

BCC Courses Could 'Fly'

Courses from pilot ground school to basic investing could "fly" at Brunswick Community College this winter or spring, depending upon student interest.

If a sufficient number of students sign up in advance, these classes will be offered through the Continuing Education Department: pilot ground school, main campus; basic bricklaying, Southport campus; basic electricity, West Brunswick High School; radio and television repair, main campus; tap dancing, main campus; and basic investing, main campus.

Individuals interested in or needing more information about any of these courses should contact the Continuing Education Department at 754-6922, 457-6329 or 343-0203.

Show Features Student Talent

Shallotte Junior Woman's Club will hold its 1990 Student Arts Festival Monday, Jan. 19, starting at 7 p.m. in the library at West Brunswick High School.

The event showcases the talents of local middle school and high school students in the visual and performing arts. Judging will begin at 7 p.m. for the visual arts. Performing arts will also begin at 7 p.m., with the public invited to attend, a club news release indicated. The visual arts exhibits will open to the public at 8 p.m., after judging is completed. No admission is charged.

Winners of the local show advance to district competition sponsored later in the year by the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

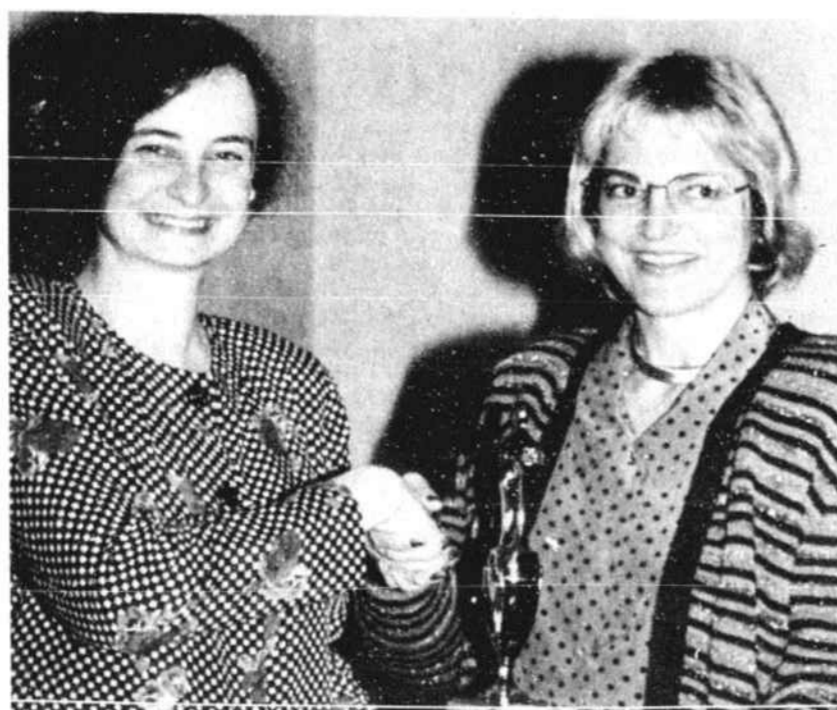
Local Red Cross Sets Annual Ball

The Cape Fear Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled its annual ball for Saturday, Feb. 3, starting at 7 p.m. in the Coastline Convention Center, Wilmington.

This is the major fund-raiser for the local American Red Cross chapter, which serves Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties. The ball raised \$17,000 last year, and the goal for this year is \$25,000.

By having corporate and individual sponsors who underwrite the cost of the ball, the Red Cross is able to apply all of the proceeds from tickets sales to its programs.

Tickets cost \$100 per person, and the deadline for purchase is Jan. 27. For more information, call the American Red Cross office in Wilmington at 762-2683.



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Simpson Best Evaluator

Johnnie Simpson of Caswell Beach (right), educational vice president for the Brunswick Toastmasters Club in Southport, receives her first place trophy from District 37 Governor Patricia Tierney after winning the Southeastern Division Evaluation Contest held in Jacksonville Saturday. With only five minutes in which to prepare their comments, participants orally evaluated a talk presented by a speaker in the division Tall Tales contest. The next level of competition will be held in conjunction with the District 37 (North Carolina) Winter Conference, which will be held Feb. 10 in Fayetteville. Gina Spivey of Southport, also a member of the Brunswick Toastmasters Club, placed third in the Tall Tales contest. Ms. Simpson is vice president for instruction at Brunswick Community College, where Ms. Spivey is president of the Student Government Association.

Pilots Name Educator Disabled Professional Woman Of The Year

A local educator Tuesday received the first Disabled Professional Woman of the Year Award presented by the South Brunswick Islands Pilot Club.

Helen Page Laugisch of Supply, chairman of the English Department at South Brunswick High School, was nominated for the award by club member Pam Pahl, an employee of the Brunswick County Board of Education. She received the recognition at a dinner meeting at the Sizzling Sirloin Steakhouse in Shallotte. The award honors a local professional woman who is disabled, with the goal of encouraging full acceptance of the handicapped in society, said Kay Couvillon, club spokesman.



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Mrs. Laugisch has not allowed a physical handicap to hinder her career in education. She was honored as Brunswick County Teacher of the Year for two consecutive years, and was named Teacher of the Year several times previously at the school level in Cumberland County. She is

the current Region 2 (Southeast) Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Laugisch will compete next at the North Carolina District level in Pilot International. The winner of the district competition will be entered in international competition. The winner of the International Disabled Professional Woman of the Year Award will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the 69th Pilot International Convention in Nashville, Tenn., June 30-July 4. She will also receive a \$1,000 cash award. The annual program is sponsored by Pilot International and Sears, Roebuck and Co., which in 1989 made a \$12,000 grant to the Pilot International Foundation for the awards program.

Since entering the teaching profession in 1962, Mrs. Laugisch has been actively involved in her profession, particularly in curriculum development in the area of writing and interdisciplinary studies. She earned an A.B. degree in English and History from St. Andrews Presbyterian College at Laurinburg and her master of science degree in education from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles and holds certification in several specialized areas such as reading.

Club Staffing UCP Telethon

Members of the South Brunswick Islands Pilot Club will be staffing phones this weekend to accept pledges to the United Cerebral Palsy campaign.

As part of a two-day telethon, club members will answer telephones at United Carolina Bank in

Shallotte from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. The telethon, "Weekend With The Stars," will air on WWAY-TV 3, Wilmington.

Contributions go to research, education and services to victims of cerebral palsy.

Sue Chapman is the club projects coordinator.

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Water Quality An Issue For Everyone

BY WILLIAM BARROW JR.
Agricultural Extension Agent
Water is essential for life on this earth. Everyone knows this and recently the media has focused a lot of attention on the quality of our water. Brunswick County residents are keenly aware of the impact of poor quality water: Consider the economics of closed shell-fish areas and publicity of contaminated groundwater on tourism, and health risks to those using wells as a source of drinking water.



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Sources of pollution are often highlighted when a spill or leak occurs. Recently publicized sources include fuel spills, agricultural runoff, industrial waste disposal and chemical spills. These sources suggest corporate and municipal responsibility for the problems.

GARDENING TIPS

However, there are numerous other sources that may occur on a smaller scale and collectively cause a large problem.

Consider the excessive use of fertilizer and pesticides by residents in a large subdivision. Homeowners with bermuda grass lawns apply fertilizer on a regular basis. If 10-10-10 is the material of choice, 50 pounds per 1,000 square feet would be applied in a single year. This is equivalent to 2,180 pounds per acre. Improper calibration could easily push this rate up to more than 3,000 pounds per acre.

Excess fertilizer and applications made just before a heavy rain may wind up in the groundwater. Similar possibilities accompany the use of pesticides. This example gets worse when there is a well nearby that is not properly constructed. Heavy rains can wash

contaminants quickly down into the water supply.

Other examples of potential contamination include improperly installed home septic systems; improper disposal of pesticides, used motor oil and home hazardous materials (generally all cleaning products).

Detection of groundwater contamination is important. The Brunswick County Agricultural Extension Service is participating in a well water sampling program to identify potential contamination. From Jan 15 through Feb. 2, water samples will be collected from more than 300 wells throughout Brunswick County. The water will be tested for nitrates, chloride levels and conductivity. A \$10 fee is charged for each sample.

Anyone concerned about their water may participate by contacting the extension office at 253-4425. We need your help to get a good look at our groundwater—consider it and call us today.

Department Makes 42 Arrests

Officers with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department made 42 arrests as prosecuting witnesses in December, according to the monthly activity report.

County lawmen also answered 1,040 calls, made 205 investigations and responded to 124 domestic calls during the month. There were two arrests made on drunk and disrupt-

ive charges.

Sheriff's department officers summoned 190 witnesses and served 386 civil papers in December. County lawmen served 408 local warrants and one foreign warrant during the month. There were no juvenile petitions served.

Officers spent 352 hours in court during the month, including five hours off duty. Lawmen also recov-

ered \$2,800 in property, made 14 trips outside the county and discovered one fire in December.

County officers drove 87,092 miles and used 6,053 gallons of gasoline. The department put 525 miles on the transport van.

There were 24 crime prevention meetings held during the month.

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