



CAROLINE SHEFFIELD correctly spells another word in the closing rounds of the Shallotte Middle School eighth grade bee as Britton Simmons, Heather Heavener and Neil Ansley await their turns at the mike.

County Will Name New Spelling Champ

A new Brunswick County Spelling Bee champion will be named when 17 grade-level winners from six schools compete March 25 at Supply Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

Heather Heavener, 1992 champion, lost her chance to advance to this year's finals in the last minutes of the eighth grade bee at Shallotte Middle School Thursday. She stumbled on the word "leguminous," spelling it "lagominus," to finish third.

However, the field of spellers on March 25 will include another past county champion, Leslie Myrie Jr. of Southport, son of Gladys and Leslie Myrie Sr. An eighth grade student at South Brunswick Middle School, Myrie was first runner-up for the county championship in 1990, county champion in 1991 and first runner-up again last year. This is his final year of eligibility to compete.

At Shallotte Middle, Caroline Sheffield spelled "oratory" then "alibi" in the final round to clinch the eighth grade spot after Neil Ansley went down on "deficiency."

Also representing Shallotte Middle School will be Chrissie Hewett,

seventh grade; Rachel Wheatley, sixth grade; and LeAnn Stevens, fifth grade.

Other competitors will be as follows:

Waccamaw Elementary: Belinda Simmons, fifth; Chris Russ, sixth; Erica Minton, seventh; no eighth grade winner.

Supply Elementary: Jake Beabe, fifth.

Bolivia Elementary: Tia Corbett, fifth.

South Brunswick Middle: Elizabeth Martin, sixth; Billy James, seventh; and Leslie Myrie Jr., eighth.

Southport Elementary: Andrew Novotny, fifth.

Leland Middle: Justin Yow, fifth; Loranda Ballard, sixth; Desiree Russ, seventh; and Chris Morris, eighth.

The Brunswick County Spelling Bee is locally cosponsored by the Shallotte Junior Woman's Club and the State Port Pilot of Southport, with the assistance of local merchants. Debbie Lemon is the bee director.

Brunswick County's champion will compete in the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee in Wash-

ington, D.C., in May, receiving an all-expenses-paid trip that includes sightseeing in the nation's capital.

Two-Day Workshop Offers Heritage Skills

A two-day Heritage Skills Training workshop in Fayetteville will offer group or informal community leaders an opportunity to learn a heritage skill to share with others.

Sponsored by the South Central District Extension Homemakers, the April 28-29 session will be held at the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center. Typical participants include senior citizen, 4-H, church, extension or community group leaders—anyone who will take back their new skill and pass it on to others.

Both one-day and two-day hands-on courses will be offered, with a registration fee and materials fee charged for each.

One-day classes include, on April 28, patriotic bunting banner, twisted paper angel, recycled basket (creative twist over paper grocery bags), beginner basket weaving. On April 29 classes include miniature topiaries and Battenburg lace sweat-shirts, advanced basket weaving and crocheted lace.


Two-day classes offered are sea grass footstools and cathedral window quilt squares.

Participants can register for up to two one-day classes or one two-day class. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, with a cut-

off date of March 31.


For complete class descriptions, cost and registration information, contact the Brunswick County Center, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, at Bolivia, 253-4425.

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For more information, contact the Traffic Safety Office at 754-5098.

Informational Literacy Program At Southport Is About Dyslexia

An informational session on dyslexia will be presented March 9 in Southport by Jim Henderson of Long Beach, an apprentice literacy trainer.

The program will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce office on Long Beach Road. The meeting is sponsored by the Oak Island-Boiling Spring Lakes-Southport Satellite Group of the Brunswick County Literacy Council.

Open to all interested area residents, the session will be particularly useful for tutors working with the literacy council.

Designed to provide support and information to students and tutors in their local area, the satellite meets every other month. Participants do not need to be trained tutors; an interest in literacy is all that is needed.

For more information, said

VISTA Jennifer Fiellman, contact the council's office in Supply at 754-7323.

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