

# Students Shine At Curriculum Fair

BY DOUG RUTTER

What books are second-graders reading these days? Which cereal is the most nutritious? How many budding artists are there in Brunswick County?

Answers to these and other questions could be found Saturday at the



CAROLINE SHEFFIELD plays with the Shallotte Middle School Recorder Ensemble.

Brunswick County Schools Curriculum Fair at Bolivia Elementary School.

Band performances and exhibits of student art work as well as science, math and computer projects highlighted the annual fair.

Bolivia Elementary School fourth grader Kevin Huddleston designed one of the dozens of displays set up inside the school.

Competing in the mathematics division, Kevin set out to prove which peppermint mouth freshener lasts the longest in human saliva.

His materials for the project included four grown-ups, one child, a stop watch and five different brands of mints. Kevin determined that Certs lasted longer than its store shelf competitors.

Union Primary School second graders Aaron Seay and Amanda Andrews starred in a playlet put on for parents and other visitors in the cafeteria.

"Tyrone the Horrible" told the story of a dinosaur named Bolinda who got rid of a bully, Tyrone, by feeding him a bad-tasting sandwich.

Teacher Louise Butler said the class turned a storybook into the

short play and learned about punctuation in the process.

Also performing Saturday were bands from West and South Brunswick high schools and Shallotte and Leland middle schools.

The Elementary Honors Chorus performed Saturday morning, followed by the Shallotte Middle School Recorder Ensemble.

Dancers from West Brunswick's physical education department strutted their stuff, and Shallotte Middle's tumbling gymnasts gave an exhibition.

Entries in the art, writing, math, science and computers categories were not judged this year on the county level, said Brunswick County Schools Public Information Officer Gloria Yount.

Each school did their own judging because the regional competition for math, science and computers was held before the county curriculum fair.

Regional winners last month were Susan Nance, North Brunswick High, first place, science; Terry Nawara, West Brunswick High, second place, advanced math; and George Kelley, West Brunswick High, third place, computers.



UNION PRIMARY SCHOOL students Amanda Andrews (Bolinda), left, and Aaron Seay (Tyrone) fight it out in the playlet "Tyrone the Horrible."

## FOUR-DAY SUMMER HOURS SET

# County Cuts Summer School Program To Reduce Costs

BY SUSAN USHER

Summer school will be available to much fewer Brunswick County students this year as the school system tightens spending as a result of state budget shortfalls.

In another cost-saving move, students will also attend summer school fewer, but longer days as the entire school system moves to a four-day week for the summer.

This year no enrichment summer school classes will be offered, only essential courses needed for promotion or graduation, indicated William Harrison, assistant superintendent for curriculum. A summer school program will be offered to students in third-, sixth- and eighth-grade students and high school students who do not meet local and state standards for promotion or graduation.

Assuming routine approval by the state, summer school will be offered from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Monday through Thursday at all three county middle schools: Shallotte, South Brunswick and Leland.

However, Harrison said that should fewer than 15 high school students sign up for a specific class at one site, that class will be consolidated and offered only on another campus.

Harrison said he expects the entire program this summer to serve approximately one-third of the students served last year. He anticipates eight to 11 teachers at each school, one a director who also has teaching responsibilities but works a longer schedule.

Last year, Brunswick County spent \$320,000 on its summer school program, with a staff of approximately 25 people at each of the three county middle schools.

While the state allocation is \$250,000 Harrison said he expects to hold costs of the 20-day program

this year to approximately \$100,000—including teacher salaries, student transportation and supplies.

He expects about two classes on each campus for each of grades 3, 6 and 8, and from two to four high school classes each.

Course offerings will be limited for high school students to the four levels of English; U.S. history; economic, political and legal systems; physical science; biology; Algebra I and general math.

The school system will follow a four-day schedule June 19 through Aug. 15, with the central office open Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rudi Fallon, finance officer, said the four-day schedule will result in savings for both the school system and its employees. The schools will save on energy, transportation and maintenance costs, while employees will see a direct savings through reduced commuting expenses.

## County High Schools To Present Awards

Students will be recognized in areas from academics to athletics at awards programs scheduled at the county's three high schools.

South Brunswick High School holds the first program, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the school's multipurpose room. Classmates will watch the presentations in their classrooms over Cougar Entertainment Television (CET).

North Brunswick High School's National Honor Society will orchestrate the school's awards' convocation, set Thursday, May 16, at 9 a.m. in the school gymnasium.

West Brunswick High School will hold its awards day program at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, in the school gymnasium.

Parents and other guests of students are welcome to attend all three programs.

Selected county students will be

honored with Superintendent's Excellence Awards at a banquet for them and their parents Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at South Brunswick Middle School. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bobby Etheridge will be the guest speaker.

## Kaufhold Named Teacher Of Year

A Southport Elementary School teacher has been named Brunswick County's new Teacher of the Year.

Sandra Kaufhold, a fourth grade teacher, was chosen from a field of 10 nominees, said Freeman Gause, director of special programs with the Brunswick County Schools.

She will receive a cash prize and advance to regional competition.

Tied for runner-up are two teachers, Beth Pupp, a Spanish teacher at West Brunswick High School, and Jo Ann Cain, a math teacher at South Brunswick High School.

Nominees were interviewed by a

panel of judges that included last year's honoree as well as an educator, a retired educator, a student and a community member.

Others considered for the honor included Shelia Smith, Ollie Hickman, Ronda Caster, Jean Case, Norman Melton, Catherine Brooks and Gloria Beatty.

# Registration For First-Time Students Will Begin May 20

Registration for students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the first time this fall begins May 20 at Brunswick County's five primary/elementary schools.

Pre-school enrollment will continue through May 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, said Gloria Yount, public information officer for the county schools.

Any child who will be 5 on or before Oct. 16 is eligible to attend public kindergarten.

Children should be registered at the school within their district, said Ms. Yount. Both the prospective student and parent or legal guardian must attend the registration.

The child's birth certificate, immunization record and Social Security number are required for registration. More information is available by calling the central office at

457-5261, 754-9282, or 762-3971.

Schools involved in registration are Lincoln Primary, Leland; Bolivia Elementary, Bolivia; Southport Elementary, Southport; Waccamaw, Ash; and Union Primary, Shallotte.

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