

Beaty, Sanford at odds over outcome of CH school

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CARBON HILL — Vonda Beaty, who is running for Walker County superintendent of education, said last week not enough community and school input was taken on the new Carbon Hill School, and that complaints have arisen about the facility — although incumbent Harvey Sanford said input was obtained and that he has heard little but praise for the building.

In a candidate forum allowed at last week's Carbon Hill City Council meeting, Beaty leveled charges that the school was rushed into without finding out what community and school repre-

sentatives felt should be done with the school.

The school was opened last fall after the high school and elementary school were destroyed in back-to-back disasters, leading them to be moved and merged into one school facility.

"We put our heart and soul into that building," Sanford said Monday, adding that \$22 million was spent on the building.

Sanford, who did not attend the forum, said he was not aware it had been held at the council meeting and had wished he could have participated in it.

"I feel like there is very little cooperation between the board members and the superintendent's office," Beaty said

at the council meeting. "Folks, to get things done and put the children first, we've all got to be on the same page."

"Everybody has to work together, and I don't just mean at the Central Office. I mean at the 23 schools in Walker County, we have to set up unity," she said. "That doesn't mean everybody has to believe the same. I read something the other day that if everybody is thinking alike, then someone's not thinking. We have to respect different opinions but we have to agree to disagree, and we can compile those opinions and come to a consensus. That's what it's all about."

Beaty said she wanted to form better

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Vonda Beaty



Harvey Sanford

Carbon Hill fifth-graders graduate from DARE program

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CARBON HILL — For many young peer pressure can play a big part in the decision to start experimenting with drugs alcohol.

Tuesday morning, fifth-graders at Carbon Hill Elementary School graduated from DARE program in which they learned ways to combat that pressure and stay drug free.

"DARE is a 10 week program, and I went out to the schools and talk to the kids about starter drugs, which are the drugs they're more than likely to be exposed to first," Randy Sanford, a Walker County deputy sheriff and DARE officer.

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