

## Project Will Encourage Math Teachers To Share Knowledge

Approximately 20 math teachers from elementary schools across Brunswick County begin meeting next week to share skills and knowledge and explore ways to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics in the local schools.

Called M.A.T.C.H., an acronym for Mathematics Ambassadors Teaching Children How, the project will continue with monthly meetings through May.

The program will resume again in the fall and possibly expand to include additional grade levels, said Harriet Powell, a teacher at Southport Elementary School. "The key will be to see who wants to come back."

She and Sandra Mullins, who teaches at South Brunswick Middle School, and Carol Midgett, who also teaches at Southport Elementary, conceived the program.

"We think it is important for teachers to get together, not as representatives of a particular schools, but to work together. We want this group to share ideas, to learn from each other," she said. "There's a lot of good teaching going on in Brunswick County and we think it's important to spread it around."

The group has been limited to one teacher from grade levels K-1, 2-3 and 4-5 from each school housing those grades. Participating teachers are to be "enthusiastic" volunteers who want to participate in all meet-

ings. They must also be willing to take what they learn and share it with other teachers at their grade level at their own schools.

The sessions will be held monthly after regular school hours, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The first session will be held at Bolivia Elementary School; the site may rotate to various schools after that.

"We'd like to get in the classrooms and share ideas and materials," said Ms. Powell. "We want to see not only what's going on at our own school but at other schools in the county. Our concern should be for all students."

By grouping teachers in paired grade levels, they will become familiar not only with the National Standards for Curriculum and Evaluation and state curriculum for their own grade level, but for the grade their students will advance to, or has been promoted from.

Added Ms. Powell, "It's very important that they know what's coming up."

While a tentative agenda has been established, she said, the teachers involved will change the program to suit their own needs and interests.

The stated purposes of the program are to promote implementation of the national standards, prepare for assessment and end-of-grade testing, to share and exchange ideas and foster collaboration among county teachers.



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### Taking The Plunge

Chris Campbell, an N.C. State University student on winter break from classes, seizes the opportunity to ride some of the high waves kicked up by last Friday's storm at his hometown of Ocean Isle Beach. "It's not that bad," the adventuresome surfer said of the chilly waters.

## GEORGE NEW COUNSELOR

### School Board Approves Routine Personnel Items

The Brunswick County Board of Education Monday night approved the hiring of Hilda George of Whiteville as Waccamaw Elementary School's new guidance counselor.

Ms. George has served as the school's career exploration/vocational education teacher before taking the interim guidance post.

Guidance Counselor Wendy Milligan was recently hired, also on an interim basis, as the school system's drop-out prevention specialist and assigned to the central office.

In other routine personnel action following a one and one-half hour executive session the board:

- Also approved the hiring of Amy Mintz of Shallotte as interim vocational education teacher, Waccamaw; Wendy Jones, Long Beach, interim physical education teacher, Waccamaw; Terry Chestnut, Nakina, interim assistant principal, Waccamaw; Richard Hawes, Greensboro, as psychologist, central office; and Cindy Martini, Calabash; interim psychologist, central office; Barbara Sich, Wilmington, interim first grade teacher, Lincoln Primary; and Howard Knupp, Long Beach, interim vocational teacher, South Brunswick Middle.

Also, Charlene Johnson, Shall-

otte, interim custodian, Shallotte Middle; and Sally Lewis, Leland, interim teacher assistant, Southport Elementary.

- Granted medical leaves of absence to Sarah Royal, first grade teacher, Lincoln; Ann McManus, fifth grade teacher, Shallotte Middle; Marguerite Heron, French teacher, Shallotte Middle; and Sybil Mitchell Simmons, assistant principal, Waccamaw.

- Accepted resignations from Betty Hasty, speech specialist, central office; Ruth Wells, teacher assistant, Southport Elementary; Sue Starnes, custodian, Southport; and Carol Ballard, custodian, North Brunswick High.

- Approved transfers for Marlene Lively, Long Beach, from special education, Bolivia Elementary, to special education, Southport Elementary; and Stephanie Woodard, Little River, S.C., special education, Shallotte Middle, to special education, Bolivia Elementary.

- Terminated Rocky Watts, a mechanic I at the bus garage.

- Approved as substitute teachers Rita Dingwall, Suzette Chambers, Judy Holt, William Williams, Betsy Roberts, William Heffernan, Mary E. Russ, Dayna Saunders, Cheryl Evans and Cyndy Gibson.

## CLUB BRIEFS

### Explorers Will Meet At Hospital

The next meeting of Medical Explorers is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. in the classroom of Grand Strand Memorial Hospital, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The group is a program of the Boys Scouts, for which a local post is chartered by the hospital, and is designed for high school students interested in medicine and other health-related careers.

All students grades 9-12 are invited to attend.

Call the hospital, 803-497-2128, for more information.

### Ladies Meet

Brierwood Ladies Club meets Monday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the

clubhouse.

The featured speaker will be Dave Harper, who will give a slide presentation about the area's bird population.

All female residents of Brierwood Estates are welcome to attend.

### For The Birds

The Brunswick Bird Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, N.C. 130, near Shallotte.

Bill Faver, local naturalist and writer, will show slides and speak on "Telling the Terns."

For more information, call Marcia Warring, 579-9474.

## Receives Degree

Willard Dean Banks earned the degree of doctor



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chiropractic Dec. 14 from Life College School of Chiropractic, Marietta, Ga. He is also a graduate of Erskine University in Greenville, S.C., and Columbia University in Columbia, S.C. Banks is the son of Willard and Linda Banks of Greenville, S.C., and the maternal grandson of Lina B. Redwine of Shallotte and the late James Redwine. His paternal grandparents are Drew and John Hardee of Loris, S.C.

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Interested volunteers are asked to call Hope Harbor, 754-5726, for more information.

## Hope Harbor Will Train Volunteers

A training session for volunteers for Hope Harbor Home will be held Jan. 16, 17, and 24 at the facility in Shallotte, according to a news release from the center.

Training will equip volunteers to handle working with the crisis line, child care, office work, court advocate services and transportation.

The sessions will be held from 10

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