



### Receive Awards

Bolivia Elementary School recently presented Principal's Awards to 24 students who have shown outstanding qualities in areas such as citizenship, behavior, academics, cooperativeness and school service. Pictured in the left photo are (front row, from left) Scott Black, Trisia Bellamy, Mary Cole, (middle row) Ashley Smith, Kala Adair, Kristina Beasley, Eric Ray, (back row) Johnny Blackwell, Cody Knox, E.J. Blake and Adam McKeithan. Shown in the right photo are (front row) Tammy Batson, Aimee Sutherland, Katie Bickley, Ashley Reaves (middle row) Tia Corbett, Lee Carroll, Denetra Franks, Kim Cooper, Shanetta McKoy (back row) Kenny Sullivan, Cameron Parker, Jerris Fullwood and Shavon Dawson.



## Jaybird Shoals Given Low Priority By Corps

BY TERRY POPE  
A spokesperson for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Tuesday that a sandbar north of Caswell Beach known as Jaybird Shoals isn't out of hot water yet.

Jaybird Shoals remains low on the list of six potential sites from which to borrow sand for a dredging project to benefit Kure Beach in New Hanover County. The actual shoals area is located in Brunswick County.

The idea of losing Brunswick County sand to help benefit beaches in another county has created a controversy among the Corps office, Brunswick County beach residents and county officials.

"Obviously, that's not the borrow area we would like to use," said Don Fore, project manager for the Corps' Carolina Beach Area South beach renourishment economic study. "There is nothing simple about that borrow area. It would be expensive for the towns, as far as their limitations are concerned."

Fore said reports last week that Jaybird Shoals had been dropped from the list of six potential dredge sites was not true. However, since the economic study began last year, the shoals has been placed on a lower priority because of possible sites closer to Pleasure Island. He said the entire issue has been "blown out of proportion."

Officials from Yaupon Beach, Long Beach, Caswell Beach and Brunswick County Commissioners have written to the Corps's office asking that any sands from Jaybird Shoals be used to renourish eroding shorelines on Brunswick County beaches. Letters were also addressed to U.S. Congressman Charlie Rose and State Rep. E. David Redwine, who in turn wrote letters to the Corps office, Fore said.

The "campaign of letters" result-

ed in a statement by the Corps' Wilmington office last week addressed to the beach towns and officials in Brunswick County that said the Jaybird Shoals area was a "less than optimum source" for the October 1996 dredging project.

Fore said a "hopper" dredge would have to be used with several boosters to pump the sand the distance to Kure Beach.

The shoals area was originally selected as the best site because of its 50 million cubic yards of available sand when the project only calls for three million cubic yards in its first phase.

"It was kind of a surprise to me," said Carol Axford, study manager for the Corps office in Wilmington, about the published reports last week that plans to use Jaybird Shoals had been dropped. She had been working on the economic study which determined it would cost more than \$48 million to pump the sand onto Oak Island beaches.

Fore said there are six potential sites for the Pleasure Island project and that Jaybird Shoals is still on his list.

That list includes an upper borrow area of pockets available for dredging on Pleasure Island and an estuarine borrow area along the shoreline on the back side of the island.

"Either one of those two would be about half as expensive as using Jaybird Shoals," Fore said. However, they involve environmentally fragile areas that might not receive approval from the state.

Other possible sites include an offshore borrow area of sandbars up to five miles south of Kure Beach and material from a realignment of the channel of the Cape Fear River, Fore said.

"We're still very, very much in the planning stages," Fore said.

## This Week's Tide Table

DECEMBER		HIGH		LOW	
Day	Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	20	9:43	9:48	3:18	4:04
Friday	21	10:18	10:28	3:50	4:42
Saturday	22	10:52	11:14	4:21	5:22
Sunday	23	11:37	---	5:27	6:04
Monday	24	12:06	12:25	6:20	6:56
Tuesday	25	1:05	1:23	7:25	7:51
Wednesday	26	2:07	2:27	8:33	8:52

ADJUSTMENTS  
 SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.  
 LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 22 min. high tide, subtract 8 min. low tide.  
 BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 10 min. high tide, subtract 7 min. low tide.  
 SOUTHPORT—add 7 min. high tide, add 15 min. low tide.  
 LITTLE RIVER—add 7 min. high tide, add 7 min. low tide.

## Offices To Close During Christmas

Brunswick County post offices and banks will be closed Christmas Day, and several other public buildings will be closed part of next week in honor of the holiday.

The Brunswick County Government Center at Bolivia will be closed Dec. 24-26 and will reopen Dec. 27.

Holden Beach Town Hall will close Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. and will not reopen until Dec. 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Town halls at Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach will be closed Dec. 24 and 25. Calabash Town Hall will be closed Dec. 24-26, and Shallotte Town Hall will be closed Dec. 25.

## Detectives Charge Men With Break-Ins At Ash

Four men have been charged with a series of break-ins at businesses in the Ash area, reported Det. Donnell Marlowe of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

The Corner Store in Ash and the Ash Beverage Mart were broken in to on several occasions dating back to Jan. 7, 1989.

Charged with breaking and entering and larceny were Kevin Ferrell Smith, 18, of Route 1, Ash; Scottie Lee Babson of Chadbourn, a student at Southeastern Community College; Wilbur DeWayne Evans, 18, of Route 4, Whiteville; and Marlin Dale Smith II, 19, of Route 1, Ash.

Babson and Evans were each charged with three counts of breaking and entering and larceny. They are accused of breaking into the Corner Store on Kingtown Road in Ash on Dec. 20, 1989 and allegedly taking six boxes of gun shells, eight video tapes and six cases of beer.

They have also been charged with breaking into the store a second time, on Nov. 21 of this year, and allegedly taking 15 cases of beer. The pair have also been charged with a break-in at the Ash Beverage Mart on Aug. 25 of this year where 16 cases of beer were allegedly taken.

Kevin Smith was also charged with two counts of breaking and entering and larceny for the two break-ins at the Corner Store, Marlowe said.

Marlin Smith was charged on one count of breaking and entering and larceny for a Jan. 7, 1989 break-in at the Corner Store where 15 video tapes valued at \$450 were allegedly taken.

All four suspects made a first appearance in Brunswick County District Court Monday before Judge William C. Gore Jr. Their trial has been set for Jan. 16. They have all been released on bond.

## Students Give \$600 To Needy

Students at Leland Middle School recently raised \$600 to help buy Christmas gifts for needy children in the Leland community, said Pat Norris, school spokesperson.

The Student Government Association held a charity ball on Dec. 13 where admission was charged to help raise money. The \$600 check was presented to the Brunswick County Volunteer and Information Center Tuesday by SGA President Kim Batson, an eighth-grader.

Brunswick County School Superintendent P.R. Hankins, who serves on the VIC board of directors, accepted the check Tuesday. The money has been earmarked for projects in the Leland area, to help buy Christmas gifts for children.

The Leland Middle School SGA has been active in helping families in the community who are in need. For Thanksgiving, the group made food baskets and collected canned items to distribute to families, Ms. Norris said.

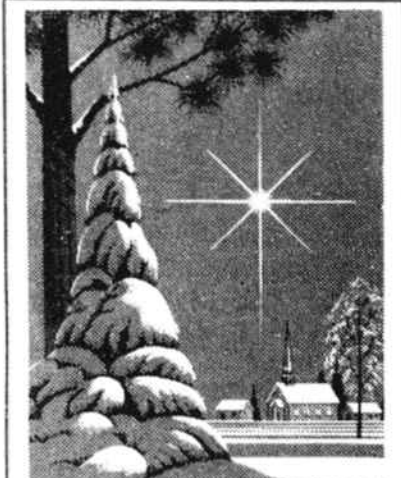
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