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New ABCs Belville, Lincoln included

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Two more Brunswick County schools received recognition for meeting academic growth standards set by The New ABCs; the state school improvement plan, superintendent of schools Marion Wise announced this week.

Belville Elementary and Lincoln Primary schools were recognized for meeting expected growth. In the state's original report, these schools were reported as not meeting growth expectations.

Scores for Belville Elementary and Lincoln Primary schools were combined to measure student growth in kindergarten through fifth grade.

"Brunswick County school officials are pleased with this new development," Wise said. "With these additional school recognitions, there were no low-performing Brunswick County schools identified while seven of ten schools met or exceeded growth expectations."

Under The New ABCs program, each school is given a goal to achieve in improved student performance

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'Wedding' takes place on the isle

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Halle Berry will star in an ABC television movie entitled "The Wedding," to be filmed in Southport through late September.

The movie is produced by Harpo Films, the production company owned by Oprah Winfrey.

"The Wedding" is based on Dorothy West's award-winning novel set in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, in 1953. The plot centers around preparations for a wedding and flashbacks covering three generations of the bride's family.

Searching for a large house on an oval lot by the water, the producer and director scouted Southport last month and determined the Callari residence on Bay Street would be the ideal location.

To make the setting look like the oval needed for the film, a portion of Atlantic Avenue will be blocked, said location manager Michael Williams. A lawn will be laid across the street and Atlantic Avenue will be blocked with a tall hedge, he said. This will make Atlantic Avenue a dead-end for

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Photo by Jim Harper

Two-year-old Trey Poole and plenty of others kicked up their heels Saturday at the Oak Island Art Guild festival in Long Beach's Middleton Park. Good art, good crafts, good food and good fun were all served up in abundance at the annual affair which marks the turn of seasons on Oak Island. More photos in the Neighbors section.

Hit by passing car

Child critically injured approaching school bus

By Richard Nubel & Holly Edwards
Pilot Staff

An 11-year-old Southport girl sustained critical injuries Tuesday morning when she was struck by a car as she ran to meet her school bus.

Kelly Michelle Carlin, of 1891 River Road, underwent emergency treatment and exploratory surgery at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport that morning before being airlifted to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. Her condition at the time of her transport from Doshier was critical, but stable, a hospital spokesman said.

Trooper Chris Dew of the N. C. Highway Patrol said Kelly

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Kelly was taken by ambulance to Brunswick County Airport where she was placed on a helicopter for transport to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill

Numerous incidents, say police

Indigo security near last resort

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

Just how bad a security problem exists at the Indigo Plantation parking lots for Bald Head Island depends on whose figures you use.

If you're Bald Head Island resident Jay Walker and somebody with a sharp knife or razor did \$5,200 damage to your 1996 BMW Z-3, the problem's bad enough.

Walker recently appeared before the Bald Head Island Property Owners Association and Bald Head Island Village Council seeking their support in forcing Bald Head Island management to increase security at the parking facilities it maintains at Indigo Plantation in a remote section of Southport city limits.

For the \$350 per year island residents pay for parking, Walker says their property should be afforded better protection. Parking lots at Indigo Plantation, though manned by a uniformed security firm, are poorly lit and unsafe, he said.

When his BMW was "keyed," or intentionally scratched with a sharp object, recently, it was the second time Walker had suffered damage to an automobile in an Indigo Plantation parking lot. Another car had been keyed for \$1,400 damage in 1990.

"They didn't miss a single panel," Walker said of his BMW. After this latest incident Walker sought relief from Bald Head Island management and was denied it by the management firm's chief operating officer, Ken Kirkman.

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County argues: Without M-M permit request, suit premature

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

Using the logic of a recent N. C. Court of Appeals decision unfavorable to it, Brunswick County will ask that same court to declare Martin Marietta Aggregates' original lawsuit over rights to mine limestone from a 1,000-acre tract of land north of Southport "premature."

Tuesday night, county commissioners authorized county attorney Huey Marshall and outside counsel to "pursue" appellate review of Martin Marietta's 1994 lawsuit in which a trial court sided with the mining company on four issues of statutory and common law rights to mine the property.

Marshall said the county would file its action within 30 days.

Key to litigation has been the fact that Martin Marietta last year withdrew its state mining permit application, as company lawyers tussled with county commissioners over their passage of a public safety ordinance banning the discharge of explosives, as the mining process requires.

Martin Marietta argued, in a sec-

'Martin Marietta's original court action ... is premature because, in fact, no permit has been issued and no application is pending.'

Huey Marshall
County attorney

ond lawsuit, county commissioners had passed that prohibitive ordinance after the company had announced its plans to utilize its property for limestone mining. In essence, the company had been denied use of its property after it spent money to develop the land for

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County joins beach towns in planning

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

It is worth \$500 or a little less to Brunswick County to join the three Oak Island communities, Bald Head Island and two other beach towns in development of a Brunswick Beach Management Plan, county commissioners decided Tuesday night.

The small sum -- which will shrink even more if Ocean Isle Beach joins the regional coalition -- will be coupled with municipal funds to make a \$3,000 cash match of a \$17,000 grant from the N. C. Division of Coastal Management, assistant county manager Robert Hyatt told commissioners. The coalition of county government and municipal governments also will have to provide another \$2,000 worth of in-kind services.

For the cash and in-kind match, he said, the participating governments will get a planning document unique to communities concerned about the health of their beachfronts.

"The plan shall address concerns of the participating local govern-

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