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Chili the hot item Saturday

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Ten types of tasty chili will be there for the sampling at Saturday's cookoff in Franklin Square Park.

The fourth annual event sponsored by the Robert Ruark Foundation will get underway at 10 a.m. when the nearly 40 arts and crafts booths will be open for business.

The chili tasting will get underway at noon.

There is no charge for admission to the park, but those who wish to sample the chili will pay \$3.50 for the privilege of tasting and casting their vote for the People's Choice Award. A total of 700 tickets have been printed, and in year's past they've sold out quickly.

"Come early for chili tickets. There'll be a lot of people there," cookoff chairman Happi Gottlieb said.

The Robert Ruark Foundation won't be competing, but members will be dishing out sample "chili fixin's" prepared by Gottlieb, and donated by Archer Daniels Midland Co. which is co-sponsoring this year's chili cookoff. Visitors can take home their own packet of "chili fixin's" for \$2.

Cookoff competitors include Stan Thomas and the leprechauns of the Shamrock Restaurant and Pub; Kermit Finch and Red Carpet Realty; Mervin E. Nichols and the Chuck Wagon Gang; Gene Cain and the Red Hot Chili Peppers; Gregory J. Mincey and Carolina Eye Associates' Red Hot Chili; Ray Carstens offering Ray's Blue Ribbon Special; Larry Miller and his Purple Heart Chili; Al Puckett with Sanjo's Eight-Bean Chili; Pattie Sykes with Pattie's Chili; and Maxine Pender from Pender's Luncheonette in Wilmington.

Each competitor is preparing ten gallons of chili for public tasting. One quart will be set aside for official judging by James Hardy, Terri Deal, Jim Brown and two others who will follow criteria established by the International Chili Society and the Chili Appreciation Society of America in selecting the winners.

First place will be worth \$500 and second place \$250. A \$100 People's Choice Award will be presented along with a \$100 prize for the best decorated booth. Winners will be announced at 3 p.m.

For those who prefer less spicy food, steak sandwiches, hot dogs, baked goods and beverages will be available.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. musical entertainment will be provided by disc jockey Julie Pittman. An Easter egg hunt for the youngsters, age 11 and under, will begin at 1 p.m. and Peter Rabbit will be available for photos from 1 to 2 p.m.

At 2 p.m. the hat contest will be judged with \$25 prizes being awarded

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Windsurfers find Southport harbor an excellent location for their sport when the breeze is westerly and strong -- conditions which are frequently found here each spring.

Leland school among requests in '93 budget

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

A new elementary school in the Leland area and an addition to West Brunswick High School are the big-ticket items in the 1993-94 budget the Brunswick County Board of Education is considering.

The budget was presented to the board last Wednesday and is expected to be acted upon tonight (Wednesday) when the board has its monthly meeting. It includes a \$7.85-million proposal for capital outlay and an \$8.99-million proposal for current expense.

The capital outlay budget is divided into three categories. The first is designated for building construction and renovation and is funded mainly by the half-cent sales tax revenues which last year totaled about \$2.2 million. The second category includes equipment and supplies while the third is for vehicles. The latter two, which total \$1.64 million, are funded by county tax revenues.

Assistant superintendent William Turner told board members that the two construction projects were recommended by the state Department of School

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Building a new K-5 school in that area would bring enrollment numbers to about 600 for each school and make Leland a true middle school serving grades six through eight

Sewer to developers

Yaupon, Long beaches could offer service

By Holly Edwards
County Editor

Committees appointed by the Long Beach and Yaupon Beach town boards will soon begin hammering out the details of policies that would allow Long Beach developers to tap onto the Yaupon Beach sewer system.

The Long Beach Town Council indicated last week that it would consider allowing developers to utilize the sewer system, as long as an acceptable agreement could be reached between the two towns.

An estimated \$20 million in real estate property could be added to the tax base of Long Beach if the towns come up with an agreeable policy, said Yaupon Beach engineering consultant Finley Boney.

About 115 residential units and 110 motel units are planned for the Turtle Creek By-The-Sea development and, just up the street, developer Homer Wright is planning to build 22 residential units and a clubhouse. Residents of 79th Street may also tap onto the sewer system that lies just across the street.

Developers would have to bear the full cost of constructing the sewer lines and of the additional administrative work involved in billing, Boney said. However, they would ultimately recover those costs in increased development. For example, he said Wright would be able to construct six more residential units by tapping onto the sewer system and, at \$50,000 per lot, would gain approximately

'... it will be up to the developer to deliver their wastewater to our system. If they have to do it by buckets, that's okay by us.'

Finley Boney
Consulting engineer

\$300,000.

Boney said he believed Long Beach residents would also benefit from additional accommodations taxes and by a boost in their tax base. In addition, he said, the Town of Yaupon Beach would benefit from an increased flow of money to help pay for the sewer system.

"In the end, everyone will benefit," he said. "Still, I think there will be some citizens groups that will be opposed to it. And there will also be a number of people who say, 'No, we don't trust anybody who wants to build a building.' But, it's inevitable. And to me, a wastewater treatment facility for Long Beach is inevitable."

Boney indicated that Yaupon Beach commissioners have no interest in maintaining and operating sewer lines

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Leaves go, but they'll be back

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

As the first signs of spring breathe new life into the Southport-Oak Island area, many plants and trees remain conspicuously scorched and brown. This burned appearance is particularly striking on the south side of the Intracoastal Waterway, and some residents are left wondering if our trees will ever be green again.

Yes they will, in time, promised county cooperative extension director Milton Coleman. The March 13 storm's dense salt spray, 70-to-100-mile-an-hour wind and extremely low wind-chill factor had a blistering effect on local plant life, particularly the pine trees, Coleman explained. But, within a month he said dead leaves, pine needles and other plant tissue will begin to fall off and new, living plant tissue will begin to grow back.

In some cases, trees appear brown and leafless on the south side, while the

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Clegg gets \$21,000 extra pay

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Before he resigned last month, former county manager David Clegg figured he was owed around \$21,000 for 881 hours of accumulated vacation time he had never taken.

Brunswick County commissioners reluctantly voted 4-1 Monday to pay him.

Commissioner Wayland Vercen, whose motion to table the matter failed 1-4,

'Every board subsequent to that was fully aware of that (policy). They were aware it was part of my employment contract.'

David Clegg
Former county attorney

was the only person to vote against the payment.

"I felt like we needed a legal

opinion on that," said Vercen.

However, interim county attorney Michael Ramos wasn't asked

for his advice at the meeting. He had apparently given a legal ruling earlier after Clegg had sent a letter asking for his money.

According to the county's personnel policy adopted in 1980 and which has never been revised, employees can be paid for only 240 hours of accumulated vacation time when they leave. If they accumulate more, the figure rolls back to 240 hours at the end of each year.

However, some employees

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Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, APRIL 8	LOW
9:59 a.m.		3:53 a.m.
9:32 p.m.		4:03 p.m.
	FRIDAY, APRIL 9	
10:51 a.m.		4:44 a.m.
11:24 p.m.		4:51 p.m.
	SATURDAY, APRIL 10	
11:42 a.m.		5:33 a.m.
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	SUNDAY, APRIL 11	
12:16 a.m.		6:27 a.m.
12:35 p.m.		6:33 p.m.
	MONDAY, APRIL 12	
1:10 a.m.		7:19 a.m.
1:30 p.m.		7:28 p.m.
	TUESDAY, APRIL 13	
2:06 a.m.		8:15 a.m.
2:28 p.m.		8:29 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14	
3:01 a.m.		9:11 a.m.
3:27 p.m.		9:29 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.

Forecast

The extended forecast calls for mostly sunny skies on Thursday, followed by showers on Friday and Saturday. Expect clearing skies by Easter Sunday. Highs during the period will be in the 70s, lows in the 50s.