



Worshippers gathered for vespers Sunday in the ruins of St. Philip's church at Brunswick Town. The observance was part of the annual Christmas celebration at the historic site which included refreshments and music by a variety of performers.

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RECREATION

Youth basketball registration

Boys and girls ages nine to 13 can register this month for the Southport Parks and Recreation Department youth basketball league. Registration will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, December 19, at the Southport city gym. Any player who will not reach his or her 14th birthday on or before January 1, 1993, is eligible to participate. All new players and all returning players who participated last year must register. The fee is \$10. More information can be obtained by calling Joe Medlin at Stevens Park, 457-7945.

Holiday special on aerobics

A holiday special of two months of aerobics for the price of one is being offered by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department. To take advantage of the offer, individuals must join a class in December. The cost will be \$15 for two months. Hour-long classes are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the Town Creek community building; 5:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Brunswick County Government Center; 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Lockwood Folly community building; and 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Leland community building.

More information on programs sponsored through the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department can be obtained by calling 1-800-222-4790 or 253-4357; the Southport Parks and Recreation Department, 457-7945; or the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department, 278-5518.

ARRIVALS

James and Patricia Lockamy of Rt. 2, Bolivia, have announced the birth of a daughter, Karissa Star, on December 6, 1992, at The Brunswick Hospital.

Grandparents are Harold and Maggie Caudill of Bolivia and George and Ethel Lockamy of Bolivia. Great-grandmother is Juanita Caudill of Bolivia.

Darien and Tonya Hewett of Bolivia have announced the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth DeAnne, on December 10, 1992, at The Brunswick Hospital.

Grandparents are Larry and Rebecca Smith and Dwight and Janet Hewett. Great-grandparents are Ruth Cranford, Maxine Sneed, Lillian Hewett, Ernest and Olga Poehls.

'Master gardener'

The Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Service will start a master gardener program in February.

The master gardener program is a joint endeavor of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and volunteers who wish to learn how to be better gardeners and to help other gardeners by sharing their knowledge.

Participants will receive 36 hours of training in all aspects of horticulture and home gardening. In return, the certified master gardener will be expected to give back volunteer time working on the telephone hotline, the plant clinic and horticultural research trials.

Individuals interested in becoming master gardeners can call the cooperative extension service at 253-4425 for additional information.

Barbecue dinners

Cape Fear Chapter 78 of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will hold its end-of-the-year barbecue dinner on Saturday, December 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its headquarters at 113 N. Rhett Street, behind the old jail in Southport.

Plates will include barbecue, cole slaw, baked beans, hushpuppies, cake and tea or coffee at a cost of \$4 per plate. For free delivery of five or more plates persons may call 457-4364, 457-4550 or 457-0806.

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Wedding reports

The State Port Pilot has adopted new guidelines for the publication of wedding reports.

"The newspaper has never charged for the publication of wedding stories or wedding photos and will continue to offer the service free of charge," editor Ed Harper said. "But such reports will be subject to stricter editing to emphasize the local relevance of the event."

Harper said this means some portions of a wedding report will no longer be included in articles published free. Those who want to assure that a complete wedding report is printed will be offered the opportunity to purchase space on a per-inch basis.

The editor also addressed the matter of outdated wedding reports.

"In order for a wedding report to be considered for free publication it must be submitted to the newspaper no more than 21 days after the event," Harper said. "Those not meeting this deadline will be offered the opportunity to purchase space for the publication of an edited or complete report, whichever they choose."

Tutor instruction

Brunswick County Literacy Council will sponsor a free tutor training workshop in Leland in January.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 9, and Saturday, January 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Trainer Rich Dixon will lead the workshop, which will be at Goshen Baptist Church.

Upon completion of the workshop participants will be certified tutors in the one-on-one, phonics-based Laubach Way to Reading. Tutors will be matched with students who have contacted the literacy council. The Brunswick County Literacy Council provides free one-on-one lessons to adults and teens who want to improve their reading and writing skills.

Persons should call 754-7323 to pre-register for the workshop or for more information about Brunswick County Literacy Council.

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