

# South's Seniors Say Farewell With A Song



SOUTH BRUNSWICK seniors John Doshier Jr. and Karen Harding share a hug after receiving their diplomas at the graduation exercise last Thursday.

**BY TERRY POPE**  
 South Brunswick High School's 189 graduates gave fellow senior Darlene Harris a standing ovation.  
 Ms. Harris sang the seniors' theme song, "That's What Friends Are For," as a final tribute to the class of 1987. Many of those standing and applauding her had tears in their eyes.  
 "You are taking part in a long-standing tradition," James Forstner, Brunswick County Board of Education chairman, told the graduating class. "This ceremony is called a commencement, which means a beginning."

"If you take one thing with you from this school, take with you your ability to learn," he continued.  
 South Brunswick's graduating class was led by salutatorian Amy Coggins, who gave the welcome address, and valedictorian Deborah FormyDuval, who gave the farewell address.

Coggins thanked the teachers and parents who have made an impact on the seniors' lives.  
 "Their never-ending love kept us strong," Coggins said. "Through these people in our lives we have reached success. One taught us how to live and the other how to make a living."

School Superintendent Gene Yarbrough awarded eight graduates with Presidential Academic Fitness Awards. Receiving awards were Amy Coggins, John Doshier Jr., Deborah FormyDuval, Arris Golden, Victor Lee, John Matthews, Stephen Russell III and Heather Smyla.  
 Forstner told the graduates to set

high standards for themselves in the future.  
 "Just getting by is no where good enough for anyone of you," Forstner said. "If you have to dig a hole, dig it right. Your standards for yourself are your signatures to the world."

Diplomas were presented by Assistant Principal Les Tubb and Principal Mose Lewis. Renee Harrison, senior class president, gave the invocation.

In her farewell address, FormyDuval reminded the seniors to set goals and to never give up, like Walt

Disney, who she said went broke seven times before he reached success.

"With closed minds, we don't accomplish anything," she said.

Honor graduates were Kristie Atkinson, Ursula Badger, Mary Ballantine, John Bean, Phillip Becker, Dawn Borszich, Renee Carteret, Sheila Crews, Nicholas Difoggio, John Doshier Jr., Lena Eikrem, Elizabeth Ellixson, Karin Eriksson, Angela Faulk, Alicia Fields, Kim Garrett, Arris Golden, Mabelle Griffin, Karen Harding, Andreas Martin, Victor Lee, John

Matthews, Frances Maulsby, Stuart Mintz, Robert Parrish, Sarah Quick, Melinda Rabon, Carletta Randolph, Jeffrey Rea, Julie Rea, Stephen Russell III, Heather Smyla, Andrew Stirling Jr., Lisa Thomas, Rafael Velasco, Dee Anna Wigal and Susan Wilson.

Serving as junior marshals were David Bean, Joellen Best, Shan Bogart, Carolyn Busse, Bernard Flythe, David Grosskopf, Eddie Kirby, Chris Ramsey, Dawn Rohde, Robin Vittoe, Woody Walls, and as chief marshal, Maria Ward.



SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT Gene Yarbrough presented Presidential Academic Fitness Awards to seven South Brunswick graduates. Receiving awards from Yarbrough are, from left, Amy Coggins, John Doshier Jr., Deborah FormyDuval, Arris Golden, Victor Lee, John Matthews and Stephen Russell III.



RECEIVING AWARDS during Shallotte Middle School's commencement last Thursday are, from left, Jeremy Hewett, Jennifer Russ, Monika Hewett and Perry Culpepper.

## Middle School Holds Commencement

Perspiration sparkled on the faces of graduates and their families last Thursday evening at Shallotte Middle School as approximately 230 students marked the eight-year milestone of their public education.

The 5 p.m. commencement program was held in the school's gymnasium.

The eighth grader students, typically clad in dress shirts and ties or lacey dresses, received their certificates of promotion class by class. Five students were recognized for their specific achievements during the year.

Eighth-grader Perry Culpepper received the James Gary Poulos II Memorial Award, given by Gary and Trish Poulos in memory of their son, who died in March 1981. It is presented to a student who exhibits

Christian views and attitudes, participates in extracurricular affairs, displays friendliness and respectfulness toward classmates and teachers and maintains at least a C average.

Culpepper also received the Woodmen of the World Award for American History and the Algebra I award.

Chris Byrd received an Algebra I award also, while Jennifer Russ won the Language Arts award and Monika Hewett the DAR Citizenship Award. Seventh-grader Jeremy Hewett received the computer programming award.

Along with brief remarks by Principal Mark Owens, the audience heard devotions by Heather Hardwick, a welcome by Phillip Rhodes and a farewell by Michelle Johnson.

Owens also recognized Leroy Simmons for eight years of perfect attendance.

Junior marshals for the occasion included Kim Baxley, LaTonya Bellamy, Pam Detrie, Bridgett Hill, J Hugg, Heather Hughes, Tikila Morgan, Wanda Morgan, Jennifer Richardson, Ben Robinson and Meg Small.

## Firemen's Annual Meeting Scheduled

The annual meeting of the Sunset Harbor and Zion Hill volunteer fire department will be held at 1 p.m. June 27 on Sunset Harbor Road.

A covered dish dinner will follow, and the public is invited.

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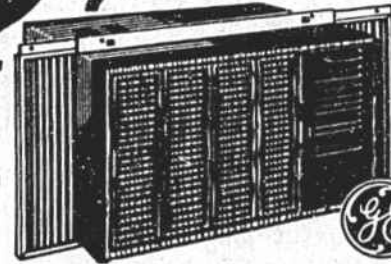
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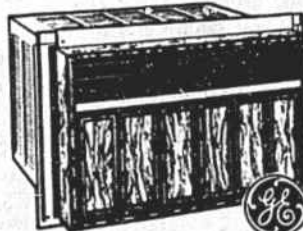


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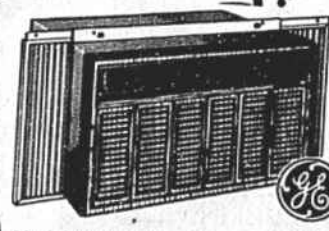


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