

### Windjammer Village Slates Nov. 4 Fair

Windjammer Village residents are promising "something for everyone" at the annual Windjammer Village Fair to be held Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Little River, S.C., development.

Displays include Christmas crafts, bazaar items, a garden shop, country kitchen and a men's craft table, along with baked goods, candy and preserves, and a "white elephant room" stocked with unusual "treasures," said spokesman Tina Redman.

A hot lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and various prizes will be awarded at a 3 p.m. drawing.

Admission is free to the fair, which benefits the Windjammer Village Property Owners Association. Windjammer Village is located on S. C. 17, just across the North Carolina state line, at the N.C. 179 exit across from Graystone Plaza on U.S. 17.

### Shell Show's This Weekend

The North Carolina Shell Club will hold its annual show at Independence Mall in Wilmington Oct. 20-22.

The 32-year-old club has more than 300 members, said Ruth Hood, a member from Sunset Beach.

Many of those members will be exhibiting their shells and shell-crafts at the show. Also, five shell dealers will participate.

The show is open to the public.

### NOW Rallying Women For Trip

The New Hanover County Chapter of the National Organization For Women (NOW) is organizing local participation in a national rally to be held Nov. 12 in Washington, D.C.

In response to recent actions by legislators and the courts, the mobilization of women from across the county is intended, said Secretary Joy Miller, to put President Bush, the Congress and the Supreme Court on notice "that the majority of Americans will not tolerate the dismantling of abortion rights for any woman or girl, regardless of where she lives."

NOW is taking registrations for the trip. Buses will leave Wilmington at 12 a.m. (midnight) Nov. 12.

For more information call Lee-Ann Knowles, 1-686-1355.

### Animal League Plans Yard Sale

The Brunswick County Animal Welfare League will hold a yard sale Saturday, Oct. 28, next to Jane's Seafood Restaurant on Holden Beach Road.

The yard sale starts at 8 a.m. and will continue all day Saturday or until all items are sold, said club secretary Jack Perry.

Anyone who wants to donate yard sale items or money to the animal welfare league can contact Perry at 754-4896. He will pick up donated items.



ERIC GIBBLE OF HOLDEN BEACH (left) watches a demonstration by blacksmith Shelton Browder during last year's Autumn Days program at Brunswick Town.

## Evaluate Chemicals On Facts, Not Emotions

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What process do you use to make the various decisions in your life? When asked, we like to say our decisions are based on the facts and not emotion. Few people will confess to buying a new car, for example, just because the color was right. Most car owners like to quote factors such as gas mileage, engine performance and handling.



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When it comes to less tangible issues such as pesticide use, or food safety, emotions often replace our search for the facts.

One of the most recent examples deals with apples and Alar. Alar, you may know, is a growth retardant labeled for use on apples and other fruits. Public emotion swung the pendulum away from the facts and the manufacturer made a voluntary decision to remove this product from the market.

Alar certainly poses some health concerns, but the benefits are considerable when compared to the risks. There is not room to debate the pros and cons of Alar in this column, but the trend toward decision-making based on emotion is alarming.

There will be future criticisms of

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agricultural products. We as the public need to evaluate each on its own merits. I think agricultural chemicals are a necessity in our advanced society for several reasons. First, it allows our farmers to produce greater yields and higher quality products. This means a lower cost per unit, a more competitively-priced product for the world market, and, hopefully, a better income for our farmers.

Second, these chemicals have some direct environmental benefits. No till and conservation tillage is possible because farmers have chemicals that allow them to control weeds and grasses without plowing. These reduced tillage systems mean less soil erosion and less sediment movement into our rivers and streams. This helps protect our water quality.

Finally, crop protection chemicals keep food prices lower for you and me. In 1988, a U.S. Department of Agriculture study found that a ban on soil fumigants used by strawberry growers would cause yield losses of \$100 million to \$200 million and would increase consumer prices by \$3 billion to \$4 billion annually in the short run.

Organic farming is frequently offered as an option to the current use of agricultural chemicals. Estimates show if technology were

replaced with manpower, approximately 52 million people would have to return to the farm. This would raise our current 2.5 percent of the population in agricultural production to the 1940 level of 23 percent.

This column is not an attempt to urge you, the public, to ignore current concerns about pesticide safety and use. It is an attempt to caution you about letting emotion be the basis for your actions. Pesticide safety and uses are real issues that demand attention. However, properly used pesticides are beneficial. Every pesticide that goes on the market meets extensive testing to insure it works and is safe for our environment. Agricultural chemical companies estimate each new compound brought on the market costs \$30 million to \$40 million, takes an average of seven years and a data package six feet to 10 feet thick to register with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Universities and agricultural chemical companies are working with growers to improve their use of these chemicals every day. Systems such as integrated pest management are being used regularly to determine when to apply pesticides.

Next time you hear about agricultural chemicals and food safety, remember to look for the facts and look beyond the emotions. In the meantime, enjoy some of the best quality food in the world at some of the lowest prices.

## Heritage Days, Autumn Days Coming Up At Historic Site

When the aroma of open-hearth cooking and the sounds of busy craftsmen fill the air at Brunswick Town, the state historic site's annual Heritage Days and Autumn Days programs must be under way.

Heritage Days, a program for local fourth-grade students, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24, through Thursday, Oct. 26. The event is sponsored by the site and Brunswick County Public Schools.

Autumn Days will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event is open to the public. Sponsors are the site and the Friends of Brunswick Town organization.

Brenda Marshburn, assistant site manager, said approximately 400 students are expected to participate in the Heritage Days program, which offers hands-on experience in Colonial arts and crafts.

Fourth-graders from Leland Middle School will attend on Oct. 24; Bolivia Elementary School and Southport Elementary School, Oct. 25; Shallotte Middle School and Waccamaw Elementary School, Oct. 26.

Beginning at 10 a.m. each day,

the children will visit six different demonstration stations staffed by 10 to 15 volunteers and site staff members dressed in Colonial costumes.

Ms. Marshburn said the demonstrations include open-hearth cooking, lye soap-making, woodworking, pottery, candle-dipping, stenciling, broom-making, and toys and games. Groups will visit each station for 30 minutes.

According to Tammie Allen, coordinator for the Autumn Days program, between 300 and 400 individuals are expected to visit the historic site Saturday, depending on the weather. Warm, sunny weather last year brought out more than 500 visitors.

Saturday's demonstrations will be the same as those offered to the school children earlier in the week. Visitors are allowed to tour the historic site and stop at various stations at their leisure.

Brunswick Town State Historic Site is an agency of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. It is located off N.C. 133, adjacent to Orton Plantation, between Southport and Wilmington.

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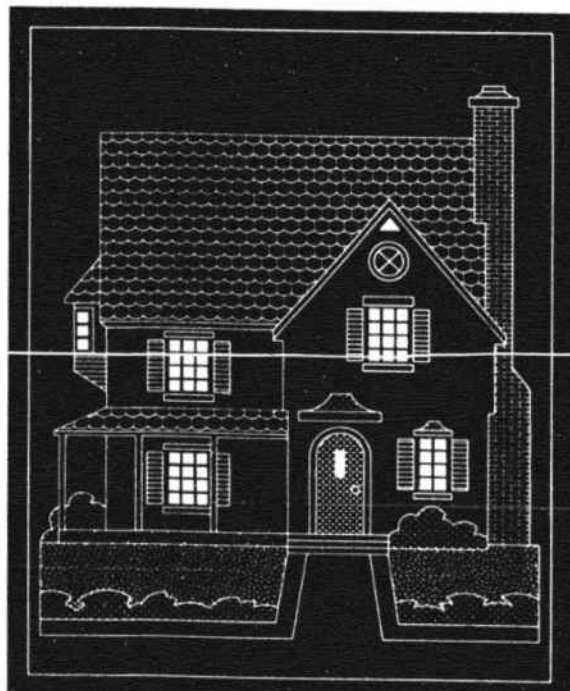
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