

Letter To The Editor

Letter to Editor:

The General Assembly will soon consider whether to repeal legislation which allows local school districts to shorten the length of the school year on their own. That legislation, passed in the 1982 session of the General Assembly, was a response to the problems many school systems have in making up days lost due to inclement weather. Under the law, school districts can decide not to make up as many as five days.

In other words, in some of our school districts, the school year has been reduced from 180 to 175 days. Our children are growing up in a complex and difficult world—far more complex and difficult than the one we grew up in. When there is so much more to learn, it does not make sense to reduce the amount of time we provide for the learning of our children.

One of the arguments put forth in favor of allowing school districts to waive five days is that making up days in the heat of June is too hard. Working in hot weather is part of being a human being. Certainly, hot weather makes learning more difficult than fine spring weather. When, however, did we arrive at the notion that conditions must be perfect for learning to happen? I do not want my own children thinking that everything has to be just right in order for them to learn, and I doubt that most folks in this state feel any differently.

We have a good state school system, one that I would put up against any in the land. Our children, however, cannot compete well against children in other areas if they do not learn as much as those other youngsters.

Our children need more education, not less. Reducing the amount of time they spend in school is a step backward.

It is very important that the General Assembly repeal the legislation which has resulted in less education for too many of our children.

C.D. Spangler, Jr., Chairman
N.C. State Board of Education

Costly Error

To All Rescue Workers and Drivers:

Please be informed that there is more to Arrowhead Beach than where the Beach and Club houses are. There also is section L&M which is located on the Old Bandon Plantation, just on the left of Bandon Road off State Road 1222.

Yesterday (May 4) a very dear friend died. The rescue squad was called and given directions to the end of Winnebago Trail. But as three times in past they made the wrong turn.

Twenty minutes have passed before they reached my friend but it was too late.

My plea is please, please learn all the roads in Arrowhead Beach. This Bandon Plantation Section L&M is somehow never connected to Arrowhead Beach.

My friend is gone, but I can't help but wonder if the rescue squad were more informed about us, maybe my friend would still be alive.

So please get to know all of the rural roads of ALL Arrowhead Beach.

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Music Ministry

The Lighthouse in Elizabeth City is having a program to answer any questions that young people may have about God, themselves or life in general. Doris Boyd will be answering these types of questions according to God's word on Friday, May 13, at 7:30. The Lighthouse offers the challenges, "If you don't have a question—come let us learn from you; bring your Bible."

The Lighthouse will also be sponsoring a music ministry on Saturday, May 14.

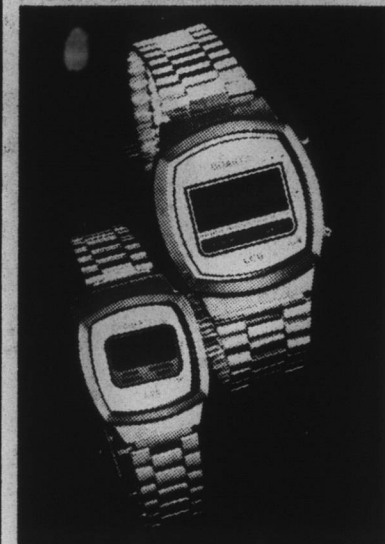
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