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Russ Wins VCR

Mary L. Russ of Shallotte, a Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Service home economist, was the winner of a videocassette recorder raffled by the West Brunswick Branch Friends of the Library to raise funds for temporary relocation of the library. Shown (from left) are Russ, Friends of the Library volunteer Tom Bonniol and Wal-Mart Manager Leon Graham. Wal-Mart donated the VCR.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hunt Appoints Rudd To Regional Economic Board

Margaret L. Rudd of Southport is one of three gubernatorial appointees to the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Economic Development Commission.

Gov. Jim Hunt also appointed J.C. Batchelor Jr. of Elizabethtown and Henry Eugene Miller Jr. of Wilmington to the 15-member commission to promote economic development and tourism in North Carolina's southeastern counties.

Three members are appointed by the governor, two by the lieutenant governor, five by the speaker of the House of Representatives, and five by the president pro tem of the Senate. Each member serves a four-year term.

Rudd is co-owner of Margaret Rudd and Associates Inc. Realtors in Southport. A 1967 graduate of N.C. State University, she is a director and past president of the Brunswick County Board of Realtors and a board member of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce. She is also past director of the N.C. Association of Realtors and Southport 2000, a community development organization.

Employee Of Quarter

Rebecca Owen has been named Employee of the Quarter at Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point.

Owen is a transportation clerk with the Traffic Management Division and is responsible for her division's clerical work, maintaining the library, securing supplies and completing time cards. She also handles air transportation and vehicle rental arrangements for command personnel traveling on temporary duty.

She was named Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 1994 for "her outstanding support when her division assumed responsibility for the Rail Operations and Transit Services branches," according to a MOTSU news release.

Owen has been at Sunny Point for four years. She and her husband Jack have two daughters and three grandchildren.

New Doctors On Staff

Drs. David O. Croland of Little River and Patrick K. Ryan of Calabash have been granted active staff privileges in family practice at Grand Strand General Hospital in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Drs. Croland and Ryan have a private practice, Strand Primary Care Specialists, in Little River.

Croland received his undergraduate education from the University of Florida and his medical degree from Southeastern University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Miami, Fla. After completing an internship at Brookdale Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y., he completed a residency at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich., in June 1992.

Originally from Queens, N.Y., Croland lives in Little River.

Ryan received his undergraduate degree at California State University in Fullerton and his medical degree from the University of Health Science, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Mo. He

How To Obtain Tax Extensions

If you don't think you'll have the time to complete your 1993 federal income tax return by the April 15 due date, the N.C. Association of Certified Public Accountants points out that you can easily obtain an extension to file your tax return. What's more, if you're subject to a retroactive tax increase as a result of the Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1993, you can pay part of your 1993 tax liability after April 15.

Automatic Extensions

You can obtain an automatic four-month extension of time to file your tax return by filing Form 4868 by April 15. You are not required to provide the IRS with any reasons for requesting this extension.

If you are on active military duty outside the United States or Puerto Rico on April 15, 1994, you get an automatic two-month extension (until June 15) to file your tax return, without the necessity of filing Form 4868.

United States citizens and residents who live or have their principal place of business abroad on April 15 also qualify for the automatic two-month extension without filing Form 4868, but must attach an explanatory statement to their tax return. These individuals can obtain an additional two-month extension (until August 15) by completing Form 4868.

Additional Filing Extensions

If you reach the end of the four-month automatic extension period and still need more time to file, you can request an additional two months by filing Form 2688, "Application for Additional Extension of Time to File." However, you must provide the IRS with a reason for requesting this extension.

Acceptable reasons might include the fact that you have not yet received necessary documents, such as a Partnership K-1, or that you have been seriously ill. Keep in mind that the IRS will only grant you the additional two-month extension if you had previously filed Form 4868.

Late Payment Penalties

Obtaining a filing extension does not excuse you from paying your 1993 taxes on time. You must estimate your 1993 tax liability and send the balance of taxes due to the IRS by the April 15 due date.

Failure to pay your taxes on time could result in a penalty of one-half of 1 percent of the tax not paid for each month (or part of a month) it remains unpaid, up to a maximum of 25 percent. You may also be hit with a penalty if the unpaid taxes are more than 10 percent of your total tax liability.

You will also have to pay interest on any taxes due from April 15 until the date your payment is received by the IRS. Be aware that special rules apply to people in the Armed Forces.

Payment Extensions

What if you simply cannot pay your tax liability at the time you file for an extension? In such cases, you must submit Form 1127. This form requires you to document the details of any extraordinary hardship preventing you from paying your taxes on time. The IRS will review your case to determine if a late payment is acceptable. There are also procedures for requesting an installment payment agreement when you file your return.

Individual taxpayers who are liable for additional 1993 taxes solely

by reason of the income tax rate increases under the new law may elect to pay the additional 1993 taxes in three equal installments. You must make this election on your 1993 income tax return by filing Form 8841.

The first payment is due April 15 (or for fiscal-year taxpayers, the initial due date of their income tax returns), with the second and third installments due on April 15 of each succeeding year. This will apply even if you end up getting a refund on your 1993 tax return.

No interest or underpayment of estimated tax penalty will be charged if you pay the taxes attributable to the retroactive rate increase on this installment basis.

About Your Refund...

If you are expecting a tax refund, keep in mind that the IRS has 45 days from the later of the original due date of your tax return or the date you actually file the return to issue you a refund and does not need to pay you any interest on the refund amount. Different rules apply to amended returns.

FmHA Seeks Minority, Female Support In Committee Election

Farmers Home Administration is seeking the support and participation of minorities and women in the June 14 FmHA committee election, according to the organization's Brunswick County supervisor.

"The agency feels it is important that the committee reflect, to the extent practicable, the diversity of the individuals served by its programs," said Ted C. Rivenbark Jr. "Minorities and women, along with other farmers and their spouses who have

their principal farming operations within the county or area in which the election is being held, are eligible to be nominated."

Also, one FmHA borrower at a time is allowed to serve on the committee.

Nominations will be accepted through April 25. To nominate someone, call the FmHA office at 754-4880 or stop by the office at the Promenade Office Park, 143 West Holden Beach Road, Shallotte.



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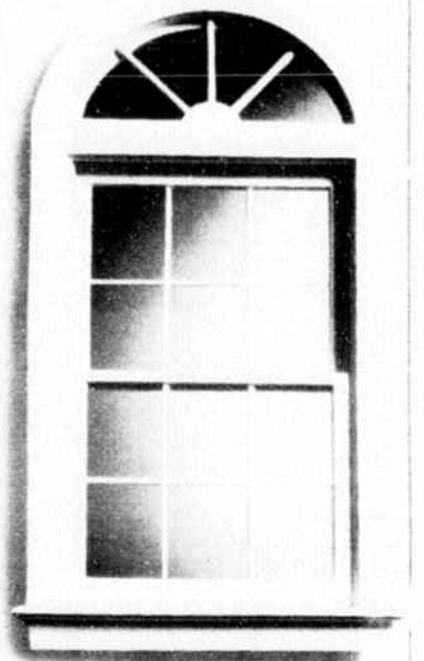
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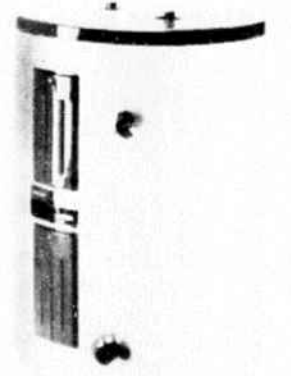
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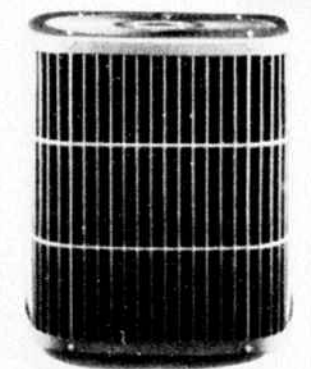


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