

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, March 12

BRUNSWICK TECHNICAL COLLEGE Visiting Artist Pamela Reid performs at the West Brunswick Branch Library, Shallotte, 2 p.m.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UTILITY OPERATIONS BOARD continues its March 10 meeting in the planning building conference room, Brunswick County Government Center, Bolivia, 3 p.m.

A REPRESENTATIVE of the Federal Emergency Management Agency meets with Calabash residents on the federal flood insurance program, Calabash Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

CHARTER CHAPTER ABWA meets at Joe's Barbecue in Shallotte, 6:30 p.m.

FISHING GEAR SPECIALIST/COLUMNIST Duncan Amos, sponsored by the UNC Sea Grant Program, will present a workshop on color chromoscopes at the public assembly building, Brunswick County Government Center, Bolivia, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. There is no charge.

GRISSETTOWN-LONGWOOD VFD meets at the fire station on N.C. 904, 7 p.m.

GAME NIGHT at the American Legion Post one mile south of Shallotte, U.S. 17, 7:30 p.m.

ELKS LODGE NO. 2679 LADIES AUXILIARY meets at the lodge in Calabash, 8 p.m.

COUNTY DEMOCRATS hold precinct meetings at their regular polling places to elect officers, county convention delegates and to conduct other business, 8 p.m. Make-up date for precincts without a quorum will be March 19.

Friday, March 13

WORKSHOP AND TEST for those who want to substitute teach in the county schools, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Contact the Brunswick County Board of Education in Southport for more information.

A WORKSHOP ON BABY ROSES and a sharing period is planned by the Grand Strand Porcelain Art Club, Brearley Hall, First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 10 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME is offered at the Leland Branch Library, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

GAME NIGHT at the Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department, 7:30 p.m.

SHALLOTTE AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets at Camp United Methodist Church, 8 p.m. This is a support group for families of alcoholics.

CLOSED MEETING of Alcoholics Anonymous for individuals who have a problem with alcohol, AA Building, Grissettown, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

A CURRICULUM FAIR will be presented by the Brunswick County Schools, Bolivia Elementary School, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CALABASH VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD THRIFT SHOP, located beside the squad building on N.C. 179, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NORTH BRUNSWICK VARIETY SHOW will be held at Leland Middle School. Admission charged, with proceeds to the high school's Athletic Booster Club, 7:30 p.m.

GAME NIGHT will be held at the Calabash Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 15

THE CURRICULUM FAIR presented by the Brunswick County Schools continues, at Bolivia Elementary School, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

OPEN MEETING by Alcoholics Anonymous at the AA Building, Grissettown, 8 p.m.

Monday, March 16

BRUNSWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will meet on March 23rd instead, allowing several members to attend the National Association of Counties annual Legislative Conference.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION meets to discuss its four-year plan, conference room, Southport, 6 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING for individuals who have a problem with alcohol, Alcoholics Anonymous Building, Grissettown, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR for youngsters ages 2 through 5 continues at the West Brunswick Branch Library, Shallotte, through April, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE is available to senior citizens at the public library in Southport, Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

THE BEACHCOMBER'S SHELL STUDY GROUP meets at Oak Island for an afternoon of shelling, 1 p.m. For more information, call Louise Mason at 579-2178.

Wednesday, March 18

BRUNSWICK TOASTMASTERS meet at the Ship's Chandler in Southport, 7 a.m.-8 a.m. Guests welcome. Call 754-5082 evenings and weekends for more information.

THE NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB holds a luncheon and accessories fashion show, with guest speaker, Ocean Creek Resort, 12:15 p.m., \$7. Call 754-4210.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE is available to senior citizens at the public library branch in Shallotte, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., or in Bolivia on Wednesdays by appointment (253-4441).

A TRAVEL FILM for adults on southern Germany and Denmark will be shown at the Leland Branch Library, 2 p.m.

BRUNSWICK BIRD CLUB meets at the BEMC office, N.C. 179 in Shallotte, for a program by Bill Faver, 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome.

CLOSED MEETING for individuals who have a problem with alcohol, at the Alcoholics Anonymous Building, Grissettown, 8 p.m.



Thrift Shop Workers Honored

Calabash Volunteer Rescue Squad recently honored its four thrift shop volunteers for combined service of 14 years. From the left are VRS Chief Barbara Ruby, Thrift Shop Manager Madgele Bennett and co-workers Lois Teschler, Edith Correll and Mary Ammons. The five-year-old thrift shop provides a place for

community residents to contribute items for others' use, a place to buy reasonably-priced items and a way to contribute to the rescue squad. Shop proceeds aid the squad's operations. At present, the main objective is to purchase a new ambulance.

Players Seek Local Support

The Brunswick Players, a community theater group, is seeking memberships and other contributions for its upcoming season. Contributions support the productions presented by the Players. In turn, during the past several seasons the group has lent its support to other community groups, said Amy Astoske, membership chairman. Proceeds from the 1984 production of "Plaza Suite" were donated to the Arts Center of the Lower Cape Fear toward construction of a theater in Brunswick County, while in 1985, the Players loaned their sets and volunteers to a Dance Theatre of Wilmington production of "Nutcracker." In 1986, 80 percent of the profits from its "Crimes of the Heart" dinner theater production went to the N.C. Fourth of July Festival Committee.

Memberships are \$10 per person per year. Other levels of giving include donor, \$50; patron, \$75; and angel, \$100 or more.

Checks payable to The Brunswick Players may be mailed to Astoske, P.O. Box 10383, Southport, NC 28461.

Tornado Drills Set Wednesday

Students at North Brunswick High School were to participate in a mock tornado hit Wednesday, March 11, while other schools conducted drills.

Wednesday was Tornado Awareness Day across North Carolina, with a statewide drill conducted between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., said Cecil Logan, Brunswick County's emergency management coordinator.

Under the drill, Logan's office will relay the watch alert—or notification that tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are possible—to the Brunswick County Schools administration. Later, a tornado warning—notice to take shelter immediately because a tornado has been sighted or identified by radar—will be issued for the area.

At that point school system administrators will notify schools to begin their drills.

"I talked with Bill Turner (special assistant for operations) and all

schools will be holding the drills," said Logan.

The students go into a routine similar to that of a fire drill, except instead of going outside, they stay inside and crouch in the hallways, said Logan.

At North Brunswick High School in Leland, a more elaborate exercise is planned. Local fire and rescue units will respond as though a tornado had actually touched down at the school.

Explained Logan, "They'll go through what they normally would do if it were the real thing."

Brunswick County has experienced some wind downbursts or shears, but no tornadoes of late "unless we had them during Hurricane Diana," he said. "I think there were, but there wasn't anybody out there to see them."

Statewide there were 16 tornadoes sighted in North Carolina last year, to which were attributed three deaths and 10 injuries. On the average, said Logan, the state sees 12 tornadoes a year.

While noting that "tornadoes are here and gone almost before you can get any warning out," Logan offered several tips for taking cover should threatening weather occur.

"If you're in a mobile home, there's only one thing you can do," he stressed: "You leave it."

In other types of residences, occupants should take shelter in a basement or otherwise, move to the interior of the house and cover themselves with blankets.

If traveling, he suggests leaving the vehicle, lying down in a ditch and covering the head. And if in a building such as school or shopping center, go to predesignated shelter areas or to interior hallways on the lowest floor. In a high-rise building, go to interior small rooms or hallways.

Tornadoes are only one of a thunderstorm's dangerous elements. Others are lightning, flash floods, strong winds and large, damaging hail.

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