



### New Chiropractic Facility

A ribbon-cutting marks the opening of new facilities for Chiropractic Center of Shallotte/Ocean Isle Beach on N.C. 179. Pictured (from left) are Shallotte Mayor Sarah Tripp; Marshall Woodard, Southern National Bank city executive; Patty Davis, office manager; Annette Brown; Paula Stenback, chiropractic assistant; Tommy Brown, builder; Dr. Skip Davis, chiropractor; Patty Gaskins, receptionist; Ocean Isle Beach Mayor Betty Williamson; Charles Smith, South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce ambassador; Karen Moshoures; and Angela Caison, South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce.

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## Eastern Health Alliance Is Approved By State

A proposal to link 39 eastern North Carolina counties, including Brunswick, into one powerful health care purchasing alliance has been approved by the State Health Plan Purchasing Alliance Board, according to a news release Tuesday from the office of Lt. Gov. Dennis A. Wicker.

"Right now small businesses are being priced out of the health care insurance market," said Wicker, who is board chairman. "This new alliance is going to help bring down those costs so more of our working families can get good health care coverage."

The Chambers of Eastern North Carolina, which represents 49 chambers of commerce across the region, has been selected to sponsor the alliance for eastern North Carolina.

"Pooling small employers into one alliance will provide small business with the same bargaining power to buy health insurance that big

business enjoys," Wicker said.

The alliance will be managed by small business members and will receive a one-time grant from the state to start the process.

Of North Carolina's estimated one million uninsured, most are small business workers and their de-

pendents, Wicker said. More than 30,000 small businesses employing nearly a quarter of a million people will be eligible to join the new alliance, he added.

An 18-county alliance covering western North Carolina was certified by the state in August.

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## Four Are Winners In Hometown Holidays

Four people were winners in the second week of drawings in the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce annual Hometown Holidays promotion.

Winning 25 chamber dollars each were Bill Grossman of Shallotte, who registered at Shallotte Cleaners; Janet Thomas of Longwood, who registered at The Brunswick Hospital; Grove Grant of Longwood, who registered at Pawn USA; and Vonda Mosley of Leland, who registered at Brunswick Community College.

More than 2,000 people have registered in the weekly drawings so far. Thirty-six businesses are participating in the promotion, which continues through Dec. 21.

## New Leland Library Is Named 'Outstanding'

The Brunswick County Library's new Leland Library building received the "outstanding new facility" award from the N.C. Public Library Directors Association at the annual meeting Dec. 1.

The association is made up of head librarians from North Carolina's county and city library systems. The award is given each year to a new public library building that other librarians consider especially attractive and functional.

The Leland Library was designed by John Sawyer Architects of

Wilmington. Harnett Construction Company was the general contractor. The building was funded by Brunswick County government, by a state library construction grant, and by a community fundraising effort led by Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees member Edith Tillman of Leland.

The new Leland Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and Sunday afternoons from 2-6 p.m. It remains open on Wednesdays until 8 p.m.

## Board Member Offers Tips For Teaching Professionals

Maintain a portfolio to depict professional development, document disciplinary actions and be very careful about unsupervised students.

Those were the suggestions new Brunswick County Board of Education member and retired teacher Pat Brown asked representatives of the Brunswick County Association of Educators at their Dec. 6 meeting to relay to all BCAA members.

Superintendent Ralph Johnston and acting principals' representative Ed Lemon also attended the meeting.

Brown said documenting disciplinary actions will protect the teachers and help administrators and the school board ensure proper procedures are followed, a BCAA news release said.

President Mary Yates, in her closing remarks, stressed the importance of keeping open lines of communication between the newly-elected school board and the association.

Johnston suggested he begin sending each school "board notes" after each board of education meeting to keep staff better informed.

## Workshop Planned To Discuss Waste

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners will hold a workshop session Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. to discuss solid waste.

The meeting will take place in the commissioners' chamber, Brunswick County Government Center, Bolivia.

Workshop sessions are open to the public. Commissions may hold discussions during workshops but may not take official action.

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