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Forecast

The extended forecast calls for cloudy skies with showers likely Thursday through Sunday. Lows will range in temperature from 55 to 60 and highs each day in the mid 60's.

Tide table

HIGH	LOW
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13	
3:40 a.m.	9:46 a.m.
4:18 p.m.	10:27 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14	
4:41 a.m.	10:48 a.m.
5:14 p.m.	11:20 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15	
5:37 a.m.	11:43 a.m.
6:06 p.m.	----- p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16	
6:26 a.m.	12:08 a.m.
6:52 p.m.	12:33 p.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17	
7:11 a.m.	12:52 a.m.
7:34 p.m.	1:21 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18	
7:52 a.m.	1:33 a.m.
8:14 p.m.	2:01 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19	
8:31 a.m.	2:12 a.m.
8:51 p.m.	2:41 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.

Separate school tax? You tell us

Should there be two countywide property taxing authorities in Brunswick and the other 99 North Carolina counties?

Brunswick County commissioners want the General Assembly to pass a new law giving local school boards their own taxing authority. The commissioners say this will stop the fighting between themselves and members of the school board that has marked budget passage the last two years. The school board has not taken a position on the matter.

County commissioners now adopt a school system budget as they would a budget for any other department of county government and a portion of county taxes goes to fund schools. Yet, an independent school board is elected to govern public education but does not directly control local school dollars.

What do you think?
 To let your voice be heard on this issue you may dial one of two Pilot Line extensions. Your call expresses a "yes" or "no" vote only; there is no opportunity to comment.

Votes will be accepted though Sunday night. Results of the poll will be announced next week.

Question: Should the General Assembly grant taxing authority to the local school boards in this state?

To vote yes, dial 457-5084, extension 193.

To vote no, dial 457-5084, extension 195.



Photo by Jim Harper

A successful fisherman is one who knows when maximum diligence must be tempered with maximum patience. This success story was enacted in the pleasant sun of the Southport waterfront Saturday.

But action delayed

Program could aid teens with children

By Holly Edwards
 Feature Editor

More than 100 teenage girls in the Brunswick County school system became pregnant last year, and statistics show many will become pregnant again and eventually drop out of school, Safe Schools project coordinator Linda Shaddix told the board of education Monday night.

Teenage girls also are charged more frequently than older mothers with child abuse and neglect, Shaddix noted.

To keep young mothers in school, prevent them from becoming pregnant again and help them become better parents, Shaddix asked the school board to support her effort to obtain state grant funding of up to \$75,000 per year for five years to establish a teen pregnancy prevention program.

School board members said they support the concept, but were wary of committing themselves to allocating the required matching funds when they aren't sure they will have money to spend next year.

'The goal would be to help them become better parents and better decision-makers.'

Linda Shaddix
 Project coordinator

The state requires that one-fifth of the grant money awarded be matched by local funds. If the full \$75,000 were awarded, the school board would be required to allocate \$15,000 per year for the project.

"I think this is a tremendous concept, and it's probably something we ought to have been doing for 20 years," said school board member Bill Fairley. "All I want to know is what we're

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X-rated viewing denied

By Richard Nubel
 Municipal Editor

Democratic sheriff's candidate Ronald Hewett Tuesday denied charges leveled in a signed, notarized letter delivered to The State Port Pilot that he allowed a 1992 basic law enforcement class at Brunswick Community College to view a pornographic video.

BCC president Dr. Michael Reaves and Vickie Hardee, BCC director of the basic law enforcement program, said results of their own investigation show the allegations against Hewett to be groundless. Reaves said it was Hewett himself who alerted BCC officials on September 21 that the allegations might be raised during his current political campaign. Hewett asked the college to conduct an investigation of the allegations at that time.

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Water studies okayed

Long Beach decision raises debate among members, sewer foes

By Richard Nubel
 Municipal Editor

McKim and Creed Engineers, PA, of Wilmington will conduct a 26-week study of wastewater management and water quality issues for the Town of Long Beach, town council decided Monday.

The study cost will be \$24,500. Town manager Jerry Walters said that price was among three closely priced offers received from firms interviewed by council.

"I don't think money was the deciding factor," Walters said.

McKim and Creed was chosen from among 15 firms which presented proposals to conduct the study of wastewater and stormwater management and water quality concerns for the town. That list was culled to three by staff, and council opted to hear verbal presentations from four competing firms two weeks ago.

Council Monday night voted unanimously to award the study to McKim and Creed with little discussion. Only councilman Horace Collier offered a reason for his support of the firm, saying he liked its address of wastewater reuse in its proposal.

While council members said little about their decision in regular session, lively debate highlighted an agenda meeting conducted for the purpose of receiving citizen input on the night's

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Public has til Monday to register

By Terry Pope
 County Editor

Several important deadlines are facing county voters who want to cast ballots in the upcoming November 8 general election.

Monday was the last day to register by mail on the new state forms obtained from libraries or post offices.

But residents have another week to register in person.

They may continue to register either at local libraries, with local registrars or in person at the Brunswick County Board of Elections office near Bolivia until Monday, October 17, 5 p.m. Voters will elect a new sheriff and five county

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Hazel still storm by which others are judged

By Jim Harper
 Staff Writer

"It was October 15, 1954," Mack McGlamery remembers, "and Hurricane Hazel hit Southport full blast about 10:30 in the morning.

"We didn't have as good tracking for storms as we do now, and they lost track of Hazel, and it hung off the coast here about three days.

"I called the Coast Guard about two o'clock that morning and they didn't know where the storm was. But by daylight the water was coming over the bulkhead behind our restaurant."

That was Mack's Cafe, which has since become the Ship's Chandler, at the foot of Howe Street, and Mack was there as the tide and wind increased, and he

'... I went out to warn them, and the wind caught me and took me plumb to the end of the porch and I grabbed the post and went round and round.'

Mrs. Ruby Helms

members that the building was faring pretty well until the shrimp docks along the waterfront started breaking up and coming ashore.

"Then the lumber started pounding against the restaurant and tore us up.

"I stayed there until 10:30, and the water in the restaurant was about waist deep -- it was over the table tops -- and the rubbish was starting to tear part of the building up and ten-by-tens were coming through the bathroom doors.

"I said, 'Mack, get out.'"

McGlamery did get out, backing across Bay Street so he could avoid wind-driven debris as it hurtled toward him.

He crawled into the cab of his pickup truck that was parked facing the oncoming storm, and rode the storm out there.

When the storm subsided and he got back across the street into the restaurant he found that a refrigerator had washed across the room to the opposite wall. Yet a lamp which had been set on a table earlier for illumination was still sitting on that table, with a heap of seaweed and other

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