



WEST BRUNSWICK STUDENTS learn about Army life at the JROTC Summer Camp at Fort Jackson. Pictured are (front row, from left) Cadets Seth Whitesides, Cody Hewett, Donald Proctor, Misty Bryant, Brandi Whitesides, Steven Woods (back row) Senior Army Instructor Col. Robert Y. Buff, Cadets Steppie Janeda, Ken Meshaw, Adam Bailey and John Inman.

## West Brunswick's JROTC Cadets Learn About Army Life During Week At Fort Jackson

The best way to know about Army life is to live it. Students from West Brunswick High School came to Fort Jackson to get a taste of Army life, not only eating Army food, but also by doing Army training at the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps annual camp, the largest summer camp in the country for JROTC students.

The annual camp is held from June 4 to June 24 and is comprised of three weekly cycles with more than 2,400 students from 144 high schools representing North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

The purpose of the camp is to provide "a challenging and safe opportunity for high school students in the JROTC program to exercise knowledge and skills learned on campus, while motivating young people to become better Americans," said Col. Bob Buff, senior Army instructor at West.

During the week of training, West Brunswick students were involved in some classroom exercises in science and math that are provided by the National Science Center. They also tackled the confidence and obstacle course, along with basic first aid, lifesaving and rappelling at the same "Victory Tower" scaled by Danny DeVito in the movie "Renaissance Man."

Students had the chance to talk with general officers and get their view on the Army. Between attacking the different courses, eating in unit dining facilities and talking with experienced soldiers, the students got an idea of what the Army is all about, Buff said.

Cadet/Capt. Missy Bryant, a junior at West Brunswick and the daughter of Terri Bryant of Sunset Beach, was selected as an honor cadet by placing in the top 5 percent of all those attending the camp.



CADETS Seth Whitesides (left) and Donald Proctor (right) take their turns on the confidence course.



CADETS BRANDI WHITESIDE (left) and Misty Bryant pause for a picture. Bryant was selected as an honor cadet.

RAPELLING THE VICTORY TOWER—also scaled by Danny DeVito in "Renaissance Man," is Brandi Whiteside.

## Grassroots Effort Leads To Signal For Union School Road Intersection

BY SUSAN USHER

After months of lobbying by school supporters, the state Board of Transportation voted Friday to erect a full traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Union School Road.

"They really worked hard, didn't they?" board member Odell Williamson said Friday of the grassroots effort to get the traffic light.

Division Engineer Doug Bowers said Monday that the light would be installed within a minimum of six weeks, after four-laning of U.S. 17 in that area south of Shallotte is completed.

The light will operate on demand from Union School Road.

But parents and school leaders weren't satisfied and renewed their efforts at both the local and state level, efforts that paid off.

"We'd just like to thank everybody for their effort, Rep. Redwine, Rep. (Dewey) Hill, Sen. (R.C. Soles) and Mr. Williamson, and all the citizens for their efforts," said Earl Anderson, chairman of the Union School Advisory Committee. "A caution light wouldn't have helped. It would have just created a false sense of security."

The state transportation board also approved a flip-disk variable sign system for the eastbound approach of U.S. 17-74-76 and N.C. 133 to the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge west of Wilmington, a name change for S.R. 1435 to South Navassa Road, replacement of cluster piles at the Southport dock of the Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry, and Highway Fund paving projects for sections of state roads 1401, 1346, 1846, 1826, 1196, 1812, 1813, 1548, 1550, 1811, 1290, 1291, 1292 and 1293.

## Church Offers Study Help

Help for students in math, science, English, social studies and reading is available through a summer enrichment program offered by Pleasant View Baptist Church on July 18-22.

There is no charge for classes of-

ferred from 9 a.m. until noon each day and snacks are provided.

The church is on N.C. 904 between Grissetown and Seaside.

The Rev. James L. Smith Sr. is the church pastor. For more information about the program call 579-6296.

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