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SURF CONTEST WINNERS last year included (front row, from left) Ben Beaujouis, Jeremiah Cooper, (back row, from left) Jill Lomgordo, Scott Riley, Ashley Teague, Clint Richardson, Randy Howell and Dixon Broadfoot.

Surfers Coming Ashore At Holden

Surfers will have to be early birds if they want to compete in this year's N.C. Festival By The Sea surfing contest.

The fourth annual event begins Saturday at 8 a.m. on the strand at the regional beach access near Holden Beach Bridge or next to the Holden Beach Fishing Pier. A site had not been selected at press time.

Coordinator Terry Lee said the contest will once again be sanctioned by the Eastern Surfing

Association and is likely to attract dozens of surfers from southeastern North Carolina.

Despite poor wave conditions, the 1990 Festival By The Sea surf contest drew about 70 surfers from as far away as Wilmington and Garden City, S.C.

The contest will feature competition in the following classes: men-hune, boys, junior men, men, masters, senior men, grand masters, women, long board, junior body

board and senior body board.

Surfers have until the start of the contest to sign up. The entry fee is \$15 for the first class and \$5 for each additional class they want to enter.

Trophies will be awarded to the top five finishers in each division.

Entry forms are available through the Eastern Surfing Association or can be picked up at Surf Connection of Holden Beach and other area surf shops.

'Mama Said' To Play Mix At Festival Saturday

Local musicians that make up the band, Mama Said, are ready for their first N.C. Festival By The Sea Saturday at Holden Beach.

The group has performed at area clubs, offering a mixture of beach music, country and rock and roll oldies, said Lee Michaels, program director at WCCA radio station in Shallotte, sponsor of this year's street dance.

The street dance starts at 7:30 p.m. and is scheduled to last until 11:30 p.m. There is no charge for parking or for admission, said Michaels.

Band leader Dave Weaver of Holden Beach said Mama Said has been together for about a year. The group likes to play a wide variety of songs for a general audience, said the guitarist.

Other members of the band are Bobby Jenkins, drums, of Shallotte Point; Wayne Phelps, bass guitar, of Makatoka; and Bill Hickman, guitar, of Hickman's Crossroads.

The band will feature a guest for the festival crowd, Jim Weaver of Holden Beach, on the keyboard, said Dave Weaver.

The street dance is held at the foot of the old bridge on the island, in the regional parking lot under the Holden Beach Bridge. The bandstand will also be the site of Saturday's afternoon entertainment before Mama Said takes center stage.

"People are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs," said Michaels.

Some bleacher seating will be available this year, he added. In the past, some elderly people have expressed an interest in going to the dance but chose not to because of a lack of seating.

Food booths will also be open while the band is playing, said Michaels, who is host and emcee for the concert.

Kites Will Fly At Festival

Kite flying's popular along the beach all year long, but will take a competitive turn at the 1991 N.C. Festival By The Sea.

People interested in taking part in the kite flying event are to meet at the band stand under the Holden Beach Bridge at 2 p.m. Saturday, said Gay Atkins, festival coordinator.

John Knight will conduct the event, with rules to be determined based on the number and types of kites. There is no entry fee.

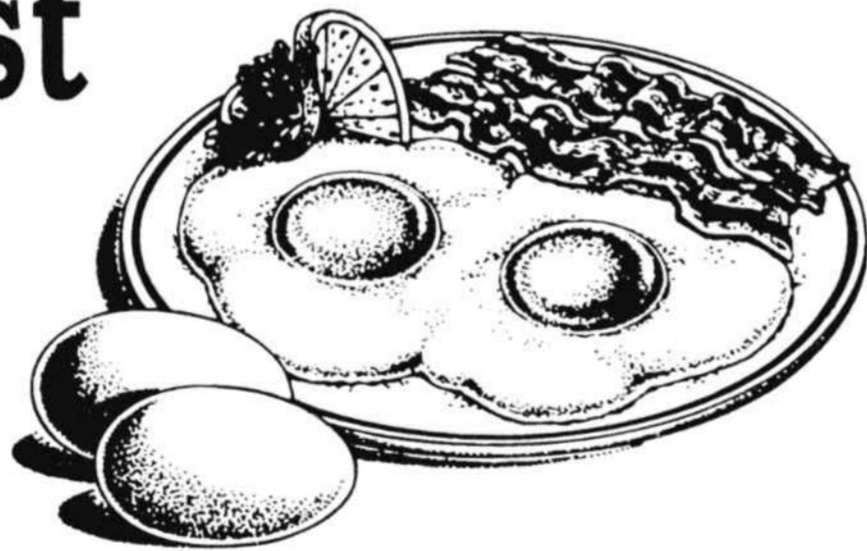
Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third places, and for the most original and artistic kites.

Flyers with stunt kites and other specialty kites are welcome, Ms. Atkins said.

Kite flying, said Ms. Atkins, seems to be one of the "big things" that both renters and homeowners enjoy when at the beach.

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Sand Sculpting For Kids At Heart

If you've ever been told you're too old to be building sand castles or creating sea creatures on the beach, then the N.C. Festival By The Sea has something for you.

Kids and older folks who are still kids at heart are invited to compete in the annual sand sculpting contest, set for Saturday at 3 p.m.

The strand at Campground By The Sea near the western end of Holden Beach will once again be the site of the contest, which usually draws a large number of sculptors and on-lookers.

Rules for this year's event will be the same as last year, according to coordinator William Williamson.

Originality, neatness, thoroughness, imaginativeness, distinguishing characteristics and creativity are the keys to winning the contest.

There is no entry fee. Awards will be presented for the top three places in each age group, which will be set after all contestants are registered.

Larry Fazenbaker of Akron, Ohio, who usually plans his vacation around the festival, stole the show last year with a sea turtle that earned first-place honors in the adult division.

Sculptors can use shovels, rakes and buckets to create their works of art, but molds are not allowed.