

Battleship Set To Begin Sound, Light Drama

The blast of anti-aircraft guns, a simulated torpedo explosion and the resounding boom and flame of 16-inch cannons will fill the night air as the Battleship North Carolina opens its season of the sound and light drama "The Immortal Showboat" beginning June 4.

Starting at 9 p.m. each night (weather permitting) through Sept. 6, the 70-minute outdoor drama tells the USS North Carolina's story in voice, music, lights and sound effects. Background music is performed by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

The performance begins with her construction at New York Navy Yard in 1937 and continues through the ship's participation in all 12 major naval offensives in the Pacific during World War II. Wartime action includes the air battles off Guadalcanal, the bombardment of Iwo Jima and kamikaze attacks near Okinawa.

Admission to the show is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children age 6 to 11.

Students Dunk School Principals

Lincoln Primary School Principal Joe Butler and his assistant, Fay Nelson, were all wet May 7 at the Leland school's annual field day.

Working with the school's Language Art Improvement Team, the two had agreed to be the "dunkers" in a dunking booth if it would encourage students to read more during April. Students in kindergarten through second grade earned one chance to throw the ball for every 10 books read, while third graders earned a throw for every 100 pages read.

According to a news release, many of the students were not only good readers, but good throwers as well, with the two getting dunked "many times" during the day. Top reader Jessica Whiteley, a third-grader, earned 17 balls.

In more usual field day activities, students participated in 16 events that included kangaroo jump, Frisbee throw, three-legged races, tug-of-war, relays, wheelbarrow racing, hula hooping and scooter racing, as well as a dunking booth.

Faculty members ended the program with their own "Funny Faculty Field Day," competing in events with a twist—such as sticking a tennis ball to an ice tea spoon with bubble gum and carrying it, or jumping with the hula hoop.

Earlier in the week, on May 4, parents and other visitors got to view displays of students' work during the year and to enjoy student performances during the school's curriculum and science fair.

North Band Wins Concert Contest

North Brunswick High School's band took first place in concert and third in parade in two competitions sanctioned by The Festival of Music last Saturday, May 22, in Virginia.

At Yorktown, the 65-member group took first in concert competition with schools of similar size. Earlier in the day, competing at Williamsburg against similarly-sized parade bands, the same students placed third.

"We don't really know how many bands we competed against but there were bands there from all over the Southeast," said Director Brian Benton.

This was his first time traveling with the North Brunswick High Band during his three years as director. "The kids behaved well and they did an outstanding job," he said.



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Award-Winning Design

The variety of flowering plants and overall design won the Yard of the Month contest at Sea Trail Plantation at Sunset Beach for John and Elaine Lawrenson of Osprey Court.

Echo Company Shines During Annual Training

Shallotte's Echo Company 1/120th Mechanized Infantry Unit recently returned from annual National Guard training at Fort Bragg.

The training, which took place May 8-22, evaluated the unit on skills vital to accomplishing the company's anti-armor mission.

For the first time in N.C. National Guard history, top gunners PFC Chris Maynard, PFC Derrick Samuel, SPC Johnny Landrum, SPC Patrick Long and SPC John Puckett fired five live TOW2 missiles at night using only thermal sights and having only the residual heat from the sun to guide on at a distance of 1,960 meters. Out of five missiles fired, four were direct hits; the fifth missile was defective.

Evaluating the unit's performance was an active Army detachment from the 24 Brigade out of Fort Stewart, Ga. In the overall evaluation of the battalion, Echo placed on the top of the list.

The maintenance section, headed by SSG Robert Cruse, was called "one of the best sections we've seen, and is better than our active duty section." Other maintenance section members are SPC Joe Long, SPC Alonzo Hewett, SGT William Griffin and SGT Freddie Stanley. SGT James Dawkins and SPC Johnny Landrum were honorably mentioned.

The 2nd platoon Echo participated with the 1/119th out of Smithfield in war games to test combat ability. Attached to the second platoon were Alpha Company TOW squad from Jacksonville and Bravo Company TOW squad of Lexington. The platoon performed as opposing forces to the 199th and were praised by the Bravo Company commander in the execution of every mission. Army Achievement Medals were



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TOP GUNNERS and acting chain of command for Shallotte's Echo Company at annual training were (from left) PFC Derrick Samuel, SPC Patrick Long and PVT Cardell Brown.

awarded to SPC Johnny Landrum, SPC Patrick Long and SGT Levi Belamy for their performance during the training. Battalion awards for best soldiers of the company during 1992-92 went to PFC Derrick Samuel, SGT Tony Richardson and SSG Ray Stanley.

At the conclusion of training, several soldiers were selected to perform leadership roles for a day to experience the trials and tribulations of being in command. PFC Patrick

Long replaced the commander, PFC Derrick Samuel, was first sergeant, and PVT Cardell Brown was executive officer. Others filled roles as platoon leaders and sergeants.

SIX COUNTY SENIORS CHOSEN

BCC Scholarship Winners Named

Six Brunswick County graduating seniors have been named Brunswick Community College Presidential Scholarship recipients.

They are Dorothy Blackburn and Lester Murdock Todd, both of Supply; Melissa Kay Thomas, Jennifer McCrary and Miranda Jill Thompson, all of Leland; and Cynthia R. Shatterly of Southport.

These scholarships, presented to two students from each county high school, are awarded to graduates with outstanding academic achievement, participation in school extracurricular activities and involvement in their communities.

Blackburn and Todd are graduating from West Brunswick High School, where Blackburn is a member of the Latin Club, the National Honor Society and Health Occupations Students of America. She was also a junior marshal and a volunteer at The Brunswick Hospital.

Todd has been a member of the Army JROTC battalion for four years and a member of DECA. For the past three years he has been a member of Coastline Junior Rescue Squad and for the past four years he has been employed by Sky Mart at Holden Beach.

At South Brunswick, Shatterly ranks fifth in her graduating class and has participated in tennis, track, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and chorus.

McCrary was a member of Army JROTC for two years, a member of Future Homemakers of America and HERO, and recently one first place in a recordkeeping competition. She has worked as a student assistant in South Brunswick's class for mentally handicapped students.

Miranda Jill Thompson was vice president of the DECA Club at North Brunswick High, as well as a member of the National Honor Society and the school marching band. She has served as a governor's page.

Thomas has been active in North's Future Business Leaders of America Club for four years, president her senior year. She has also been a candy striper at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

All six students received letters of scholarship commitment at school awards ceremonies.



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