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### Tigers Win County Title

The Leland Tigers are this year's county middle school football champions. Teams members are (front row, from left) Brent Robinson, Steven Evans, Richard Duvall, Brandon Deathrow, Allen Lewes, Isah Bowens, Ryan Cobb, Ronald Jacobs, Chris Milligan, (middle row, from left) David Barron, Mathew Watson, Lacie Caulder, Chris Kemp, Johnathan Ward, Michael Reeves, Sammy Lance, Jaqual Willis, Gary Northam, Joshua Green, Nikki McNeil, Jerry Leggett, (back row, from left) Eddie Carroll, Rocky Brown, Chris Graham, Jamie Williams, Matt Odham, Scott Hewett, Trevor Hutton, Will Yates, Andy Whitley, Clint Long, Carlos Cobb, Aaron Child and Chris Benton.

### SPORTING SCENE

## Hickman Credits Kids For Conference Titles

In seven years as a high school head football coach, Yogi Hickman's teams have won seven conference championships.

A winner of six league titles at St. Pauls, Hickman captured his seventh Friday night when his West Brunswick Trojans clobbered South Brunswick 34-14.

Seven championships in seven seasons is the kind of success that would make the heads of most football coaches swell like George Foreman's stomach at a cheeseburger buffet.

But not Hickman's head. He learned long ago that good football coaches won't win without good football players.

According to Hickman, seven titles in seven years says very little about him and very much about the young men he has taught.

"I says I've had good players. I've been lucky. I mean that," Hickman insisted following Friday's regular-season finale at Rourk Stadium.

"I've been lucky because I've had some success as a head coach, but you don't do that unless you've got great players. I don't care how good of a coach you are. Nobody can," Hickman said.

"I think we've got an incredible staff here, but I also think we've got incredible kids and that's the bottom line. I don't block anybody and neither do any of the other coaches.

"We teach them fundamental football and then they're the ones who have to go out there and knock heads. I always try to give credit where credit is due, and I think the kids deserve the credit when you win games."

Hickman knew he had some good football players when he arrived at West Brunswick this summer, but he's finding out that these kids are more than just good players. They're winners.

"These kids impress me with their ability to do whatever they have to do to win games," Hickman said.

"I'm really impressed with them, and I'm looking forward to going to the playoffs with them because they've had so much success and I hope we can continue that."

West Brunswick finished the regular season 6-0 in the Waccamaw Conference and 10-1 overall, an amazing record for a team that has won back-to-back state championships and lost a load of talented players over the past two years.

Before the season, Hickman said he didn't expect his Trojans or any other team to go through the Waccamaw Conference undefeated. Yet except for a 25-19 overtime win over West Columbus, the Trojans rolled through the conference schedule without a serious challenge.

"We won one game we probably could have lost very easily, the West Columbus game, which would have proven me right," Hickman said of his preseason prediction.

"Except for that I don't guess we had a scare, not a down-to-the-wire kind of game. We beat everybody by a couple touchdowns."

Hickman certainly had high expectations before the season, but he never could have imagined going 10-1. Certainly not after a 41-0 loss in the second week of the season.

Is it just me, or does it seem like three years have passed since that Dillon game?

## Rule Changes Proposed

BY DOUG RUTTER

Eight proposed rule changes that one state marine fisheries official says would have "very little impact" in Brunswick County will go to public hearing next week.

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission will conduct the hearing Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at UNC-Wilmington's Morton Hall.

Rich Carpenter, district manager with the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, said the proposals would not have much effect on Brunswick County fishermen.

Carpenter said the state is trying to avoid making major rule changes during the two-year moratorium on the issuance of new commercial fishing licenses.

One proposal that may affect some area fishermen would limit the season on blueback herring, alewife, American shad and hickory shad to Jan. 1 through April 15.

Carpenter said the new rule would cut the season short in the southern part of the state, where shad are typically caught in Cape Fear River into the month of May.

Carpenter said state officials have determined that river herring and shad stocks are "depressed." They hope limiting the harvest season would help conserve the species.

Also, the fisheries commission has proposed continuing a rule that gives the state fisheries director authority to close certain areas to the use of specific types of fishing gear.

The board approved the rule in 1993 and it's scheduled to expire July 1, 1995. Commissioners are considering extending it for another year.

The rule has already had an impact locally with the establishment

of strict regulations for the use of gill nets along the Brunswick County beaches.

Another proposal up for public hearing next week would make permanent an existing "emergency" rule that allows the fisheries director to set minimum size limits for gray trout (weakfish).

As proposed, the limit could not be set at less than 14 inches for gray trout taken by hook-and-line or less than 12 inches for fish taken by other means.

The state commission also will accept comment on a proposal that would make it illegal to harvest live rock and coral, which is a small fishery in North Carolina. Coral is sold in seaside shops and used in aquariums.

Carpenter said there's a serious move along the East Coast to prohibit or greatly restrict the harvest of live rock and coral. The fishery is a major one off the coast of Florida.

"It's a real important habitat for fish that are both recreationally and commercially important, snapper and grouper. You're just essentially taking away the habitat when you remove it," Carpenter said.

Other proposals include the following:

- Requiring violators of fisheries rules to pay the state for recovery, replacement and investigative costs.

- Establishing a procedure for transferring vessel licenses.
- Interpreting and defining "channel net."

- Changing rules for shellfish leases, franchise production and planting determinations.

For more information, contact the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries in Morehead City at 1-800-682-2632.

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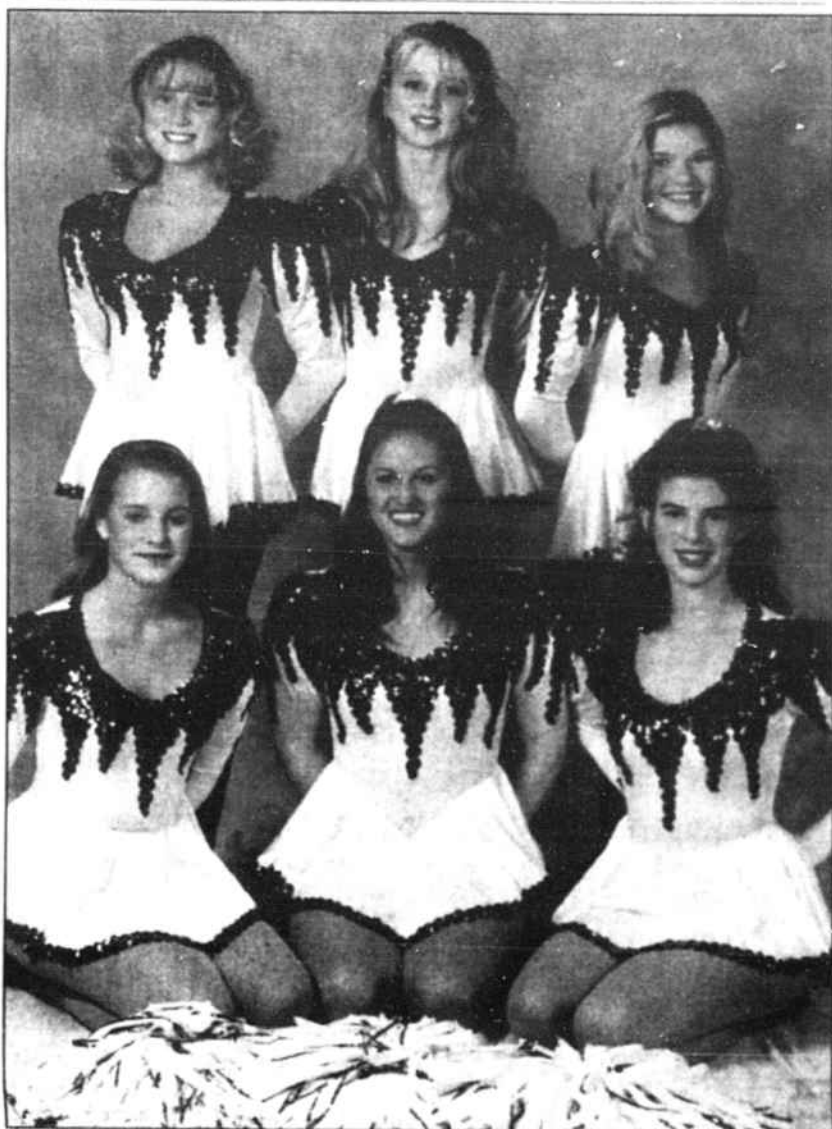


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DANCE TEAM members this year are (from left, front row) Erin Redwine, a senior and co-captain; Nancy Smith, captain, senior; Amanda Bryan, a junior; (back row) Jennifer Stanley, freshman; Charity Henry, sophomore; and Shadal Capps, freshman. Their coach is Kate Williamson.

## This Week In Brunswick Sports

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

West Brunswick hosts Eastern Randolph in first round of state 3A football playoffs, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Brunswick Baptist Association Golf Tournament will be held today at Brierwood Golf Club, Shallotte. Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call 754-7979.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Volleyball League at Supply Elementary School: Mt. Pisgah A vs. Shallotte First, 6:30 p.m.; Brunswick Islands vs. Mill Creek, 7:30 p.m.; Shell Point vs. Jennies Branch, 8:30 p.m.; Mt. Pisgah B vs. Mt. Pisgah A, 9:30 p.m.

This week's listings include events reported to the Beacon. To list a sporting activity call 754-6890 or write to Doug Rutter, The Brunswick Beacon, P.O. Box 2558, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

## Dance Team Stirs The Spirit

They work out as hard as ball-players, are as pretty as cheerleaders and have all the musical talent of a marching band, but the West Brunswick High School Dance Team sometimes doesn't get as much recognition for stirring up the spirit.

Formed in the fall of 1992 under the leadership of coach Kate Williamson, the high school dance team "provides an opportunity for young ladies to share their years of dance education with the community," Williamson said.

They perform at home football and basketball games and are available for local community, civic and cultural events.

"The organization of the dance team was due to the many years of dance education provided locally through the Dance Connection, Brunswick School of Dance and C. Lane Academy," Williamson said. "Our present and former team members each have had six to 10 years of dance education."

Past team members included Suzanne Jones, Katie Harris, Sally Schutte, Darlyn Morgan, Portia Hankins, Trina Rogers, Rachel Pearce and Demaris Russ.

The 1994-95 present and charter

Erin Redwine, co-captain; and Amanda Bryan. Other 1994-95 members are Charity Henry, Jennifer Stanley and Shandal Capps.

"The team is not supported financially by the school or booster club," Williamson said. "Each members' parents provide her financial and moral support," she said, adding that costumes range from \$120 to \$140. Add to that tights and shoes and the cost of camp at about \$250.

"The team must also provide their own facilities to practice, which have usually been their homes or local businesses," Williamson said the dance team is grateful for the support of local businesses.

Tryouts for the dance team are held every spring. Former dance training is required.

The dance team has competed at UNC-Chapel Hill and at Universal Dance Association Camp last year, bringing home numerous blue ribbons, spirit awards and a trophy for the most improvement.

"Our dream is to provide an opportunity for more young ladies to share their dance talents," Williamson said. "One day we hope to increase our team to 20 to 40 qualified dancers with a superior school

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