

Emergency Management Wins National Award

The Brunswick County Emergency Management Agency has been awarded a 1985 Special Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties for its hurricane awareness project.

Brunswick County Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan will receive the award at the NAC conference in Orlando, Fla., on July 13-16. Logan will also display the

winning hurricane awareness project at the annual conference educational exhibit.

NAC Executive Director Matthew B. Coffey announced the award winners last Tuesday. The NAC's annual awards honor those county activities that "seek to improve the organization, service delivery and management of county government."

Logan said last Thursday he was

delighted with receiving the award. When he submitted the hurricane awareness project last year, he did not know how it would be received on the national level.

"Because of your hard work and efforts," Coffey wrote in a letter to Logan last week, "others are made aware of the importance and significance of county government in our nation. Each year we receive numerous requests from public and private agencies, congressional offices and even other counties, seeking information on model county programs that they can emulate. Your case studies serve as a valuable tool for these people."



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Fire Chief Demonstrates

Supply Fire Chief David Robinson demonstrates the quickest way to put out a grease fire, by cutting off its oxygen supply with a lid, at the Brunswick County

Volunteer Reception program held recently in Bolivia. L.T. Roger Suggs, left, demonstrated the proper way to use a fire extinguisher.

Program Offers Nutritional Support

Healthier mothers-to-be, infants and children is the goal of a special nutrition program available through the Brunswick County Health Department.

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education to women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or have given birth within the past six months, to infants and to children under five years of age.

Individuals served by the program must also meet several other eligibility requirements, said Janet P. Shew, the WIC nutritionist. They must be county residents, must be financial eligibility standards set by the department; and be "at nutritional risk."

"That is, they must have a health or nutrition-related problem that can be helped by a better diet," said Mrs. Shew. "Some examples are iron deficient anemia, underweight, overweight, poor weight gain in pregnancy, frequent upper respiratory infections and dietary inadequacies."

The same standards for participation are applied to all applicants without discrimination.

Mrs. Shew said the county WIC program is especially interested in participation by pregnant women and infants.

"An inadequate diet during pregnancy, she explained, makes it more likely that a woman may have a miscarriage, stillbirth or low bir-

thweight babies. These babies, who weigh under five pounds, eight ounces at birth, are more likely to die shortly after birth, to have retarded physical growth and to have increased susceptibility to disease.

Not eating properly during pregnancy also increases the risk of iron deficiency anemia in the infant.

During infancy and early childhood, nutritional shortcomings can lead to anemia, stunted growth and even mental retardation in extreme cases.

A study done by the University of North Carolina School of Public Health between 1975 and 1976 found that infants and children who received WIC foods grew better in weight and height than a similar group of those who did not receive the foods. It also found that anemia was reduced in these infants and children. The findings were based on data obtained on more than 41,000 infants and children, Mrs. Shew said.

Through the WIC program, women and children obtain milk, cheese, eggs, fruit juice, iron-fortified cereal and dried beans and peas. Infants receive iron-fortified infant formula and infant cereal and juice.

Women who think they or their children might be eligible for WIC can contact Mrs. Shew at the health department in Bolivia between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone numbers, by exchange, are 253-4381 in the Shallotte-Bolivia area; 457-5281 from Southport-Oak Island; or 763-1312 from Leland.

Hospital Hosts Blood Drive

The Brunswick Hospital in Supply will sponsor an American Red Cross Bloodmobile drive Tuesday, June 25, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The goal for the bloodmobile visit is 50 pints and everyone's help is needed, said hospital community relations director Betsy Lewis.

"If you are eligible to donate, please give on the 25th," Ms. Lewis said. "This is scheduled right before the July 4th holiday, when the need for blood is greatest."

NOAA Issues Citations

National Weather Service offices in Wilmington and Cape Hatteras have been awarded a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) unit citation for their performance during Hurricane Diana last year.

The NOAA unit citation is the highest award that can be given to a group of employees by the NOAA. Cape Hatteras was cited for their accurate special upper air and surface observations and their radar fixes

during Diana's march up the coast. Their information, timely weather statements, direct broadcasts on radio and television and hurricane preparedness activities prior to the storm were also recognized.

The Wilmington office was cited for their "accurate, reliable and comprehensive radar coverage of Diana; their dissemination of special reports and marine collectives and their comprehensive and informative hurricane local action stations."

The Wilmington station was also recognized for their dissemination of timely information to forecasters and the public and disaster planning activities prior to the storm.

The awards were presented last week by Robert Muller, N.C. area NOAA manager, to Albert Hinn, meteorologist in charge of the Wilmington office and Wallace Demaurice, official in charge of the Cape Hatteras office.

Some Lawns Need Water During Hot, Dry Spell

It is often considered beneficial to water lawns during dry periods, but the method and timing are important, said Brunswick County Assistant Agriculture Extension Agent Billy Barrow.

There are two types of individuals who need to consider irrigation first; or those persons trying to establish a new lawn.

Turf grass areas which have been newly seeded or vegetatively planted should be watered deeply to a depth of six inches directly following planting, Barrow advises. Afterwards, the soil surface must be kept wet at all times to prevent surface crusting and to keep germinating seed or vegetative material from dying.

If the seed is allowed to dry out or suffer from drought stress the new plants will die, he added. If rain doesn't come within a week, the areas should be watered deeply again.

"Area residents with established lawns face an entirely different situation," Barrow noted. "Once the lawns become established, watering

should be done only when the grass shows the first signs of wilt."

This can be done through a technique called "footprinting," or walking across the lawn and watching how quickly the grass leaves regain their original, upright position. If the plants have enough water, they will recover quickly.

When an area is determined in need of water, wet the soil to a depth of six inches, Barrow said, to allow and encourage deep rooting. When watering always remember not to apply water faster than it can be taken into the soil.

Persons with cool season grasses such as fescue, should heed the warning: Do not fertilize and water established cool season turf grasses during the summer. Such treatment results in unnatural lushness and growth, shortness or partial to complete loss of roots, increased susceptibility to diseases and thinning or loss of stant.

For more information, contact the Brunswick County Agriculture Extension service.



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Summer School Starts Friday

Students wishing to attend summer school should register today (Thursday), June 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at South Brunswick High School.

Classes will be offered in math, English and science for high school students who unsuccessfully attempted a course during the regular school term, said Assistant School Superintendent Ed Lemon, in charge of curriculum.

Classes will begin Friday, June 21, at 8:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$70 for all students and \$90 for late registration.

No students will be allowed to register after Friday.

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