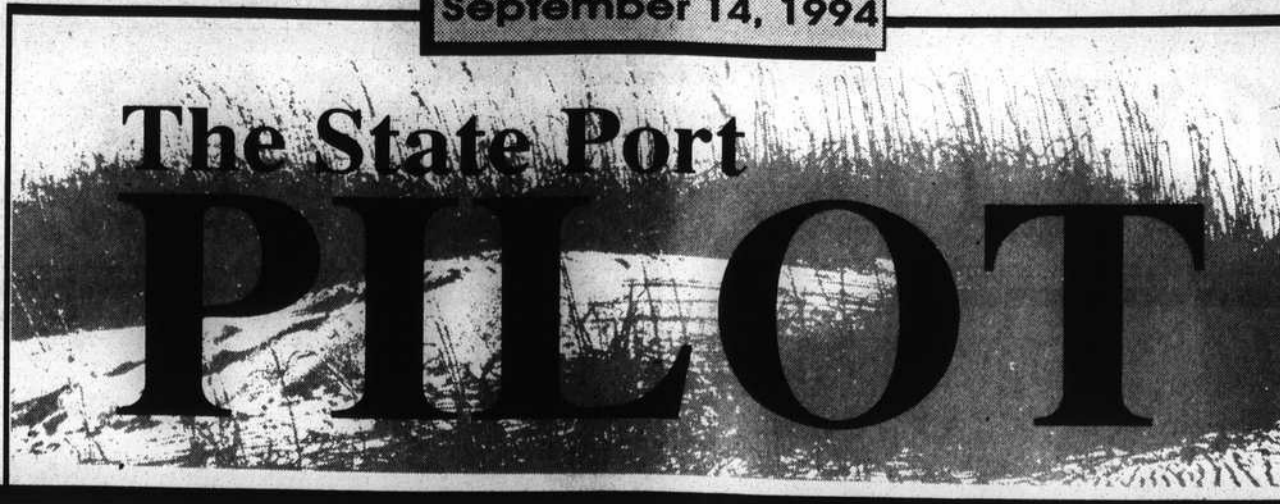


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South Brunswick, behind a 203-yard effort from O. J. Morris, wins its first -- 11B



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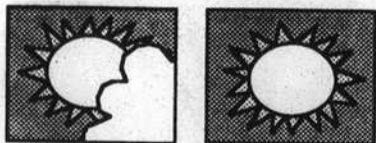
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**Our Town**

Strength in numbers -- area towns will try that approach after area meeting -- Page 2

**Neighbors**

A special supplement for retirees and senior residents will be published in October



**Forecast**

The extended forecast calls for fair weather for the period of Thursday through Sunday with highs each day in the 80's and lows each night in the 60's.

**Tide table**

HIGH	LOW
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15</b>	
4:58 a.m.	11:06 a.m.
5:39 p.m.	11:47 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</b>	
5:56 a.m.	----- a.m.
6:32 p.m.	12:03 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17</b>	
6:49 a.m.	12:37 a.m.
7:20 p.m.	12:54 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18</b>	
7:36 a.m.	1:22 a.m.
8:03 p.m.	1:41 p.m.
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19</b>	
8:19 a.m.	2:04 a.m.
8:43 p.m.	2:24 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</b>	
8:59 a.m.	2:43 a.m.
9:21 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21</b>	
9:36 a.m.	3:21 a.m.
9:56 p.m.	3:44 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 Inlet, high -22, low -8.

**Schools get more funds from judge**

By Holly Edwards  
Feature Editor

Superior Court judge Jack Thompson ruled this week that Brunswick County schools should receive an additional \$700,000 in local funding for the current school year, thereby increasing the total amount of local funding for the year from \$8.7 million to \$9.4 million.

State law requires the county to fund the schools at the same level as last year pending result of the county's appeal of a \$14-million jury award to the school system.

Thompson decided that the additional \$700,000 was justified because school officials spent \$600,000 of their fund balance and an additional \$100,000 in local funding last year.

The \$700,000 increase will mean the schools' monthly allocation from the county will increase from \$725,000 to approximately \$784,000 beginning next month.

However, school board member Bill Fairley said Monday night that the increase was not enough to operate the schools at the level they should be functioning.

And, he said, even if the \$14-million award is upheld by the N. C. Court of Appeals, it will likely be next spring before the school system actually receives the additional funding.

"I just want everyone to know that by See Schools, page 8



Photo by Jim Harper

When Supply Elementary School opened last year a drive to collect a million pennies to buy playground equipment was started among students and in the community, and the response was phenomenal. With the reopening of school, princi-

pal Carolyn Williams talked with students on closed-circuit TV to get their help in reviving the \$10,000 drive. They have 280,000 more pennies to go. By her reckoning, Williams said, the folding money will be in hand by Halloween.

**Yelton has managed to get back on the job for county**

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

From 7 to 9 a.m. each morning, Wyman Yelton will continue with daily therapy sessions to build strength in his arms and legs.

Then he'll change clothes and head to work as Brunswick County manager, just as he did on Monday, taking another step on the road to recovery.

It has been five months since Yelton was almost killed in a car wreck on Interstate 40 near Durham. The crash claimed the lives of his wife, Kay Yelton, 52, of Southport, and the driver of a car that crossed the median and struck the Yelton's car head-on.

"It's just a traumatic experience, to say the least, when you lose your wife, one, and, two, to go through all of the injuries," said Yelton. "Recovering is going to be a two-year process."

Yelton must get reacquainted with the task of running a county, for a lot has happened in his absence. The county budget was approved, a jury awarded the schools \$14 million in a controversial decision which has been appealed and day-to-day operations were handled by interim Charles McGinnis, whose last day was Friday.

Yelton's return to Southport and the county where he has planned to retire is bittersweet. Treated to brunch by several county department managers Monday, Yelton was blunt in telling them which hand to shake or which shoulder to touch.

He has steel plates in his left leg and arm, which were shattered in the crash. He has yet to regain full use of his right hand, walks with a limp and is still recovering from multiple fractures of the ribs caused by the seat belt that also saved his life.

Since leaving Duke Medical Center, he has regained 20 of the 30

*'The main thing is, if you have a problem like I've had, is to focus on maintaining a positive attitude.... That's all I can say about that.'*

Wyman Yelton  
County manager

pounds he lost and started daily therapy at Doshier Memorial Hospital. See Yelton, page 6

**Recycling a key**

**County expects to join regional trash-haul plan**

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

County commissioners are close to signing a 25-year deal to haul garbage out of the county to be burned.

BCH Energy Corp., which will operate the incinerator at the DuPont Co. site in Cumberland County, will receive no less than 50,000 tons of garbage per year from the county if an agreement is reached.

Commissioners see the pact as a way to help reach mandated recycling goals and to stop dependence on shrinking landfill space. But some final details must be ironed out, said board chairman Don Warren.

A vote was expected last week, but commissioners delayed a decision until next Monday, September 19.

"I still think it's the most viable alternative," said Warren, "mainly because of the recycling program."

The incinerator will be built by Vedco Energy Corp. of Texas and include a sorting system to remove aluminum, glass, plastic and newspapers from the solid waste

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Don Warren  
Board chairman

to be burned. Residents will use special blue garbage bags for recyclables and mix them with household trash.

The county must build a \$700,000 transfer station near Supply and pay a \$37.22-per-ton tipping fee. BCH, an acronym for Bladen, Cumberland and Hoke counties, would haul from the local transfer stations to the DuPont plant.

BCH officials formed the partnership that welcomed Vedco to build near Fayetteville, 95 miles from Bolivia. The company plans to start burning trash by June, 1995.

The Brunswick County contract See Trash, page 8

**College septic system found to be leaking**

By Terry Pope  
and Holly Edwards  
Pilot staff members

County health inspectors now digging out from one major septic tank problem at Supply have located another educational building with a failing system on its hands.

A sewer system that serves the main classroom and administration building at Brunswick Community College has failed and is seeping raw sewage from the ground.

"I actually observed the sewage ponding on the surface," said Bruce Withrow, environmental health program specialist with the Brunswick County Health Department. "We did a very thorough inspection."

A violation notice will be issued this week, once the paperwork is completed by Withrow's office. The state permitted the system, which is one of several larger ones recently released back to county control as state laws are revised.

The problem at BCC is similar to one that has been an on-going problem See College, page 8

**'Gentlemen's agreement' may not work  
Menhaden rule pursued**

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

While a negotiated settlement to a dispute between Brunswick County beach towns and menhaden fishermen working waters off their shores is in the works, Long Beach wants its request for a rule forcing pogy fishermen farther offshore kept active.

Mayor Joan Altman notified the state Marine Fisheries Commission of the town's desire to keep its request for a rule active in a September 1 letter to commission chairman Robert Lucas. Long Beach has asked other county beach towns to send similar letters.

"The towns remain willing to negotiate such an agreement and are interested in reaching a compromise on this issue; however, we ask that our request for a rule remain active," Altman wrote.

Early this summer at the urging of commissioner Jeff Ensinger,

Long Beach's town council adopted a resolution asking the Marine Fisheries Commission to adopt a rule banning menhaden fishing from within 1.5 nautical miles of the Brunswick County shoreline from May 1 to September 30. The resolution also asked that menhaden fishing be banned from within a half-mile of the beachfront from October 1 to December 31.

Five other Brunswick County beach towns, including Caswell Beach and Yaupon Beach, joined Long Beach in its request, adopting similar resolutions.

But, Marine Fisheries Commission members did not directly entertain the towns' requests at an August 27 meeting in which the resolutions appeared on the commission's agenda.

"At the Marine Fisheries Commission meeting, the commission's counsel stated that the towns' request did not constitute a request for

See Menhaden, page 8

**Big Sweep clean-up invites volunteers to day at beach**

Boaters, sunbathers and fishermen all contribute to the problem of aquatic litter.

Each year in Brunswick County, thousands of pounds of plastic wrappers, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and cigarette butts are either tossed directly into the water, or thrown to the ground where they eventually are washed by rain into the nearest waterway.

The debris poses a danger not only to fish and wildlife, but also to humans.

To mitigate the problem, thousands of volunteers turn out statewide each year for the First Citizens Bank Big Sweep waterway cleanup. Last year, nearly 12,000 volunteers collected 230 tons of trash from the state's waterways.

The event will be held in Brunswick County this Saturday, September 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All participants should wear plastic gloves for protection.

In the Southport-Oak Island area See Sweep, page 6