

State Approves Brunswick To Offer Paramedic Training For First Time

Brunswick County has been approved by the state to offer the paramedic education program for the first time.

Once the year-long program with 593 hours of training is completed, Brunswick County Emergency Medical Services will operate at the paramedic level.

The program will be offered at Brunswick Community College beginning with a registration session at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, in the 911 Training Center, Brunswick County Government Complex, Bolivia.

Eddie Brown, Brunswick County EMS assistant director and training officer, will be the course's primary instructor. Physicians, nurses and other paramedics also will participate in the training.

"People who wish to participate in this advanced education must be aware of the tremendous time commitment," Brown said. "The complete paramedic education program involves participants not only in 248 classroom hours, but also in 49 hours of examinations, 116 hours of hospital/clinic time, and 180 in field internship."

Classes will meet regularly on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Participants will be required to be present on some other weekday evenings and weekends, also. "People who wish to be paramedics definitely need the support of their family," according to Brown.

Since the class will be limited to 50 students, spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-

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served basis at registration, with priority given to those with intermediate-level emergency medical technician credentials (EMT-I). If it is not filled with EMT-I's, then EMT-D's (emergency medical technicians; defibrillator) and, lastly, basic EMTs will be considered.

Those who plan to register must bring the following documentation: proof of provider affiliation, EMT-level certification card, proof of hepatitis B vaccine and tuberculosis vaccine within the past year. Students also will be required to purchase malpractice insurance before the clinical portion of the training begins.

The Brunswick County Paramedic Program should be fully operational by January 1995.

Brown said. It will join 47 other paramedic-level counties statewide.

"Brunswick County has its own unique challenges due to the geographic distance of the county, and due to the large influx of vacationers who participate in activities which generate trauma and accidents," Brown added.

Brown is a registered nurse, a certified mobile intensive care nurse and a certified EMT-P (emergency medical technician paramedic). He says he came to Brunswick County five months ago for the challenge. He had initiated a paramedic-level program as EMS training officer in Cleveland County in 1989 and in Mecklenburg County in 1985. He also participated in the education process of Gaston County's program in 1988.

"The number of dedicated volunteers who staff the rescue and emergency squads throughout the county has amazed me," Brown said. He added that the program was helped to keep going by the leadership of Carolyn Creelius, nurse liaison from The Brunswick Hospital; Catherine Blackburn, assistant nurse liaison from Doshier Memorial Hospital; and Vickie Hardee of Brunswick Community College.

The EMT program is ongoing, with four levels of training provided continuously.

For information about specific classes scheduled, contact Vickie Hardee of Brunswick Community College's Continuing Education Department at 754-6900, 457-6329 or 343-0203.



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Unwelcome Visitor

Norman Horne of U.S., Supply, holds up a 57-inch rattlesnake he discovered near his back door Sept. 25. The snake, which he destroyed, had eight rattles and a button.

Local Residents Turn Out To Chart History Of Roads

Nearly 100 people filled Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Saturday afternoon to share their memories of life on Old Georgetown and Jeanette roads.

The data they provided regarding people who lived on or near the two roads or used the roads to reach local schools, churches or cemeteries is being forwarded to state legislators and N.C. Department of Transportation officials in an effort to get the state to maintain the roads, said spokesman Robert Gore.

Old Georgetown Road from N.C. 904 to Ocean Isle Beach Road (Four Mile Road) is scheduled for widening and paving in 1995, but Gore said local residents want it done sooner because the road is sometimes impossible for school buses to travel. They plan to document for state officials that Old Georgetown and Jeanette, which loops off it, both existed before 1975, but were never

included on county road maps. The state first took over care of secondary roads in 1975, and for the two roads to qualify for state maintenance now it must be shown, within a reasonable doubt, that they existed before that date.

Gore has been searching out old, non-county maps of the area, and researching local gravesites. Saturday afternoon, he called a roll of those buried in cemeteries such as Rasha Bay and St. Anna, which were located between Hale Swamp Road and N.C. 904, and matched the deceased with the roads on which they had lived sometime prior to 1975.

"We've got a stack of these now," said Gore, holding up one respondent's list. "Do you think we'll get our road paved?"

Gore said he was especially touched by the appearance of 88-year-old Rev. Claude W. Gore, a re-

tired white minister who had lived in the area and considered himself a friend of its residents.

State Reps. Dewey Hill and Thomas Wright attended, while Rep. David Redwine, Brunswick County Commissioners Chairman Don Warren, Brunswick County Board of Education Chairman Donna Baxter and others pledged their support of the effort.

Old Georgetown Road was once part of the colonial post road that ran from Washington, D.C., to Charleston, S.C., by way of Georgetown, S.C. Jenrette Road, said Gore, once meandered from Pleasant View Cemetery, located off Old Georgetown Road near the Sandpiper Bay and Sea Trail golf courses, to Hale Swamp Road, also called Blueberry Farm Road. Old Georgetown Road also intersected with Hale Swamp

Road.

Sections of those traditional cartways have since been barricaded, as have accessways to several cemeteries along the two roads.

Progress Reports Issued At WBHS

West Brunswick High School students received mid-period progress reports Monday in all subjects.

The computer-generated reports contain valuable information relating to student performance in each class during the first 4.5 weeks of school, said teacher Chris Sanders, and all parents need to see these reports.

Sanders said teachers at West worked hard to provide the service, which is new this year.

Oct. 15 Registration Deadline For Fort Fisher WWII Festivities

It will be a time for reminiscing as well as an anniversary commemoration, and you are invited.

You can return to World War II days as Fort Fisher State Historic Site observes the 50th anniversary of the state's wartime activity Friday through Sunday, Nov. 5-7.

All veterans and those interested in southeastern North Carolina's contribution to the war effort are invited to participate in a bus tour of the World War II remains of Camp Davis at Holly Ridge and Fort Fisher.

Visitors can see World War II displays including military vehicles such as a half-track jeep, ambulance, two-and-one-half-ton truck, along with weapons, uniforms and equipment.

"For the veterans this will be a time for memories. For people interested in World War II, it will be a unique opportunity to learn just how close the war was to North Carolina," according to Leland Smith, assistant site manager/programs coordinator.

Fort Fisher was reactivated in 1941, and remained active until war's end, according to Smith. Approximately 6,000 troops trained here as anti-aircraft and coastal artillery units. Comprised of 200 buildings, the facility included a movie theater.

The classroom sessions took place at Camp Davis, with the hands-

-on firing at Fort Fisher. Pilots who towed the targets for firing were members of the Women's Army Corps (WAC).

Smith explained that the initial experiments for the bazooka anti-tank rocket took place here. During the war, Fort Fisher also hosted the famous Joe Louis, then heavyweight boxing champion of the world.

In addition to the bus tour of the facilities, the daylong commemoration will include an appreciation address to veterans from today's U.S. Army and a presentation by Kristin Cylvian, UNC-W historian, who will discuss this area's contribution to the war effort. Participants will take home two souvenir books as mementos of the occasion, Smith added.

"We're planning a unique experience," he said, "with considerable participant involvement."

Cost for the tour is \$21.50 per person, which includes transportation from Wilmington, lunch, dinner and mementos.

Registration is open through Oct. 15. Space is limited. For details and registration, call the site at (919)458-5538 or the Historic Sites Section in Raleigh at (919)733-5722.

The program is sponsored by the Division of Archives and History, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources.

For Fisher is 20 miles south of Wilmington at Kure Beach.

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