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Network answers the call

Spreading the word about church activities can now be easier with a telecommunications service provided by *The State Port Pilot*.

Pilot Line, which provides easy access to pre-recorded messages, is available without charge to any church that can use either the 457- or 253- exchange, according to an announcement this week by Ed Harper, editor.

The service has been in use almost two years. A primary function has been to provide student and parent access to homework assignments at South Brunswick Middle and South Brunswick High schools.

Harper said provision of free church lines is a natural extension of the public service the system can provide.

"We have had some churches using Pilot Line, but there are dozens of others that would like to be on-line but could not because of budgetary constraints," Harper said. "That burden has been lifted."

He said a church line can be put to a variety of uses: sermon topics, daily devotionals, prayer lists, special activities.

"It's really up to the church," Harper explained. "The message can be changed as often as they wish."

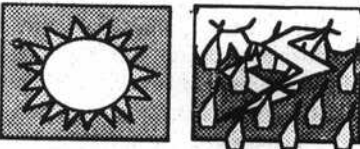
This is how it works:
■ A church is assigned an extension on Pilot Line. The pastor or his designee is instructed how to record and change the church message. A touch-tone phone is required to access the system.

■ The caller accesses either of two Pilot Line numbers -- 457-5084 or 253-8427 -- and, when instructed, accesses the extension that has been assigned the church. The church can inform its congregation of the access and extension numbers.

Becoming part of the network, Harper said, will take some communication, too.

"We will depend on churches to tell of us of their interest in joining Pilot Line," he said. "We will gladly provide the necessary information to make the service available to them."

The initial contact should be with Diane McKeithan, business manager, at 457-4568 or 253-7733.



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and a chance of thunderstorms. Highs each day in the mid 70's to 80.

Tide table

HIGH	LOW
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	
12:01 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
12:25 p.m.	8:06 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	
2:16 a.m.	8:21 a.m.
2:50 p.m.	9:02 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23	
3:09 a.m.	9:15 a.m.
3:44 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24	
4:04 a.m.	10:10 a.m.
4:38 p.m.	10:57 p.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25	
4:59 a.m.	11:04 a.m.
5:29 p.m.	11:49 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	
5:51 a.m.	11:55 a.m.
6:17 p.m.	----- p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	
6:39 a.m.	12:36 a.m.
7:01 a.m.	12:43 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.



One of Long Beach's most distinctive architectural features -- and a benchmark for the vagaries of beach erosion -- went under the wrecker's claw last week, ending long speculation about whether the structure would be moved. The 11-unit Sea Horse Apartments just east of the cabana had been under condemnation and vacant since February, 1994.

Photo by Jim Harper

Long Beach Weapons ban is approved on town property

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Addressing an agenda packed with 36 separate items of business Tuesday night, Long Beach Town Council voted to ban the carrying of concealed weapons at seven town-owned properties, sent proposals to charge water system impact fees and to construct a 500,000-gallon water storage tank back to staff for refine-

ment, gave owners of 14 corner lots abutting Yacht Drive a full year to pay paving assessments, blasted the town's recycling contractor and made it illegal to feed the town's alligators.

Two separate sidewalk projects which will link 20th Street SE with Town Hall were approved for construction, notice of intent to close Pelican Drive between 46th and

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Paperwork to do Yaupon sewer plans delayed

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Where two weeks ago they predicted bids for the town's wastewater disposal conversion project could be let by January, consulting engineers to Yaupon Beach this week said bids now cannot be advertised until April, 1996.

The news means yet another delay in town plans to replace a faulty disposal system built in 1992.

In a letter to mayor May Moore and the board of commissioners Wednesday, consulting engineer Robert Graham of Boney and Associates Inc. said the new time-frame for converting the town wastewater treatment system disposal technique to spray-irrigation of the Oak Island Golf and Country Club golf course came at a September 12 meeting with state regulators.

According to the regulators, most of the engineering work required of the country club will have to be completed before Yaupon Beach may apply for permits to modify its wastewater treatment system.

"We were also told that the specifications of the golf course work (storage volume, irrigation rate, acreage irrigated, buffers, etc.) must be included in the (town's) preliminary engineering report," Graham wrote. "A large part of the work by (golf course engineers and hydrogeologist)

will have to be done in order for us to include this information in the report."

Two weeks ago, the Town of Yaupon Beach and directors of the Oak Island Golf and Country Club executed agreement whereby the club

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Caseload management New court procedure is tried in Brunswick

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Nobody wants to spend more time in court than they really have to -- not the trial lawyer, defendant, victim, judge nor prosecutor.

A new case management program court officials adopted in June has improved order inside the courtroom.

It has placed the county's legal system on a tighter deadline. So far, it's working.

"The sheer number of cases that we

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'It will introduce a little more predictability of when cases will be tried. The only way to get that predictability is to make sure you've done everything you could to dispose of a case short of trial.'

Rex Gore
District attorney

NCAE wants a hearing Schools 'early release' rejection under attack

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Did the Brunswick County Board of Education violate state law when it abandoned its Wednesday early-release policy?

The North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) has requested a "hearing" with the school board to discuss the matter, and a state Department of Public Instruction representative suggests the school board obtain an opinion from the state attorney general's office.

"There are some legal questions and this is a very delicate stage of the process," said NCAE attorney Tom Stern. "But I want to feel hopeful we can work out our differences."

Last year, students were released early on Wednesdays to allow teachers and principals time for staff development and to plan for site-based management which essentially hands responsibility to each school to create its own means to achieve academic goals.

However, upon assuming office last December, school board members received a flood of parent

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ADM appeals value

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Archer Daniel Midland Corporation has appealed the assessed value of its food additive production facility on the Cape Fear River to the N. C. Property Tax Commission, saying Brunswick County has overvalued its property north-east of Southport by over \$6 million.

If ADM's appeal is successful, it will realize an annual property tax reduction of about \$43,000, or over \$300,000 for

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Deadline Friday for Pilot fall tab

Advertising material for *The State Port Pilot's* fall vacation guide must be in hand by this Friday noon.

Businesses that may not have been contacted for the special publication are encouraged to call the *Pilot* advertising department, 457-4568, immediately.

The fall edition of the popular vacation guide will be included in the October 4 issue. Another 5,000 copies will be printed for distribution through businesses and other outlets.

The publication will feature special events such as the U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament, Wilmington's Riverfest and the N. C. Oyster Festival. Other events include the Festival-by-the-Sea at Holden Beach, the Robert Ruark Festival in Southport and Christmas-by-the-Sea activities sponsored by the Southport-

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