

**PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

**Soles Appointed Co-Chair Of Committee**

N.C. Senate President Pro Tempore Marc Soles, D-18th District, to serve as co-chair of the Extra Session Select Committee on Courts.



SOLES

The committee will review a variety of legislation including clarification of allocation of victims' compensation funds, Drug Court programs and justice information systems.

"Governor Hunt and the people of North Carolina have challenged us to act affirmatively to reduce crime," Soles said. "I am confident that we will pass legislation to effectively reduce crime by keeping violent criminals behind bars longer and also by steering our youth away from the temptations of crime and toward hope and opportunity."

Soles is serving his ninth term in the Senate and his first as deputy president pro tempore. He is vice-chairman of the Judiciary II Committee and is a member of the Agriculture, Marine Resources and Wildlife; Banks and Thrift Institutions; Economic Development; Finance; Insurance, Pensions and Retirement; Public Utilities; Rules and Operations of the Senate; Ways and Means; and the Select Government Performance Audit committees.

**Batten Re-Elected**

David J. Batten, executive vice president and general manager of Brunswick Electric Membership Corp., was re-elected to the board of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative as director of District 1.

Batten is an incorporating member of NRTC and two-term past

president of the board of directors. The NRTC addresses the telecommunications needs of rural America. Batten has served in the rural electric program for 22 years.

**On Elon Dean's List**

Stephen Matthew Lancaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Lancaster of Supply, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Elon College.

The dean's list is composed of students with no grade below B and a grade point average of at least 3.4 in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

**WBHS Student Of Month**

Melissa Robinson is West Brunswick High School's student of the month.

She is the daughter of Forrest and Rose Whitley of Supply. Her school activities include the Math Club, National Honor Society

Honor Society president, Quiz Bowl Team captain, Students Against Drunk Driving, Treble Choir and Harmony Show Choir.

She is an honor roll student who will participate in the N.C. Youth Chorale European Tour '94. She is a finalist for the state Teaching Fellow Scholar program.

She says her favorite teacher is Gene Bennett, chemistry and peer tutoring.

"Melissa has never been one to settle for the ordinary," Bennett said. "She is an outstanding student, and I am confident that she will be an outstanding teacher."

**CCU Dean's List**

Marnie Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach has been named to the fall 1993 dean's list at Coastal Carolina

University. To qualify for the dean's list, students must be enrolled full-time; freshmen must earn a 3.25 grade point average, and upperclassmen must earn at 3.5.

**Honor Students**

Six Brunswick County residents have been recognized for academic achievement during the second grading period at Cape Fear Academy in Wilmington.

Caroline Bernard of Leland, a seventh grader, was named to the headmaster's list for students with an "A" average. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Bernard of Leland.

Named to the CFA honor roll were the following: Whitney Fox, grade 8, daughter of Debbie S. Fox of Ocean Isle Beach and Charles W. Fox of Wilmington; Joel Reibert, grade 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Reibert of Southport; Jennifer Cole, grade 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas McSwain of Holden Beach; Phillip Khan, grade 11, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mushtaq Khan of Winnabow; Lesley Holden, grade 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon L. Holden of Holden Beach.

**Pageant Winner**

Amber Michelle Cheers, two-year-old daughter of Dale and Michelle Cheers of Supply, won the title of N.C. Miss Southern Charm in the petite division.



CHEERS

She also won best personality. Her grandparents are Dee Kissinger and Paul King of Holden Beach and Diane Cheers of Shallotte.

The pageant was held Feb. 13 at Supply Elementary School.



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**Marking A Milestone**

Second and third grade students at Waccamaw Elementary School celebrate their 100th day of classes Wednesday (Feb. 9) with a cake shaped like the number 100 and lit with a like number of candles. Second graders in Leslie Stanley and Karen Chestnut's classes (above) and Sonja Anderson's third graders have been preparing for the event by setting goals such as reading 100 books and bringing 100 of something to school on the appointed day.



**Board Selects Mildred Bellamy As Second School Social Worker**

Mildred Bellamy of Supply was hired as a school social worker by the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday night, doubling the system's social worker staff.

Most recently employed by Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Bellamy was previously a longtime employee of the Brunswick County Department of Social Services. She also works part-time as an instructor at Brunswick Community College.

The school system hasn't had a second social worker on staff since the 1990-91 school year.

Funds for the position came from the post vacated with the retirement of Freeman Gause, former community schools coordinator and attendance counselor, said Oscar Blanks, assistant superintendent for support services.

"We felt in these times a social worker would be helpful in drop-out prevention," Blanks said Tuesday. "We felt we needed more contact, that we needed to work with both children and their families."

Fauna Schaub of Bolivia was also hired as a school social worker for the Chapter I/Migrant Education program.

Claudia Laugisch of Lawton, Okla., was hired as a diagnostician on the central office staff. She was previously employed by the local school system as an exceptional children's teacher at Union Elementary School in Shallotte.

Also hired were Carolyn Sharpe, Southport, interim middle grade teacher, South Brunswick Middle; temporary five-hour remediation teacher Rebecca McDowell, Ocean Isle Beach, Supply Elementary; Willie M. Waddell, Leland, head custodian, and Diane Fowler, Wilmington, interim teacher, Bolivia Elementary; Donnell Scott, Bolivia, custodian, Southport Elementary.

Tracy Seif, Long Beach, teacher, Southport Elementary; and BEH teacher Harold Gamble, Shallotte Middle.

The board also accepted the retirement, effective Feb. 1, of Nelson Best, director of athletics, health, P.E. and driver education. Best's position has been eliminated for the 1994-95 school year.

accepted the resignations of West Brunswick High Head Football Coach Jim Brett, Shallotte Middle special education teacher Quantana Griffin, central office exceptional children's secretary Lori Elliott, West Brunswick High special education teacher John Thompson and math teacher Deborah Travelstead; and approved 14 substitute teachers.

**Band Students In Concert Saturday At North Brunswick**

A public concert will be held Saturday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. at North Brunswick High School in Leland featuring the All-Brunswick County Middle School and High School bands.

The concert will follow a two-day band clinic for selected students from all county high schools and middle schools, according to Steve Skillman, the school system's cultural arts coordinator.

Originally scheduled at Leland Middle School, the concert was moved to the high school because of a booking conflict.

A show is planned at 7 p.m. in the Leland Middle School Cafeteria to benefit Helping Hands, a not-for-profit group that provides home repairs and winterization for households that don't qualify for other programs.



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**King And Queen Of Hugs**

Juanita Roberts and Fred Karger, residents of Autumn Care, are crowned King and Queen of Hugs at the nursing home's Valentine's Day party on Monday. Residents tallied the number of hugs they received from staff, visitors and each other to compete for the honor. Roberts got 72; Karger, 52.

**Literacy Council Schedules Free Tutors' Workshop**

The Brunswick County Literacy Council will hold a free tutor-training workshop in the phonics-based Laubach Way to Reading beginning Friday, March 4, from 6-9 p.m. and continuing Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The workshop

will be held at Seaside United Methodist Church on N.C. 904, a half-mile north of N.C. 179 in Seaside. Participants will earn their Laubach tutor certification and will be able to work one-on-one with someone who wants to improve his or her reading

and writing skills.

Workshop participants should pack a lunch for the Saturday session. Beverages and snacks will be provided by the Literacy Council. To register, call 754-7323. Space is limited.

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