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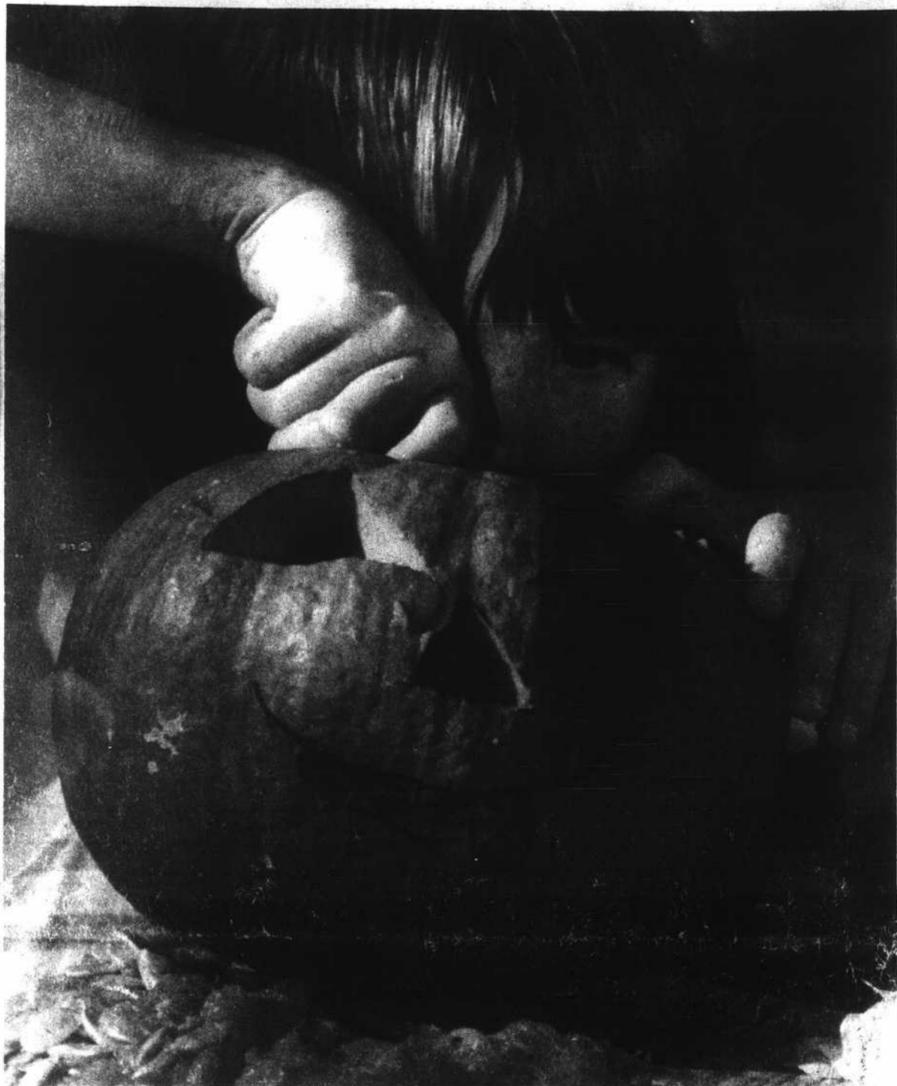
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Angela Sellers takes dead aim with her carving tool as she prepares her jack-o-lantern Friday in a program conducted by Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department at several public library sites.

Photo by Jim Harper

Ballots cast Tuesday

Two- or four-year terms up to voters

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Brunswick County voters will go to the polls Tuesday to decide who sits in the White House and who sits in the courthouse.

At virtually every level of federal and state government, there are contests to be decided this Election Day of 1996.

While races for President of the United States, U. S. Senate and Governor of North Carolina attract national attention, races for five seats each on the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education generate the most intense interest locally. A profile of each of the candidates for election to the board of commissioners and the school board, and a summary of each candidate's position on critical issues facing these bodies, is published in this edition.

Just as critical, voters in Brunswick County will venture to the polls Tuesday to decide how frequently elections will be held for county commissioner and school board. Voters in the Town of Long Beach will decide also the length of office terms for members of their town council.

Across the county and in Long Beach, the question is: Two years, or four years?

On a county ballot, all voters in Brunswick County will be asked to respond to the proposition: "Election of the See Terms, page 7

Who and where...

It's all over but the balloting. Brunswick County voters will go to the polls to elect candidates to federal, state and county offices Tuesday and will decide the fate of three proposed state constitutional amendments and proposals for bond sales of \$3 billion for school and road construction.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. this Election Day and will remain open until 7:30 p.m.

Here is where you may vote in the Southport-Oak Island, Bald Head Island and Boiling Spring Lakes communities:

- Southport I -- Jaycees Building, Fodale Avenue
 - Southport II -- American Legion Hut, 9th
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SBSD finds disposal site

Agreement reached with golf course developers

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

With adequate assurances the red-cockaded woodpecker's habitat will be protected, Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District and developers of a proposed golf course adjacent to Arbor Creek subdivision entered into contract to assure a wastewater treatment plant disposal site and provide land for disposal of treated effluent.

The move assures SBSB will have adequate land on which to spray up to 500,000 gallons of treated waste-

The move puts SBSB on track to begin operation of its public wastewater management system by spring 1998

water per day and puts the district on track to begin operation of its public wastewater management system by March, 1998.

Under terms of a contract ratified by SBSB commissioners last week, the district will construct a 500,000-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant on a 20-acre tract at the golf course to be developed by Oak Island Ventures and Tri-City Inc., together called "the partnership." Oak Island Ventures principal Homer Wright, primary developer of St. James Plantation and Arbor Creek, executed the contract, along with a principal of Tri-City. In exchange for the \$92,500, 20-acre See Disposal, page 8

Schools are wired for Internet access

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Nearly 50 volunteers wired 206 classrooms for Internet access in nine Brunswick County schools Saturday during Net Day '96, a statewide effort to link classrooms to the information superhighway.

The event saved the Brunswick County school

system about \$8,000 and brought the system closer to its goal of connecting every county school to the Internet by the end of this school year, said technology director Gene Zuck.

But Zuck stressed that Net Day was the first step in a long, very expensive process. During Net Day, volunteers installed fiber-optic cable connecting classrooms with each school's cen- See Internet, page 7



Net Day '96 volunteers at Southport Elementary School run fiber-optic cable through the ceiling to wire 22 classrooms for Internet access. Nine schools in the county participated in the statewide effort Saturday.



Forecast

Cool, crisp weather ahead with mostly sunny skies and highs each day 70 to 75. We can expect lows in the 40's for the period of Thursday through Sunday.

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North Brunswick student Wescott murder trial is underway

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Two students who were at the home of 15-year-old Harold Vernard Greene when North Brunswick High School senior Mark Wescott Jr. was shot in the face and killed last year described the moments prior to the shooting to a jury in Brunswick County Superior Court on Friday.

"He said, 'I shot him. I shot him. I killed him. I killed him,'" testified Kondra Ballard, a friend who convinced Wescott to leave school that day. Ballard said Greene then asked if he would help "dump the body" after they ran outside

'I looked to my left, and I saw a cloud of smoke. I knew he was dead. I knew. It shook everything, the blinds and everything. I knew something was wrong.'

Chris Bell

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