

# The State Port Pilot Schools

## Jim Shew joins Phi Beta Kappa

James I. Shew, a junior at Hampden-Sydney College, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Membership recognizes the highest academic achievement, moral character, responsible citizenship and broad intellectual curiosity.

Shew, an applied mathematics and economics major, is an Allan Merit Scholar, participates in the cross country team and was named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" in 1997. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Shew of Long Beach.

## Byron Batson earns Williamson honor

Byron Joe Batson of Winnabow is the recipient of the Virginia A. and Odell Williamson Living Endowed Scholarship at Campbell University.

Batson is a sophomore majoring in pre-engineering and computer information systems. He is a member of the Presidential Scholars Society, the varsity baseball team, the wind ensemble and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Batson is also a member of the Campbell Pep Band.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Batson.

## Academy honor for cheerleading

Summerlee King of Southport has been named a national award winner in cheerleading by the United States Achievement Academy.

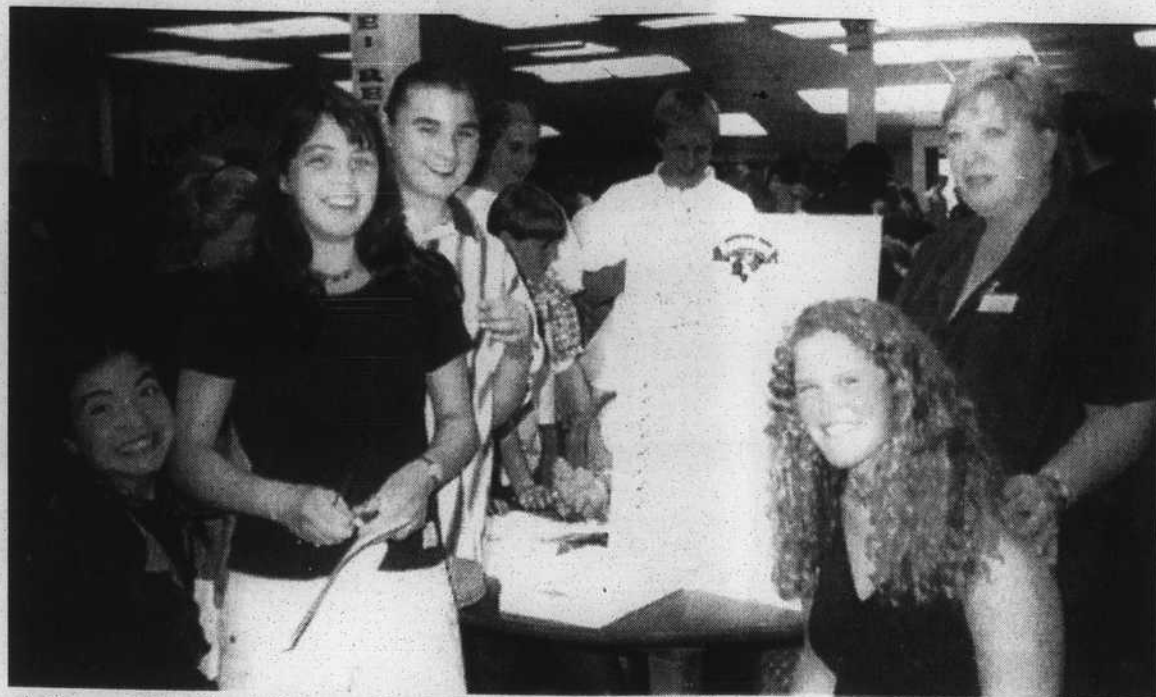
She attends South Brunswick High School and was nominated for the award by Julie Ellison Justice, teacher/coach at the school. She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook.

She is the daughter of James and Stephanie King of Southport.

## Kiwanis donate items for school

The Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island presented eighth grade teachers at Leland Middle School with school supplies that were personal losses to staff in recent fire damage to the school.

The materials were provided "in appreciation for their efforts in teaching children in the community," a Kiwanis release noted.



A Career Expo for students at South Brunswick High School and eighth graders at South Brunswick Middle was held last week.

## South Brunswick Career Expo presents students with choices

A Career Expo at South Brunswick High School hosted approximately 600 students, including vocational seniors and juniors and all eighth grade students from South Brunswick Middle School, exposing them to career choices within the community.

The annual event was co-sponsored by South Brunswick High School, South Brunswick Middle

School, Southport Rotary Club and Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce. Committee members included Russ Thompson, Southport Rotary Club/First Citizens Bank; Sue Sellers and Reeda Hargrove, South Brunswick High; Dr. Richard Lawson and Ilene Palmer, South Brunswick Middle; Jean Hrdlicka, chamber of commerce Education Committee chair/

St. James Plantation; Teresa Bohrer, Brunswick County Communities In Schools; Julia Messino, Brunswick County Literacy Council; Tiffany Clements, Ocean Aire Aviation; Amy Saunders, JobReady; Jerry Smith, Job Broker Brunswick County Schools.

Those who participated in the expo included:

Eric Padgett, Wayne Berry and Tasha Helms of Brock, Padgett & Chandler, CPAs; John Thompson, John Thompson Architect & CPS Inc.; Chris Boney, Boney Architects; Derek Dingess, U. S. Air Force; Milton Cross and George Dunn, U. S. Coast Guard; Staff Sgt. Fiedler, U. S. Marine Corps; Sgt. George Millsap, U. S. Army National Guard; Bill McAbee, U. S. Navy; Betty Cowan, First Citizens Bank; Bea Haik, Judy Cluett, Bill Lee, Ron Grainger and Anita White, Brunswick Community College; Jonathan McDonnell, Brunswick Computer Center; Jamie Redenbaugh, IPS; Fred Walker, McDonald's; Larry Hall, N. C. Forestry Service; Matthew Hoffman, International Paper Co.; Chris Skoog, Peacock-Newnam Funeral Home; Karen Semmens and Craig Stewart, Wilson's/Hannaford; Clay Fairley, A. G. Edwards & Company; Fred Baldwin, JTPA; Bill Miller, Brunswick County Sheriff's Department; Deborah A. Kidd, magistrate; Ken Campbell of Prevatte, Prevatte, Campbell Attorneys at Law; Steve Voyles, Brunswick County schools; Tim Parent, Oak Island Accommodations; Jane Myers, Bald Head Island Management; the Rev. Bob Beasley, Rotary Scholarship and Exchange; Jane Gilbert, retired special education teacher; Bell Lester, wildlife officer; Margaret Rivera, Hugh Nobles, Pat Ab-Hugh and Jocelyn Coleman, Doshier Memorial Hospital.

## 'Great Expectations' students are honored

The Great Expectations program at UNC-Wilmington will recognize African-American males from three Brunswick County high schools at an awards banquet April 30.

Wilmington television news reporter Ken Lemon will be the guest speaker at the annual Great Expectations banquet honoring 38 students from throughout the region for their academic achievement and community service.

The Great Expectations program, now in its fourth year, was founded by Dr. Eugene Wright, a prominent African-American physician and former UNC-Wilmington Board of Trustees chair. It seeks to inspire, nurture and challenge rising high school seniors in New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender, Columbus and Onslow counties. The banquet recognizes the achievements of these young men in the presence of their mentors, family, school principals and community leaders.

Great Expectations recipients from Brunswick County are:

- South Brunswick -- Terrence LaMar Bryant, Cameron Parker, Mario Tooley, Allen R. Weaver.
- North Brunswick -- Alaan R. Balloon, Jason C. Brown, Brandon Dethrow, Chris Graham, Tierre Henderson, Allen Howard, Jamie Williams, Jimmie L. Willis Jr.
- West Brunswick -- Jomondre Frink, Eric Shonari Lovett, DeAnthony Wilson.

## Exploring the Wild program to expand

The Brunswick Learning Center has been awarded a \$1,500 state grant to fund its Exploring the Wild program, a hands-on environmental education course for middle school and high school students.

Over \$200,000 in state Project Tomorrow Environmental Education grants were awarded statewide.

Learning center teacher Betsy Amos said the grant will sponsor field trips, books and videos for the Exploring the Wild program.

Upcoming activities include canoe trips in area marshes to view birds and wildlife first-hand, water testing

in the Cape Fear River, a trip to the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher and trips to local beaches to hunt seashells and assess erosion damage.

"We want to thank the recipients for their role in instilling a conservation ethic and a sense of stewardship in students and adults," said Harry Lancaster, deputy secretary of the N. C. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources. "The goal of environmental education in North Carolina is more informed environmental decision-making by individuals in any profession."

## Kindergarten sign-up at elementary schools

Registration for Brunswick County children entering kindergarten for the first time will be held Monday through Friday, April 27-May 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The registration will be held at Southport Elementary, Bolivia Elementary, Supply Elementary, Union Elementary, Waccamaw Elementary and Lincoln Primary schools.

To register a child, parents must provide a certified copy of the child's birth certificate (the child must be five years old on or before October 16, 1998), an immunization record signed by the family doctor or health department, and the child's Social Security number.

## Scholarship funds aided by donation

A Brunswick County Schools/Brunswick Community College Advantage Scholarship program will be available to high school students through a \$28,000 donation to the college from The School Room in Shallotte.

Business owners Doug and Pat Brown raised the money by selling resources and classroom materials for teachers.

College president Mike Reaves said the donation will "significantly increase the number of scholarships available to Brunswick County students to attend Brunswick Community College."

After three years of providing resources for county teachers, Mrs. Brown said she and her husband felt it was time for them to give something back to the community in a different way.

"We asked the community college to use our gift in a way that would do the most good for the most young people," she said.

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