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Summer schools

Northern area students begin new schedule

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Summer vacation came to an end last week for about 1,780 Brunswick County students as schools in the northern area of the county initiated a year-round schedule.

Students will attend school in four cycles of nine-week periods with three weeks off between periods. Summer vacation next year will last five weeks.

Principals at Leland Middle, Leland Primary and Belville Elementary are time for student teaching the three-week breaks, discipline problems and of Shell for both students and July 22 and will lead to more student of subject matter.

Two schedules will allow kids to get behind," said Leland Middle School principal Diana Mintz. "We want to get as many students as we can into these small remediation groups to really focus on the subject matter. Teachers are very excited about it because we believe the new schedule is really going to help us get to the level we need to be."

Mintz estimated that one-third of See Schools, page 6

North sewer

County, town iron-out details of agreement

By Terry Pope
County Editor

County officials are fine-tuning a proposed interlocal agreement with the Town of Leland that will get a regional wastewater system underway in northern Brunswick County.

"We want to make sure the T's are crossed and the I's are dotted before we are ready to review this," assistant county manager Robert Hyatt told Brunswick County commissioners.

The county hopes to reach agreements with Leland, Navassa and the Leland

Sanitary District in a cooperative effort to provide sewer service to the area by boosting capacity at the county-owned Leland Industrial Park treatment plant. All parties have agreed to participate in the regional plan, the first of its kind in the county, and now it is a matter of signing See Sewer, page 6



Photo by Jim Harper

The fastest knife -- and apparently the slowest knuckles -- in town belonged to Steve Phipps as he cut servings of his pecan pie at Sunday's "Taste of Southport" at Southport Marina. Scores of hungry and happy visitors showed up as seven local eating establishments participated in a food-tasting, under sponsorship of the marina and for the benefit of Southport 2000.

Filing deadline: Friday noon

Interest in service to municipal and other local governments rose this week as a number of new candidates entered races in the Southport-Oak Island area.

Those wishing to seek election to office in their town, village or city, or those wishing to serve the Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District or Doshier Hospital Board of Trustees, have until noon Friday to file notice of candidacy with county election officials.

Election of municipal and other local government officials will be November 4. Long Beach only will

have a non-party primary election in October, should one become necessary.

Here's a recap of candidates who had filed notice of their candidacies with elections officials as of late Tuesday afternoon.

Southport
Mayor Bill we has filed notice of his intention to seek a second year term as top elected official in the city. He has time

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Tuesday trash policy change to be expected

By Terry Pope
County Editor

The days of free garbage disposal are numbered as county commissioners inch closer toward tipping fees and revamping a trash collection system that has its flaws.

"I would like it advertised that we are considering tipping fees so anybody that has something to say can come up here and say it," said commissioner David Sandifer of District 2.

However, tipping fees won't likely be implemented until July, 1998, since local municipalities have

already adopted their budgets for the fiscal year without the fees figured in. Of 18 municipalities, 11 have curbside hauling contracts and all but one does business with Waste Industries Inc., the county's hauler.

Commissioners were presented with four options Tuesday night which will phase out unattended green box sites, where anyone can dump garbage for free. Instead, 13 convenience stations would be manned, including five existing ones at Leland, Southport, Oxnep Road, Ocean Isle Beach and N. C.

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Caswell Beach Board weighs water options

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

In the short term, Caswell Beach mayor Joe O'Brien thinks his town should seek a contract by which the Town of Long Beach would operate and maintain a consolidated Caswell Beach water system.

Long-term options for providing drinking water in Caswell Beach include establishing a town water department, becoming part of a regional water supply network, selling the town's water distribution system to Long Beach or dedicating the town's water system to Brunswick County, the mayor said.

"Our objective is very simple," O'Brien said Tuesday after meeting with the town's ad hoc committee on water system operations. "It is to provide good water at a reasonable cost to our citizens."

In pursuit of that goal, Caswell Beach was dealt a blow in spring of this year when Carmichael Construction Co., which for years had operated and maintained the town's wa See Options, page 7

Prop jet

Air Force One looks for real

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Brunswick County Airport manager Howie Franklin has landed plenty of media attention since the release of the action movie "Air Force One."

The New York Times, the New York Daily News, the Dallas Observer, CBS News, the FOX News Network and TV 5 in Wilmington interviewed Franklin recently to find out how the real See Prop, page 6

Baptist program

Teens on a mission to help meet needs

By Wendy Bigham
Staff Writer

An army of 285 teens rose from the Fort Caswell barracks at 7 a.m. every day last week and marched into the cafeteria for eggs and toast, prepared for a mission.

As military boot camps prepare recruits for the armed forces, Mission Boot Camp prepares North Carolina Baptist teens for Christian missions,

said Lynn Goswick, N.C. Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell assistant conference coordinator.

You don't have to go to another country to work with natives. A mission could be something as simple as helping a neighbor build a porch," she said.

The camp was sponsored by N.C. Baptist Men -- an auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention -- and the N. C. Baptist Assembly at Fort

Caswell.

After the morning devotional service, some teens began a day's work of performing children's songs, skits and puppet shows, while others conducted backyard Bible club meetings or made house repairs for local elderly and disabled residents.

Another team performed office duties for the N. C. Baptist Men's Medical and Dental Bus, a 40-foot vehicle

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Teens participating in Mission Boot Camp prep Janie and Herbert Bryant's roof for new shingles.

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