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High school players are getting ready for the season, and not just football -- IC

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You're never too young to start sailing, these local youngsters will agree-- 1B

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On a recent outing at the Garrison these youngsters were prepared with almost enough refreshment to go around. The point should be noted, since the forecast for the rest of this week is one we're all too familiar with by now -- hot and thirsty. Photo by Jim Harper

Wastewater Disposal plan back on course with Yaupon

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Tossing aside less permanent solutions from a smorgasbord of options provided by new consulting engineers, Yaupon Beach commissioners have once again focused on the Oak Island Golf and Country Club as the singular solution to the town's wastewater disposal problem. Meeting Monday night, commissioners shifted their attention away from plans to spray treated wastewater on tracts of seven and 11 acres the town either owns or has access to in the Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District near the Yaupon Beach wastewater treatment plant. Instead, board members directed engineers from The Wooten Company to prepare a feasibility study for spraying effluent from the town's wastewater treatment plant

Consultants will also determine the feasibility of spraying treated effluent on the 13 holes which lie in Caswell Beach

on the five Oak Island golf course holes which lie in Yaupon Beach. Although Caswell Beach commissioners, reacting to outcry in that town, have adopted an ordinance prohibiting the spraying of treated waste- See Disposal, page 8

Long Beach Grant receipts assist funding

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

It would have cost the taxpayers of the Town of Long Beach a sum equal to about 14.4 cents on the town's tax rate to fund projects and buy equipment purchased with direct grants from other agencies in the last three years, town manager Jerry Walters told town council Tuesday night. From July, 1994, to July, 1997, the Town of Long Beach has been the recipient of \$648,133 in direct grants. Additionally, Walters reported, the town has engaged in inter-governmental projects with a price tag of \$6.28 million. The nearly \$7 million the town has realized in direct grants and savings from shared costs with other governmental agencies exceeds the annual budget of the town, Walters noted. "That is commendable," councilor Helen Cashwell told Walters. "It should be noted that grants brought

in 14 cents on the tax rate is commendable." "The list (of grants) is a team effort," Walters said. "Your staff See Long Beach, page 9

CASWELL

System transfer on tap?

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

While Long Beach staff has suggested negotiations aimed at purchasing the municipal water distribution system owned by the Town of Caswell Beach, Caswell Beach commissioners apparently are willing to give the town's 7.7 miles of water lines and 172 customers to Brunswick County if Brunswick County is willing to take it over. The offer of the system was made See Transfer, page 6

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Harpo wants to film

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Oprah Winfrey is making life difficult for Rob Gandy. No, the city manager works until 5 p.m. every day and is not disturbed by the famed hostess' 4 p.m. television show. But, Harpo Films, the talk diva's production company, has asked to begin shooting parts of a four-hour mini-series in Southport next month and Gandy has not yet been presented with a film policy that is still under consideration by a committee of citizens. In a memorandum to Gandy, Harpo Films location manager Michael Williams said shooting for the mini-se- See Film, page 10

BRUNSWICK

County faces trash dilemma

By Terry Pope
County Editor

As the clock ticks on a December 31 closure date at the Supply landfill, county officials want to change how garbage is being collected. At least four options will be presented to Brunswick County commissioners Monday that includes a user tipping fee for dumping trash at manned convenience stations and removal of all green box See Dilemma, page 6

'... we need to get hot and heavy on a contract. We don't need to make such a decision when we're under the gun.'

David Sandifer
District 2 commissioner

Fire district tax funding is rekindled

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Commissioners have pulled a fire district tax plan from the ashes and hope this time a government-based committee rather than a citizens panel will offer the solution to better fund volunteer departments. "The way the numbers were derived, it wasn't actual and factual numbers," said District 2 commissioner David Sandifer of Holden Beach on the countywide flat-rate fee proposed for businesses and homes in May. "We heard objections from several sides to if we went with a flat fee." A committee appointed in See Funding, page 6

Festival of the Lakes this weekend

Boiling Spring Lakes VFD sponsors fun and games

The Boiling Spring Lakes Fire Department Auxiliary will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the Festival of the Lakes this weekend, 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the fire station. "It'll be a family atmosphere for every age and interest," promised Brenda Johnson, VFD auxiliary president. On Friday, Mrs. Myrtle Meade will conduct the opening ceremony, 6 to 6:15 p.m.; Kayla Howell will sing at 6:15, followed by the Southport Seacoast Cloggers performing until 6:50. The Recyclers Band will perform from 7 to 8 p.m.; Bliss from 8 to 9 p.m. and the Society of Brunswick Shaggers from 9 to 10 p.m. Festival-goers are invited to the fish fry supper Friday starting at 6 p.m. and continuing until all platters are sold. Fried fish, hushpuppies, cole slaw and baked beans will be served.

On Saturday, visitors can purchase barbecue platters from the fire department auxiliary. Plates will consist of barbecue, cole slaw, baked beans and roll. Hot dogs, sausage dogs and a variety of other snack foods will be available from vendors on the lot. Ice cream, cold drinks, cotton candy, and other items also will be available. For a small fee, one can "dunk" various public officials and other well-known persons. On Friday, beginning at 6 p.m., participants in the dunking booth will include Matt Covington of the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department, Mitch Pullen, Brunswick County Forest Service, Richard Nubel, *The State Port Pilot*, and Sam Keziah, Farm Bureau Insurance. On Saturday, participants will include chief Greg Cumbee of the Southport Volunteer Fire Department, James Hardy, Southport postmaster, Joe Medlin, director of the Southport

Parks and Recreation Department, Brad Babson, chief of the Bolivia Volunteer Fire Department, Brunswick County sheriff Ron Hewett, Hebert Reeves, Brunswick County Health Department, Ray Posey, Century 21 Dorothy Essey and Associates, Bert Walls, Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, Cecil Logan, Brunswick County fire marshal, and Jimmy Price, Wildlife Bait and Tackle. The Southport Seacoast Cloggers will perform starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, followed by Kayla Howell, Grady Sillings K9 Roeko, Miss Coastal Brunswick Pageant Association, Country Roads Band, Little Feats School of Dance, Low Country Two-Steppers and Carolina Country. Festival of the Lakes will feature a parade on Boiling Spring Road starting at 4 p.m. Saturday. There will be over 90 units See Festival, page 10