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Four-year terms put on shelf

By Terry Pope
County Editor

When the 1995 session of the N. C. General Assembly ended Saturday, there had been no legislative action to end two-year term limits for the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners and Brunswick County Board of Education.

Instead, state Rep. David Redwine (D-Ocean Isle Beach) says he wants to hear from residents at a series of scheduled town meetings before he decides what to do with the topic at the short legislative session next year.

Earlier, several town boards and county commissioners passed resolutions that asked Redwine to introduce special legislation this summer for a referendum to change term limits back from two years to staggered four-year terms. All five members on each of the two boards are elected every two years.

Redwine will team with state representatives Dewey Hill (D-Lake Waccamaw) and Thomas Wright (D-Wilmington), and state Sen. R. C. Soles Jr. (D-Tabor City), to hold a series of town meetings later this year where residents can talk about any topic of concern. The local delegation did the same last year.

"One of the topics should be two-year versus four-year terms," said Redwine. "We want to get some pub-

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Primary required at beach

There will be a primary election in Long Beach October 10.

Four more candidates entered the field of those seeking election to Long Beach Town Council this week, swelling the field of wannabes to 13.

Under terms of election procedure in Long Beach, if more than 12 candidates seek election to the six council seats to be decided, a non-partisan primary election is to be held.

With a period for filing notices of election to expire at noon Friday, there is yet no need for a primary election for Long Beach mayor. Incumbent mayor Joan Altman and Marvin Watson remain the only two declared candidates for that post. Should an-

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SUMMER BREEZE



A catamaran crew launches in the bright and inviting Yaupon Beach surf. Weekend weather was superb for beach-goers to enjoy either active sports or simply lazing about in sparkling sunlight.

Photo by Jim Harper

State commits \$1 million

Beach sand plan waiting on the corps

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

An effort to fund a scaled-down beach renourishment project for the Long Beach strand got a shot in the arm this week when the N. C. General Assembly appropriated \$1 million from its current year's budget to match a still-sought-after federal commitment.

"We have two of the three pieces in place now," a cautiously optimis-

tic Long Beach mayor Joan Altman said this week. "We have the state's commitment, we have the town's commitment. Now all we need is the corps' commitment."

The project -- if the feds sign on -- is one that is to be funded through an environmental protection program aimed at protecting loggerhead turtle nesting areas.

Virtually abandoned is talk of an Oak Island-wide renourishment

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'Six-month checkup'

School board hopes to lead by its example

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Education say they want to lead the school system by example.

If the board of education is accountable and sets high goals for itself, they say, then others in the school system -- from students to administrators -- will follow.

To that end, the board conducted a "six-month-checkup" on itself last week and concluded that it has much work to do to improve teaching and learning in the classroom.

Some board members observed an overall lowering of expectations in schools throughout the county.

"Teachers can do a lot of things to motivate and stimulate a student, but if the child chooses not to get help and if the parents aren't supportive, then the teacher gets really discouraged after a while," said board mem-

'I see weaknesses throughout the system and I do not think everyone has accepted all of the changes we're trying to make.'

Billy Carter
District 3 member

ber Pat Brown. "As a result, we've lowered our expectations, in my opinion."

Brown said teachers and parents equally share responsibility for education. See School, page 9



Forecast

Hurricane weather is prominent this week, but thankfully we are not in the path of one of the storms. However, we can still feel the heat bearing down as this weekend brings temperatures in the 90's again.

Tide table

HIGH	LOW
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3	
12:49 a.m.	7:16 a.m.
1:43 p.m.	8:01 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4	
1:48 a.m.	8:14 a.m.
2:48 p.m.	9:08 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5	
2:54 a.m.	9:19 a.m.
3:55 p.m.	10:16 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6	
4:04 a.m.	10:26 a.m.
5:01 p.m.	11:21 p.m.
MONDAY, AUGUST 7	
5:13 a.m.	11:31 a.m.
6:03 p.m.	----- p.m.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8	
6:18 a.m.	12:21 a.m.
7:02 p.m.	12:31 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9	
7:18 a.m.	1:17 a.m.
7:57 p.m.	1:27 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; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.

Are we on the right road?

'Information Highway' is not without its potholes

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

The technological revolution will reach Brunswick County this fall when Brunswick Community College and Brunswick County schools merge with the North Carolina Information Highway and join the World Wide Web -- the global network of computers that forms the Internet.

West Brunswick High School and BCC were approved by State Information Processing Services (SIPS) to join the statewide information highway and will activate their long distance learning labs when classes resume this year.

Through video cameras, micro-

phones and computers, students will interact with other classrooms across the state. Teachers and students in each classroom will be able to see and communicate with teachers and students in other classrooms.

"Instead of having to travel 45 miles, students can come to BCC and attend a live two-way, interactive course of instruction," said Adrea Womble, BCC's audio-visual technician. "It will mean educational equity for the rural community. People in rural areas will have the same access to information as people in cities."

At the high school level, the information highway will be limited to West Brunswick for the time being, said Brunswick County school tech-

nology director Gene Zuck, but the Internet will be available to all schools sometime during the upcoming school year. Initially, Zuck said, only teachers and principals will have access to cyberspace -- that figurative place Internet users go when they're on-line.

But, he added, students also will be able to use the system when teachers are able to control the information they can receive through the Internet.

Currently, all sorts of information is available on the Internet, and not all of it is appropriate for young people. Zuck said there is computer software that enables teachers to restrict access to some areas of the

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