

# Bryant, Thrift Win Williamson Scholarship Awards Contest

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Speeches titled "Never Say 'I Can't'" and "The Much Maligned Redneck" won West Brunswick High School senior Nadia Bryant and South Brunswick High School senior David Thrift top honors and \$2,500 scholarships Sunday in the 23rd Odell and Virginia Williamson Scholarship Award Contest.

They were among six high school seniors—two from each county high school—to compete. Speaking without microphones or visual aids, the young orators relied on speech content and delivery to get their ideas across. Their audience was supportive but steaming inside a packed teaching auditorium that lacked air conditioning.

Bryant is the daughter of Edna and Dolphus Bryant Jr. of Cedar Grove. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and plans to pursue a career in dermatology.

Telling her audience "it takes diligence and hard work to succeed," Bryant encouraged others to follow her motto, "Never Say 'I Can't'".

Thrift dissected the stereotype of the southern redneck, urging audience members to "put away all labels" based on stereotypes and allow individuals to define themselves by their own values and actions. While he drives a pickup truck and wears boots, said Thrift, "this 'redneck' also takes Advanced Placement English and reads Shakespeare."

The son of David and Derinda Thrift of Winnabow, he plans to attend the University of North Carolina at

Wilmington and is considering a pre-veterinary course of study.

Also competing Sunday were finalists:  
 ■ Marcus Bernard of West Brunswick High, who used four historic figures as examples of the mind at work in his talk, "The Mind is a Terrible Thing To Waste";

■ Kimberly Fullwood of South Brunswick High, who suggested that "Today's Youth—Tomorrow's Leaders" need to make decisions that lead to lives of substance, not self-destruction;

■ Mark Mitchell of North Brunswick High, who discussed "The Importance of Leadership" for "success in anything"; and

■ Shirelle King of North Brunswick High, in "My Commitment to America," pledged "to be the very best I can be so I can be a productive member of society," by pursuing intellectual, spiritual and social growth.

Each of the county finalists had won their school-level competition, receiving a \$100 cash award. All finalists also received a plaque.

Judges for the event were Leonard B. Arnold, assistant superintendent for personnel, Harnett County Public Schools; Margie Maultsby, English teacher, Whiteville High School; Mary B. Blanton, librarian, James Sprunt Community College; Elizabeth S. Jacobs, English teacher, South Columbus High School; Charles G. Holden, principal, Central Columbus High School; and Danny McPherson, principal, West Columbus High School.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS Nadia Bryant and David Thrift flank contest sponsors Virginia and Odell Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach.

Entertainment was provided by Miss Brunswick Odell and Virginia Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach, County Ashley Summerlin. who presented the awards Sunday. The endowment covers the cost of the scholarship and the cost of holding the contest is underwritten by an endowment established by the annual awards competition.



## Voc-Tech Honor Students

Sixteen Brunswick Community Students are inducted into the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society in recent ceremonies at BCC's Student Center. Pictured are (center front) Kelly Toler Miller, Leland; (from left, from bottom row up) Advisor Velma Williams, Patrice Bennett Shaw, Shallotte; Angela C. Durham and Dana Danuelle Varnam, Supply; Barbara Harbaugh Babson, Bolivia; Rudra Persaud Ramphal, Supply; Angela Hewett Leonard, Shallotte; Terri Denise Matson, Supply; Teresa Norris Morton, Supply; Wanda Lanier Wheeler, Long Beach; Kathy Pope Corner, South Brunswick; Christine Ann Ballou, Supply; Richard Glenn Blake, Bolivia; Lorida A. Moser, Long Beach; Mary Ann Legg, Supply; and Nancy Leary, Shallotte. Each was presented a pin and membership certificate. Members of the BCC Chapter must maintain a grade point average of 3.60 or better in a curriculum program and must have completed 24 hours or more in their field of study.

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## Battleship To Observe D-Day With Special Film Presentation

The Battleship North Carolina will commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-Day with a special presentation of the Academy Award-winning film "The Longest Day."

It will be shown Saturday, June 4, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Visitors Center.

Dr. Larry Cable, a military historian and professor at UNC-Wilmington, will kick off the evening with a brief talk on D-Day to be followed by the movie.

"The Longest Day," a three-hour epic movie, recounts the Allied invasion of Normandy. The cast includes John Wayne, Henry Fonda, Robert Mitchum, Richard Burton, Robert Ryan, Rod Steiger, Peter Lawford, Sean Connery, Robert Wagner, Roddy McDowall, Eddie Albert, Red Buttons, Mel Ferrer and Sal Mineo. The film won the Oscar for cinematography and special effects in 1962.

Admission is \$2 per person for

the public. There is no charge for members of the Friends of the Battleship.

Refreshments will be available.

The battleship is a Department of Defense 50th anniversary of World War II Commemorative Community Site. The film showing is one of a series of special events leading up to the memorial's formal commemoration of the 50th anniversary of V-J Day in September 1995.



## McDowell Will Compete At State 4-H Clothing Camp

Rosalyn McDowell will represent Brunswick County in state competition at 4-H Clothing Camp May 13 and 14 in Reidsville.

She was among 18 4-H members who competed in four divisions in the annual Brunswick County 4-H Fashion Revue held April 26 at the Brunswick County Government Center at Bolivia. McDowell won the senior teen division.

Other division winners were E.J. Blake, pre-teen; and Jennifer Hatcher, early teen.

In the Partners-In-Learning ages 6-8 non-competitive division, contestants were Amy Townsend, Mandy Stackhouse and Christina Hatch.

Other contestants were, in the pre-teen (ages 9-11) division, Sammy Coles, Leah Larson, Casey Townsend, Joanna Hatch, Andy Barbee and Matt Privette; in early teen (ages 11-13), Miriam Coles, Christy Collette and Amy Adams; and senior teen (ages 14-19), Rachel Turner and Tiffany Casteen.

To learn more about 4-H in Brunswick County contact Billy Privette, 4-H extension agent, at 253-4425.

## Country Homemakers Offer 'Taste Of Africa' May 21

Travel with the Brunswick County Extension Homemakers to Zimbabwe and other South African countries Saturday, May 21.

The culture and cuisine of those countries will be featured in an educational program open to the public at Town Creek Park on U.S. 17 at Winnabow.

Starting with a "Taste of Africa" buffet lunch at noon, the program will feature a slide presentation and talk by Dr. Betty Saunder. She is a former resident of Zimbabwe and now a science instructor at Cape Fear Community College.

Clothing, brass and other items from Africa will be display. Homemaker club members re-

searched recipes and will prepare the food, providing copies of the recipes for guests.

A donation of \$2 per person will help defray the cost of the program.

For more information contact Julia R. Bailey at 845-2972.

### Shell Club Plans Outing

The Shell Club of the South Brunswick Islands will take a trip to Troy Henry's on May 24 instead of holding its usual meeting on May 17.

Members are to meet at the Henry property at 10:45 a.m., bringing lunch and a drink.

For directions to the Henry property contact Joy Wood at 579-1017 or Fannie Pennel at 842-4131.

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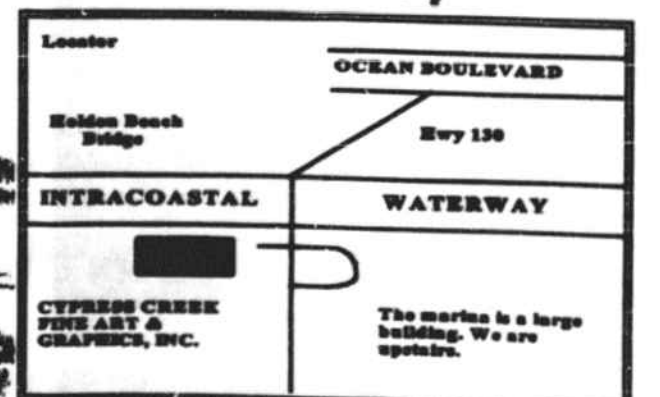
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"Currituck Deceivers" rekindles the senses to those chilly spring mornings with the aroma of fried sausage and wood smoke permeating from the wood stove in a kitchen as you hear the sound of Canadian Geese cackling on their Northern migration.

"Turtle Watch" depicts Nature's mystery with the hatching of the Loggerhead turtles. The Loggerhead turtle's arrive on the North Carolina beaches in May to lay their eggs. In late summer the eggs start to hatch to begin their life cycle, only for the next generation of Loggerhead turtle's to return years later to lay their eggs under a full moon and restart the cycle.

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