

## Food training is suggested

All food service managers and owners in Brunswick County will be required to complete a two-day training course on safe food-handling procedures if the health board adopts a proposed food service manager certification ordinance.

The ordinance would require all managers and owners to be certified once every three years. While it does not target employees, it requires a certified person to be present at the establishment at all times. Therefore, unless the manager wants to work all the time, at least one other employee would have to be certified.

A public hearing on the proposal will be held Monday, January 25, at 7 p.m. in the health department conference room at the county government center near Bolivia.

"We're not trying to shut anybody down," said health board chairman Skip Davis. "But if we can educate people as to what causes disease in the food service industry, they'll stop it themselves."

However, the ordinance would enable the health department to revoke a restaurant's license if the manager repeatedly refuses to become certified, or fails the certification course.

A copy of the proposal is available at the county health department.

## Drive-by beatings are among sheriff's department reports

The following crime reports were on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department Monday:

• An Ash man reported Saturday that two men came to his door about 3 p.m. and asked to see him. The victim said he walked outside and one of the men beat him in the face, causing a cut about one inch long on the side of his face. The victim's parents heard the fighting, went outside and one of the men pointed a gun at the victim's mother, according to the report.

• A Leland man reported Saturday that a car drove onto his lawn and he went outside to ask the driver what he was doing. The victim stated the car stopped and the passenger got out and walked to the back of the car to hide the license plate. The victim said he told both men that the best thing they could do was leave, and the passenger then hit him in the back of the head with his fist. Deputy Brian L. Sanders reported the victim had a cut on one of his ears.

• A Supply woman reported Saturday that she heard someone fire a gun toward her house and later discovered a storm window had been shot out.

• A Leland man reported Sunday that someone broke six windows in his house. Deputy Sanders said small children may have been involved because there were two cinderblocks under one window to form a stand. Sanders also reported that paint was smeared inside and outside the house and on the carpet, and that the roof of the victim's shed was damaged. Total damages were

estimated to be \$3,000.

• A Winnabow woman reported Thursday that \$1,258 worth of personal property was taken from her house, including three rifles, a jewelry box, a CB radio, a class ring, a watch, two coins and one opal and diamond ring.

• A Supply man reported Saturday that someone removed a 1991 Wizard riding lawn mower worth an estimated \$1,000 from his yard.

• A Leland woman reported Friday that about \$650 worth of personal property was removed from her house, including a remote control cable converter and a gold watch.

• A Leland man reported Friday that someone broke into his room at the Camellia Motel and removed a 9 mm. pistol and an M1 carbine worth an estimated \$637.

• A Calabash man reported Saturday that someone who had been using his three hunting dogs returned with only two collars, saying all three had been run over by a car. The victim stated he later found out the suspect had been seen with three dogs in his box and none of them had collars.

• A Leland man reported Sunday that someone broke into his residence and caused about \$275 damage. An estimated \$300 worth of property was reported missing, including a VCR and a cordless phone.

• A Longwood man reported Sunday that while his car was parked at Williams Car Care Center in Shallotte, someone broke out the passenger window and removed his car stereo, which was worth an

estimated \$480.

• A Goose Creek woman reported Sunday that someone entered her mobile home and removed about \$340 worth of household goods, including a stove, an electric griddle and a six-pack of soft drinks.

• A Lumberton man reported Saturday that someone entered his mobile home and removed a cable converter box and remote control. There was no sign of forced entry, according to deputy J. D. Gray's report.

• A Southport woman reported a missing purse Saturday after she picked up two men who were hitchhiking near Lowe's on Beach Road. The victim stated she stopped to tell a friend she would be right back, and when she returned to the car her purse and both men were gone. The purse contained only a driver's license and personal papers, the victim said.

• Jimmy's Pantry in Calabash reported Sunday that a man entered the store, picked up a case of Budweiser and walked out, telling the clerk to charge it. By the time the clerk got outside, the suspect was gone.

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## Fire destroys bus but no one injured

The electrical short that caused the destruction of a South Brunswick Middle School bus Monday afternoon is a "rare" occurrence, the county director of transportation said, but all buses will be checked to make sure it doesn't occur again.

Driver Susan Gore pulled bus 88 onto the shoulder of N. C. 87 about 3:30 p.m. Monday when she noticed smoke coming from the dashboard. All 28 students aboard were evacuated safely and walked the half-mile back to the school as the bus became engulfed in flames.

The Boiling Spring Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and emergency management coordinator Cecil Logan were called to the scene. George Brown, director of transportation, said Logan explained the fire was caused when the fuse block grounded.

"If it grounds with all that current going through it, it can make a mess," Brown said. The eight-year-old bus had no history of electrical problems and nothing like this has occurred before on a Brunswick County school bus, he said.

Brown said vibrations from traveling on bumpy dirt roads probably caused the block to work loose from the bus frame and short out.

"It's something that's very rare," he said. "This is the first time I've ever known it to happen."

Even so, he said other buses will "definitely" be checked so some-

thing like this won't happen again. Assistant superintendent Bill Turner estimated the cost of the bus at \$33,000 and said the school system is responsible for purchasing a replacement.

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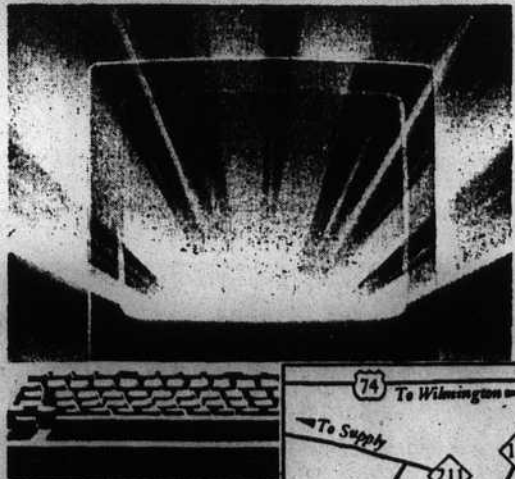
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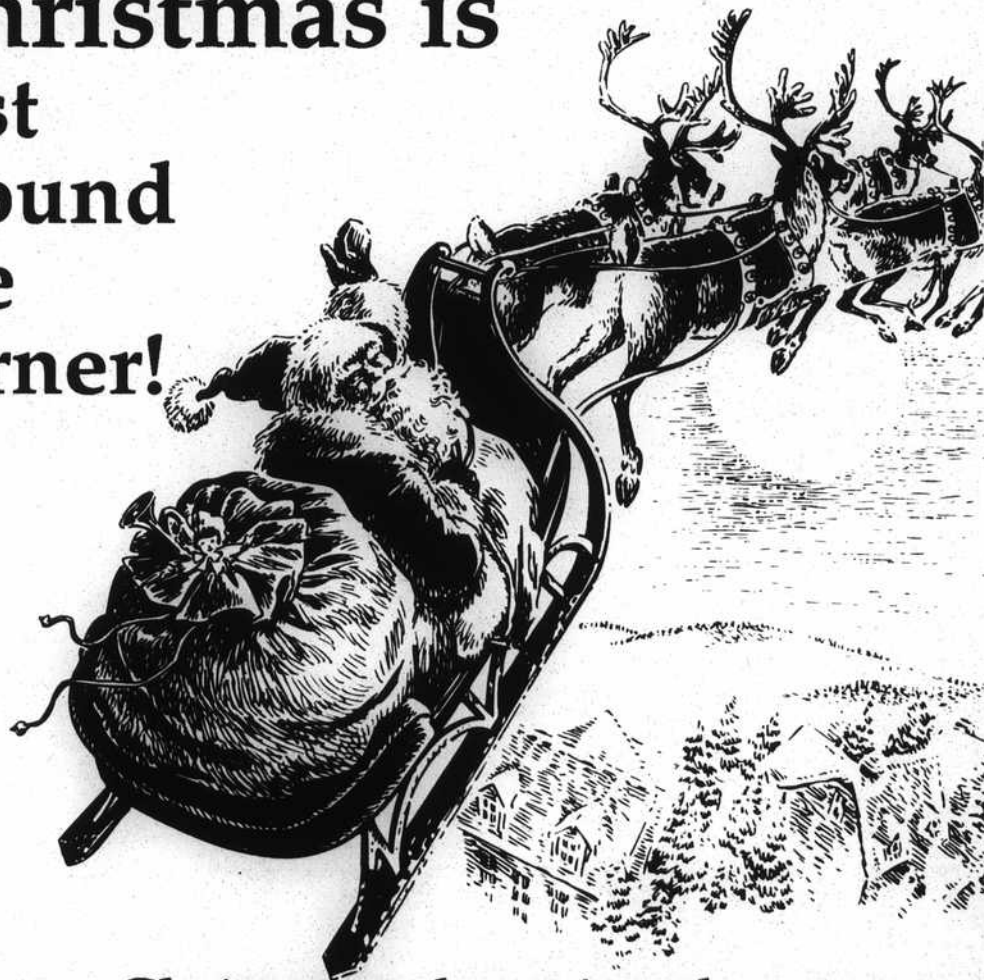
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