



GIRLS' TENNIS AND VOLLEYBALL AWARDS were presented to (from left) Jennifer Simmons, Nicole Norris, Tracey Kirtley, Felicia Morgan and Jessica Robertson. Not pictured is Madonna Gause.



SOCCKER AND JV FOOTBALL AWARDS went to (from left) Steve Varnum, Tony Shreve, Timmy Vaught, Chris Payne and Kenny McGee.

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West Brunswick Student-Athletes Honored At Fall Sports Program

BY DOUG RUTTER
West Brunswick High School student-athletes who helped produce winning seasons in girls' tennis, soccer, volleyball and junior varsity football were honored Monday at the fall athletic awards reception.

"It's good to be among a group of winners," said guest speaker Nelson Best, who retired Monday after nearly 15 years as Brunswick County Schools athletic director.

"I don't know any better way to end it than be here in an atmosphere of winning and among winners," Best said. "That's certainly what I find whenever I'm on this campus."

Best, who has 39 years experience in education as a teacher, coach, principal and administrator, said winning can be a positive thing if it's done the right way.

He urged the student-athletes to be all they can be as

athletes and people by being physically and mentally fit, honest, cooperative, appreciative, versatile and a good student with good work habits.

West Brunswick Athletic Director Jim Brett presented Best with a plaque recognizing his years of service to athletes in Brunswick County. He also gave Best two tickets for free rounds of golf and a lifetime pass good for all regular-season athletic events at West Brunswick.

Among the squads honored Monday night was the girls' tennis team, which surprised the Waccamaw Conference by tying Whiteville for the league championship.

The team finished 11-1 in the conference and 13-5 overall. West advanced to the second round of the state playoffs and sent four girls to the individual state championships.

Coach Martie Gillis gave the Most Improved Award to Tracey Kirtley, Best Team Spirit Award to Jessica

Robertson and Coaches Award to Jennifer Simmons.

Soccer Coach Teak Hemphill guided the Trojans to an 11-3-2 season and a second straight county championship. West has not lost a county match in the last two years.

Hemphill presented the Coaches Award to Tony Shreve, Most Improved Award to Steve Varnum and MVP Award to Chris Payne, who led the team with 16 goals.

After winning two straight Waccamaw Conference titles, 1993 was a rebuilding year for West Brunswick's volleyball team. The squad still managed to finish 7-5 in the league and 12-8 overall.

Coach Brenda Council presented the Most Spirited Award to Madonna Gause, Most Improved Award to Felicia Morgan and Most Outstanding Player Award to Nicole Norris.

Art Clessuras, an assistant coach with the junior varsity football team, presented two awards Monday night on behalf of head coach Charlie Stevens.

Timmy Vaught received the Most Dedicated Award and Kenny McGee received the Most Improved Award. The squad finished with a record of 4-4.

"We had another great fall in athletics," Principal Ed Lemon said. "We're proud of that and the fact that we're leading the Wachovia Cup standings going into the winter season."

The Wachovia Cup is a trophy presented at the end of the school year to the school in each conference with the best overall athletic program based on conference standings in each sport.

A special banquet for West Brunswick's varsity football team, which won the state 3A championship, will be held later this year.

This Week In Brunswick Sports

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- West Brunswick at South Columbus in basketball, 5 p.m.
- North Brunswick at Fairmont in basketball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick at Wilmington Hoggard in basketball, 5 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League at Waccamaw Elementary School: Mount Olive vs. Friendship Baptist, 6:30 p.m.; Supply Baptist vs. Shallotte First, 7:30 p.m.; Dixon Chapel vs. Seaside Methodist, 8:30 p.m.; Calvary Baptist vs. Letties Grove, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- West Brunswick hosts North Myrtle Beach (S.C.) in basketball, no junior varsity game, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- West Brunswick at Pender in basketball, 5 p.m.
- North Brunswick hosts East Bladen in basketball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts West Columbus in basketball, 5 p.m.
- Brunswick County Coed Volleyball League at Supply Elementary School: J.M. Parkers vs. Sherri's Grill, 7 p.m.; Kari's Bar vs. Roberto's Pizza, 7:45 p.m.; Gene's Auto Body vs. Brunswick Community College, 8:30 p.m.; Richard Jones Construction vs. Sub Jammers, 9:15 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League at Waccamaw Elementary School: Camp Methodist vs. Ocean View, 7 p.m.; Dixon Chapel vs. Zion Baptist, 8 p.m.; Calvary Baptist vs. Supply Baptist, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- Brunswick County Men's Basketball League at Shallotte Middle School: Lakers vs. Nets, 7 p.m.; Panthers vs. UC3, 8:15 p.m.

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list a sporting activity call 754-6890 or write to Doug Rutter, *The Brunswick Beacon*, P.O. Box 2558, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 19 State Marine Fishing Forum In Raleigh

Conflict crops up almost anytime a natural resource is being shared by competing users. It flares on coastal waters, where commercial and recreational fishermen cast nets and lines, and in the halls of Congress, where lawmakers hammer out allocation laws.

Third District Congressman H. Martin Lancaster will offer his perspective on both at the N.C. Marine Recreational Fishing Forum, whose focus this year is on finding common ground between the feuding camps of commercial and recreational fishermen.

The forum will take place Feb. 19 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. in Raleigh's Jane S. McKimmon Center.

Lancaster, who serves on the fish-

eries management subcommittee of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, will take part in several major fisheries decisions this year, including the reauthorization of the Magnuson Act, says forum organizer Jim Murray, director of the N.C. Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service.

In recent years, fisheries management issues have been dominated by the struggle between recreational and commercial fishermen. Murray says these disputes prompted the conciliatory focus of this year's forum, which he says he hopes will draw people from both camps.

"There are a variety of conflicts related to allocation, but there are a number of ways recreational and commercial fishermen can work together because they have a lot in common, such as water quality, habitat preservation and maintenance of stocks," he says. "And there are some ways that they can work together more effectively."

Other scheduled talks include:

- Changes in the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission and issues for 1994, by Bob Lucas, chairman of the commission;

- Activities of the Joint Legislative Study Commission on Seafood and Aquaculture, by State Rep. E. David Redwine, 14th District, co-chairman of the study commission;

- Finding the common ground in recreational and commercial fishing conflicts, by Jeff Johnson and David Griffith, associate professors at the Institute of Coastal and Marine Resources, East Carolina University;

- Panel discussions on use allocation at Hatteras Point/Pond and tools available to mediate fisheries conflicts;

- Limited entry and effort management programs, by Michael Orbach, Duke University professor and member of the N.C. Fisheries Commission;

- Gear modifications: The case for reducing bycatch, by Murray of Sea Grant;

- Water-use zoning in public trust waters, by Walter Clark, coastal law specialist for Sea Grant;

- Improving communications: Preventive medicine for fisheries disputes, by Bill Foster, a commercial fisherman and member of the N.C. Fisheries Commission;

- Professional mediation, by Andrew Sachs, coordinator of the Public Disputes Center.

The forum will also revisit the issue of a recreational saltwater fishing license, the topic of last year's meeting. This event will offer an opportunity for fishermen to learn about the latest in fisheries research and management and to air their

own views.
Forum registration deadline is Feb. 10; the fee is \$15. Write N.C. Sea Grant, Box 8605, N.C. State University, Raleigh NC 27695, or call (919) 515-2454.

Brunswick Closed To Shellfishermen

All coastal waters in Brunswick County remained closed to shellfish harvesting Tuesday following heavy rainfall over the weekend.

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries closed all shellfishing areas between Southport and the South Carolina state line on Sunday.

The temporary closure is due to rainfall and stormwater runoff, which can carry bacterial pollution into streams and rivers and make oysters and clams unsafe to eat.

The closure also affected Carteret, Onslow and Pender counties.

This Week's Tide Table

		HIGH		LOW	
Day	Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	3	1:15	1:29	7:27	7:43
Friday	4	2:20	2:35	8:34	10:49
Saturday	5	3:26	3:41	9:40	9:53
Sunday	6	4:30	4:44	10:41	10:53
Monday	7	5:28	5:42	11:36	11:48
Tuesday	8	6:21	6:34	-----	12:26
Wednesday	9	7:09	7:21	12:38	1:11

ADJUSTMENTS

SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.

LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 22 min. high tide, subtract 8 min. low tide.

BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 10 min. high tide, subtract 7 min. low tide.

SOUTHPORT—add 7 min. high tide, add 15 min. low tide.

LITTLE RIVER—subtract 11 min. high tide, add 18 min. low tide.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Spring Boating Skills Course

Shallotte Flotilla 10-08 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will begin its spring public education course of boating skills and seamanship on Monday Feb. 14.

Classes will meet at the Shallotte Senior Citizens' Center from 7-9 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings from Feb. 14 until March 28. Registration will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 14, just prior to the first class.

There is no charge for the course, but there is a nominal fee

for the textbook and workbook.

Lesson titles in the course include Boat Construction and Terminology, Trailering, Boat Handling, Safety and Legal Requirements, Navigation Rules, Aid to Navigation, Piloting, Marine Engines, Marlinspike Seamanship, Basic Sailing, Weather, Radio Telephone Procedures, and Locks and Dams.

To get more information or for advance registration, call Frank Egan, flotilla public education officer, at 579-3971.

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