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SAT scores are up

By Holly Edwards Feature Editor

Though Brunswick County SAT scores continue to lag behind state and national averages, improvement in county high schools has exceeded growth levels statewide and nationally.

Table with 2 columns: Region and Score. WEST 953, SOUTH 943, NORTH 869.

County SAT scores have risen 25 points from 904 to 929.

West Brunswick High School experienced the most significant growth during the period, an increase of 45 points (908 to 953), while South Brunswick High gained 17 points (926 to 943) and North Brunswick High 13 points (856 to 869).

A perfect score on the SAT would be 1600 -- 800 on both the verbal and math portions of the test.

How have county high schools achieved such improvement in SAT scores?

"I think there are a combination of factors that have improved SAT scores," said assistant superintendent of schools Mary McDuffie. "There has been a continued emphasis on higher-level courses and an increased awareness of the importance of SATs and other accountability measures. The other component is demographics. SAT scores will fluctuate from year to year and from place to place."

A new SAT preparatory course, IMPACT (Initiating and Maximizing Preparation and Aptitude for College Tests), also was implemented last year.

Students who elected to enroll in IMPACT stayed after school for seven three-hour sessions to learn test-taking strategies and skills, McDuffie explained. This year's IMPACT program will begin next month.

McDuffie said that enrolling more students in more advanced courses will have the greatest impact on SAT scores.

"We need to add more academically challenging courses to the curriculum and we need to raise our standards in those courses," McDuffie said.

McDuffie and her staff are working on new courses to be added at the start of the 1998-99 school year, she said, including a trigonometry math analysis course that would be taken

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Welcome to Martha's Vineyard indeed! Welcome to the fall filming season on Southport's waterfront, where shooting of "The Wedding," set in the 1950s and requiring auto and ferry boat props of that vintage, started Monday. Filming will continue, mainly at Atlantic Avenue and Bay Street, through September 19.

Photo by Jim Harper

After three years

Yaupon's sewer tap ban lifted

By Richard Nubel News Editor

A three-year moratorium on taps to the Yaupon Beach wastewater management system was ended Friday.

In a letter to Yaupon Beach mayor Dot Kelly, Rick Shiver, regional supervisor of the Division of Water Quality for the newly created Department of Environment and Natural Resources, said the moratorium imposed by his office on July 13, 1994, was lifted.

"The moratorium was put in place because the effluent disposal system was operating improperly and the ultimate capacity of the system and its potential impact on the environment was in question," Shiver wrote. "These questions have now been answered."

On August 29, Preston Howard Jr., director of the state Division of Environmental Management, notified Yaupon Beach its permit to operate a wastewater management system had been renewed. The permit allows Yaupon Beach to continue operation of its plant with its present estimated

'In view of these considerations, there appears to be no further need for the moratorium.'

Rick Shiver Division supervisor

disposal capacity of 180,000 gallons per day (gpd).

Shiver said Friday the town can begin accepting new taps to the Yaupon Beach wastewater management system as long as the 180,000-gpd capacity is not exceeded as a monthly average. Average monthly treatment has been well under the 180,000-gpd limit.

In August, for instance, the town

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Winding River property bought for new school

By Holly Edwards Feature Editor

Construction of a new elementary school at Winding River Plantation is scheduled to be complete by the summer of 1999 and plans are underway for a new middle school across the road.

The Brunswick County Board of Education voted unanimously Monday night to purchase a 19-acre tract for \$150,000 to build a new elementary school at the site, located about 500 feet from Highway 211 and bordered by Zion Hill Road and the Winding River Plantation golf course and development.

The new school will alleviate overcrowded conditions at Southport,

Supply, Bolivia and Union elementary schools.

Board members also voted 4-1 to allocate \$20,000 for soil and land studies at a 20-acre site directly across Zion Hill Road for a new middle school to be constructed in the future.

Board member Bud Thorsen voted against the \$20,000 allocation, saying the board was "jumping the gun."

"I think we need to finish the elementary school and then look at that," Thorsen said. "Zion Hill Road is just a two-lane road and it's going to be very congested with two schools there. I think a lot needs to be studied that hasn't."

Other board members said they wanted to purchase the land as

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Annexation City expected to adopt ordinance on Thursday

By Richard Nubel News Editor

Southport will grow this week and prepare to grow even more. Aldermen Thursday will likely annex 131 acres abutting the eastern city limit, bringing what is proposed to be a 200-lot subdivision, known as Harbor Oaks, into the city.

Additionally Thursday night, aldermen will be asked to rezone for residential development more than 80 acres of property just east of existing corporate limits and will receive yet another petition for the annexation of 83.03 acres stretching from Moore Street to the Cape Fear

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Utilities upgrade required

By Richard Nubel News Editor

Facing a spate of municipal growth unprecedented in Southport's history, aldermen now must determine if city infrastructure is sufficient to accommodate new development

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'We've had some tears and pain' 11-year-old dies from injuries sustained in accident

By Holly Edwards Feature Editor



KELLY CARLIN

Kelly Carlin was a sensitive and artistic 11-year-old with sparkling eyes and a mischievous smile, her parents and teachers recall, who loved to dance, draw, read, listen to the Monkees and play with her beloved dog Nickie and cat Little Bit.

Kelly was struck by a car last Tuesday morning on Highway 133 while running to meet her school bus and died early Thursday morning at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

On Friday, Kelly's parents, Bill and Becky

Carlin, were trying to cope with their grief in very different ways.

Mr. Carlin paced quietly and smoked cigarettes while Mrs. Carlin vacuumed, swept, dusted and shook throw rugs. Mr. Carlin kept his sorrow to himself, while Mrs. Carlin appeared eager to talk about her first child and only daughter.

"I'm trying to stay busy so I don't fall apart again," she said. "I took her blanket with me to bed last night and slept on it. She was a sweetie. This is something, I'll tell you."

The Carlins also are trying to help their sons Kevin, 9, and Christopher, 8, cope with the trag-

edy. The boys were in the front yard and saw the accident occur, Mrs. Carlin said. The whole family will participate in grief counseling.

"I don't know how anyone gets through this, but I guess I'll find out," she said. "You don't want to eat, you don't want to sleep. I just want to go to bed and die."

Kelly's death has been especially difficult for Mr. Carlin since Kelly was a "daddy's girl," Mrs. Carlin said.

"She'd do anything for her daddy," she said. "She washed both the cars last weekend, and

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