,000 for a conventional system needing no modifications to \$10,000 for a local restaurant.

According to a sanitarian with the Pamlico County Health Department, eighty percent of the

permits now written call for some form of modification.

Septic tank installer Jimmy Miller of Merritt, one of the busier installers in the county, says that the cost of putting in an individual sewage disposal system, has "gone skyrocketing in the last year, most of it due to the regulations." Miller is quick to add that the county is only enforcing the state regulations that they had to adopt.

The regulations are forcing people to increase the size of the tanks and to install more drainfield lines, thereby raising the cost of the systems. But much of the cost comes from the fill that has to be placed on the site so that it will conform with the regulations calling for a certain depth between the seasonal high water table and the drainfield lines. Miller said that a foot of fill will add about \$1,200 to the cost of a system; two feet will

raise it around \$2,000.

Miller said that an elderly couple recently approached him about repairing their system. The repairs, as designed by the health department, he said, would caled for a pumping station and mound and would have cost about \$4,000--

too much for the homeowners. What steps the health department will now take, he said he didn't know.

A system Miller just completed this past weekend in Merritt cost the property owners \$3,500, and at a restaurant in Bayboro, where a

new sewage disposal system had to be installed, the cost ran around \$10,000 for the three septic tanks with dual pumps and two drainfields.

Miller commented that, after

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Rash Of Break-Ins Plagues Sheriff's Dept.

Five break-ins have been reported to the Pamlico County Sheriff's Department since Friday, May 16, with a total estimated loss of over \$8,000. Three of the break-ins were at businesses.

As of Monday, a suspect had

been arrested in connection with one and the money recovered.

Reports at the sheriff's department indicate that on May 16 Wade Adams reported that his residence on Bay River had been entered. The back door was pried open and a 19-inch RCA color

television, valued at \$300, and a Smith and Wesson target pistol, \$125, were found to be missing.

Also on Friday, Lawrence Tucker of Pamlico Marine and Sports in Reelsboro told the sheriff's department that someone entered his boat yard by cutting a hole in the north section of the chain link fence. A 1986 30hp Evinrude outboard motor, with a value of \$1,780, two radio speakers, \$100, and a radio with two speakers, \$250, were removed.

Patricia Cowell reported \$2,450 in items missing from her Bayboro home. Taken were a Curtis Mathes television, valued at \$1,500, stereo components, \$500, two hand guns, \$300, and a shot gun, \$150.

Cahoon's Variety Store in Grantsboro lost \$2,785 in hand guns to a weekend robbery. The culprits used a cement block to break the glass in the front door, then broke the glass in the display case to remove 19 hand guns.

An arrest was made Monday, May 19, in connection with an early morning break-in at Forrest Farm Supply in Bayboro.

According to Deputy Bob Lyon, Leroy Lewis, 20, of Mill Pond Road, was found asleep in the

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Three "inmates" at the Aurora Jail-A-thon frantically made telephone calls Wednesday morning, May 14, trying to raise their bond. The event, with Jayne Silliman as chairman, assisted by the Aurora Woman's and Junior woman's Clubs, raised over \$2,100 for the American Cancer Society.

Styron Town Residents Appeal To Commissioners For Help

Residents of Styron Town, located near Oriental, appeared before the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners Monday night to request that the board consider them as a target area for a Community Development Block Grant.

Marion Styron, who acted as spokesperson for the delegation, stated that "apparently this area has been totally overlooked as far as any block grant."

She added, "Because the county has taken so long to help this area, there is massive deterioration."

Among the approximately fifteen homes in the area, Styron said, can be found residences with untreated sewage nearby and no indoor plumbing.

She presented the board with information she had compiled on the residents of the area, including incomes, condition of housing, and number of occupants per house.

Styron also asked if block grant funds could be used for erosion control. Although privately owned, she commented, the area's

beaches are used extensively for recreation.

Another resident commented that since 1956 nineteen to twenty

acres have been lost to erosion.

Styron added that a cemetery is

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County Applying For Sewage Disposal Research Grant

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners Monday night gave the director of the health department permission to apply for a federal grant to be used for the research and development of a sewage system practicable for the area.

Director Jim Baluss explained that he learned that the Farm Bill, passed in December by Congress, contains provisions for funding

the research and development of alternative sewage disposal systems.

Baluss told the board that there has yet been little interest expressed in the money and that he was informed that he is the first in North Carolina to seek it.

He asked for permission to apply for a research and technical

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Commissioners Take No Action To Change Status Of Hollyville

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners, which met Monday night, May 19, without chairman Patsy Sadler who was absent because of a broken ankle, heard once again from the residents of Hollyville. The board made no recommendations about the future of the inactive municipality despite warnings from the county attorney that it could cause problems when the sewer system is installed.

Hollyville resident Hubert

Barnes told that board that he had talked with residents of the town and that they were in favor of "leaving it like it is." The people in Hollyville don't want or need a community development block grant, he added.

Commissioner Vince Sevanski said he had talked with people who had expressed similar wishes, and Brad Rice, commissioner, added that he had received phone calls along the same lines.

County attorney Bernard

Hollowell asked what the residents planned to do when the sewer line was constructed.

Rice suggested that they "cross that bridge when we come to it."

Later in the meeting, Hollowell again voiced his concern, stating that although the people of Hollyville seem satisfied with the easement granted by the state, "the (sewerage) district cannot enter HOLLYVILLE without

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