



Waccamaw's Young Scholars

Fourteen Waccamaw Elementary School students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Pictured are (front, from left) Michael Stevenson, Aimee Long, Joshua Thomas, (middle row) Stacey Phillips, Crystal McPherson, Cody Inman, Delphia Daniels, Troy Simmons (back) Crystal Duncan, Chris Russ, Jomondre Frink and Christen Price. Absent from photo are Christopher Gore and Cedric Grant.

Brunswick Library Board Requests \$584,000 Budget

BY ERIC CARLSON

They have built two new libraries and are expanding two others. In response to public requests, they intend to keep all four libraries open longer, including some evening and weekend hours.

Now the Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees will ask the county commissioners for \$584,145 to keep those plans on track.

At its regular monthly meeting Monday night, the library board approved a spending request that includes five new full-time employees, four part-time workers and more than \$100,000 for new books, magazines and audio-visual materials.

If approved, the budget would also increase wages for long-time library employees who are currently paid the starting salaries designated for their positions, Library Director Maurice Tate told the board.

"The items I've asked for represent an enormous increase," Tate said. "They reflect both your priorities and my priorities. We have two new libraries to staff. You have asked me to extend service hours and to begin automating the system. That alone will cost \$10,000 this year."

"I have also tried to include a more equitable salary situation for our employees," she said.

Pay scales for each employee were first established after the libraries became a county department

in 1992. Consequently, even library workers with 15 years service are currently paid at the starting salaries for their position, Tate said.

The 1994-95 budget request puts each veteran employee at the middle level salary for their position, Tate said. Those who are hired for the newly proposed positions would be paid the starting rate for their job classification.

Gene Pinkerton suggested that board members plan to attend the public hearing on the county budget and make themselves available to explain the need for new positions and salaries to the county commissioners and taxpayers. Chairman Don Eggert said the request for increased salaries might be looked upon favorably this year.

"As I understand it, the salary situation in several departments is cattywampus and has been cattywampus for the past two or three years," Eggert said. "The county manager said he wanted to start working on it. But of course he isn't here."

County Manager Wyman Yeiton is recovering from injuries suffered in an Easter Sunday traffic accident. A professional temporary manager, Donald McGinnis, was hired earlier this month as interim county manager.

The proposed library budget also includes \$93,000 for new books and \$12,000 to provide magazine subscriptions for the four libraries. Tate said the library system currently has

fewer than one book per capita of county population, or about half the recommended number. The system also has fewer than one-third the recommended number of magazine subscriptions, she said.

In a progress report to the board, Eggert noted that both the new Leland and Oak Island library branches are now open and work has begun on renovations to the West Brunswick Library in Shallotte. Renovation of the Southport branch is expected to begin within a week.

A temporary library branch in Shallotte has been set up by the Friends of West Brunswick Library. The board formally thanked members of the organization Monday night for their efforts in maintaining library service during the six-month renovation and expansion of the Shallotte library.

A dedication ceremony and open house for the Oak Island library has been scheduled for June 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Shallotte residents George M. McDaniel Jr. and Randy Hohnstreiter, outreach volunteers for the N.C. Museum of Art, are available to present free slide talks in Brunswick County, according to a museum new release.

General slide programs based on the museum's permanent collection and on special exhibitions are available for schools, civic and cultural groups and other organizations that request them.

The museum's outreach volunteer corps includes 200 men and women from 65 counties across the state. They have completed day-long workshops at the museum to qualify as volunteers. Another workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, at the museum in Raleigh.

Groups interested in scheduling a museum slide program should call

law enforcement officials to identify and prosecute career criminals, Cole said.

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"Resource limitations preclude this small department from fully investigating three-fourths of reported crimes," Cole said. "Drug trafficking and youth crime are significant problems; 95 percent of those arrested are between the ages of 14 and 18."

The department currently is working with residents of six mobile home parks to organize community watches and wants to establish similar programs in other neighborhoods and train public school employees to help address youth crime, she added.

After they are trained, the new officers will work closely with citizen groups to implement a formal community watch program, as well as a ride-along program and a Law Enforcement Explorer post.

In addition, the department plans to work with federal, state and local

Twelve Slightly Injured In Two Local Collisions

Twelve persons were treated for complaints of minor injuries last week following two wrecks in which drivers were charged with yield violations after making a left turn into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

The first happened Monday, May 16, at 4:25 p.m. at the intersection of Old Ferry Connection Road and Stanbury Road near Holden Beach.

Driving a 1985 Oldsmobile, Jamie Neugent, 27, of Route 2, Germantown, was turning left from Stanbury Road onto Old Ferry Connection Road. According to N.C. State Highway Patrol Trooper T.W. Caulder, Neugent failed to yield the right-of-way to a southbound car on Old Ferry Connection Road driven by Rachele Hobbs, 28, of Holden Beach, causing the impact.

Neugent, who was charged, was not injured. His four passengers, Tracy, 26, Jessica, 4, Angela, 4, and Mandy Neugent, 7, were transported to The Brunswick Hospital at Supply with complaints of injury.

Also taken to the hospital with complaints of injury were Hobbs and her four passengers, Joshua, 2,

Tiffany, 9, Bethany, 5, and Jamie Hobbs, 8.

Damage to Neugent's Oldsmobile was estimated at \$5,000, and to Hobbs' 1993 Dodge station wagon, \$4,500.

Caulder charged a second driver with failure to yield following a Wednesday afternoon accident at the intersection of Old Ocean Highway and the U.S. 17 bypass between Supply and Bolivia.

At about 2:50 p.m. May 18, Frances Maggard, 49, of Supply, driving a 1982 Cadillac, stopped at the intersection and attempted to make a left turn to travel south on U.S. 17. Caulder charged Maggard with failure to yield to a northbound 1992 Ford operated by Phyllis Owens, 67, of Silver Spring, Md.

Maggard told the officer that turning vehicles had hampered her visibility.

Maggard, Mrs. Owens and her passenger, Leroy Owens, 71, were transported to The Brunswick Hospital with complaints of injury.

Damage was estimated at \$4,000 to Maggard's car and \$5,500 to Owens' car.

Leland Police Department To Hire Two New Officers

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Tri-Beach VFD Hosts Fish Fry Sat., May 28

Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department will host a Memorial Day dinner Saturday, May 28, at Clayton's Lawn and Garden Shop on N.C. 130 East, Holden Beach, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

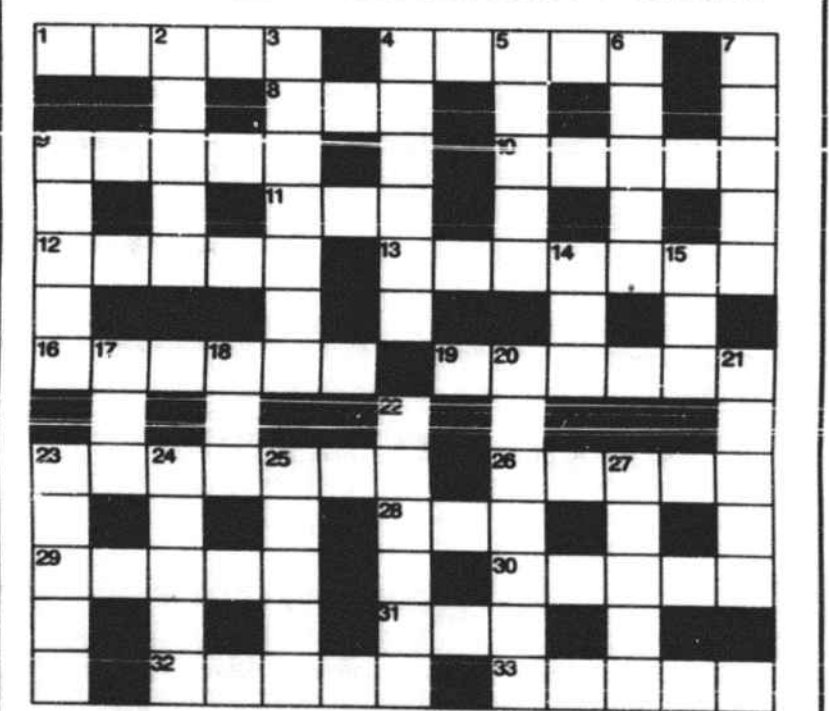
Plates will include fish, cole slaw, hushpuppies, and french fries for \$4.50 each. Hot dogs will be available for 50 cents each.

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