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Program spotlights top-notch teaching

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Developers of Autumn Hall, a 500-home community under construction on Eastwood Road, are calling on all middle school teachers from public and private schools in New Hanover County "to sing their own praises," said Margee Herring, a spokeswoman for the development.

The middle school teachers are being asked to write a letter explaining their achievements in the classroom, trends in education they are championing or opposing or the case of a student they have helped succeed. The winning letter will net \$1,000, while the runner-up will win \$600 and third place will win \$400.

Applicants should submit letters to Autumn Hall, Middle School Excellence in Teaching Program, 1051 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, NC, 28405. They should indicate at the bottom of the letter whether their thoughts can be shared with the public. The deadline is July 11.

An Autumn Hall committee will pick the winners in early August, Herring said. For more information, call Lisa Thompson at 332-4114, ext. 114.

- Ana Ribeiro

BRUNSWICK: Residents may apply for college aid

July 15 is the deadline for Brunswick County residents to apply for the LaDane Williamson Universal Scholarship at Brunswick Community College. It provides \$1,200 per academic year for use toward tuition, fees, insurance, books and supplies.

The scholarship was created by LaDane Williamson, a Brunswick County native, developer and former mayor of Ocean Isle Beach.

This scholarship is available to any graduate of Brunswick Academy or North, South or West Brunswick high schools. It also includes students who have been home-schooled and any recipient of a GED or adult high school diploma awarded by BCC.

Each recipient must prove residency in Brunswick County for the five-year period immediately prior to enrollment at Brunswick Community College.

Applications are available in the Foundation Office and outside the Student Services Office in Building A on the main campus in Supply.

- Reader-contributed, BrunswickVoice.com

NEW HANOVER: Hospital wants to renovate food service

New Hanover Regional Medical Center is seeking state approval for a \$6 million renovation of its food service areas.

The hospital has filed a certificate-of-need application with the state Department of Health Human Services, according a recent press release.

The proposal calls for renovating and redesigning the hospital's kitchen, a new mechanical room, the patient nourishment area, the food preparation area, existing cafeteria food service area and seating area. It also includes an expansion of the hospital's dry storage area.

A public hearing on the project is scheduled for Aug. 14 at Cape Fear Community College's downtown campus, 411 N. Front St. in room N-202.

Written comments also can be sent to state regulators by July 31 at: Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation, 2704 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2704.

- Vicky Eckenrode