

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Seven SBHS Teachers Participate In New Teacher Academy Program

Seven South Brunswick High School teachers were among the first to participate in the new Teacher Academy, a program designed to give teachers across the state the latest information on successful teaching.

Attending the Teacher Academy held at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee were Kathleen Thompson, Richard Graham, Carolyn C. McCain, Betty Keane, Cheryl Sullivan, Ronnie Jenkins and Thom Clemmons. WCU was one of 10 sites for the one-week sessions.

The Teacher Academy, authorized by the N.C. General Assembly, is "the first time that North Carolina has made such an effort to give teachers the opportunity to be taught by their peers in an attempt to break down the walls between theory and practice," according to a news release from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

ODU Honor Student

Amy Schmalzer-Spriggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Schmalzer of Shallotte, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.



SPRIGGS

She lives in Norfolk with her husband James. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher to qualify for the dean's list.

Attends Seminar

Gracie B. McLarty of Leland, a sixth-grade social studies teacher at Leland Middle School, recently attended a seminar at the N.C. Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

McLarty was one of 12 North Carolina teachers participating in "Living and Singing the Blues" July 11-15, conducted by senior fellow Jerry Franson.

NCCAT, a unit of the University of North Carolina, provides "intel-

lectual and creative renewal experiences" for teachers in a year-round series of seminars, according to a news release.

Aboard Kitty Hawk

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Robert A. Metcalf recently departed for a six-month Western Pacific deployment aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Kitty Hawk*, homeported in San Diego as lead ship in its battle group.

Metcalf is the son of Robert A. and Phyllis M. Metcalf of Southport. He is one of 3,150 crewmen aboard the 1,062-foot-long carrier.

Deploying with Metcalf's ship are three guided missile cruisers, a frigate, an ammunition ship, a replenishment oiler and two attack submarines.

The 1976 graduate of E. Berwin High School of Birmingham, Ala., joined the Navy in May 1976.

RIMPAC Sailor

Navy Lt. Eric H. Pittenger recently participated in Exercise RIMPAC '94 aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Independence*, forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

He is the son of Patricia A. and Paul N. Pittenger of Southport.

An acronym meaning "Rim of the Pacific," RIMPAC teamed the U.S. with four Pacific nations—Australia, Canada, Japan and the Republic of Korea—for a major maritime exercise near Hawaii.

The exercise involved more than 50 ships, 200 aircraft and 25,000 sailors, airmen, Marines, soldiers and Coast Guardsmen. Pittenger is one of more than 3,500 crewmen aboard the aircraft carrier which is capable of carrying 75 aircraft.

The 1977 graduate of Bowie Senior High School of Bowie, Md., joined the Navy in June 1982. Pittenger is a 1982 graduate of St. Mary's College of Maryland, with a B.S. degree.

Ashley Reports

Marine Pfc. Forrest A. Ashley recently reported for duty with 1st

Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune.

Ashley is the son of Frank L. Ashley of Ash Little River Road, Ash. A 1993 graduate of West Brunswick High School, he joined the Marine Corps in August 1993.

Robinson Reports

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class James M. Robinson recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise*, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Robinson is the son of James and Jackie Robinson of Blue Banks Loop Road, Leland. He joined the Navy in October 1985.

Back From Bosnia

Three Navy petty officers with family in Brunswick County recently returned from a six-month Mediterranean Sea deployment aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Saratoga*, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

They are David C. Kilgore, son of Robert E. and Janice M. Kilgore of Bayberry Circle, Calabash; Craig A. Cobb, son of Patricia A. Grissette of Shallotte; and Brett A. Eichstaedt, whose wife Tiffany is the daughter of Vicki Niel of Village Road, Leland.

Their ship, the Navy's oldest active duty carrier, and its embarked air wing operated in support of United Nations and NATO operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. They also participated in exercises with other U.S. services and allies in the Adriatic Sea.

During the deployment, they visited Trieste and Naples, Italy, and Palma de Mallorca and Valencia, Spain. In each port *Saratoga* sailors volunteered their off-duty time to help others, including spending a day with Bosnian refugees at a camp in Slovenia.

Kilgore joined the Navy in February 1981 and Cobb, in February 1985. Eichstaedt is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill., with a B.S. degree. He joined the Navy in February 1986.

Gore Reports

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class DeJuan Gore, son of Amelia Gore of Ward Road, Longwood, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Va.

He joined the Navy in November 1989.

On The Kennedy

Navy Airman Christopher E. Washell, son of William G. and Elaine Washell of Shallotte, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier *USS John F. Kennedy*, based at Philadelphia, Pa.

He joined the Navy in June 1993.

Thompson Promoted

Marine Pvt. Anthony L. Thompson recently completed recruit training and was meritoriously promoted to his present rank.

Thompson is the son of Preston L. Thompson of Crabapple Road, Winabow.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, military daily routine and personal and professional standards.

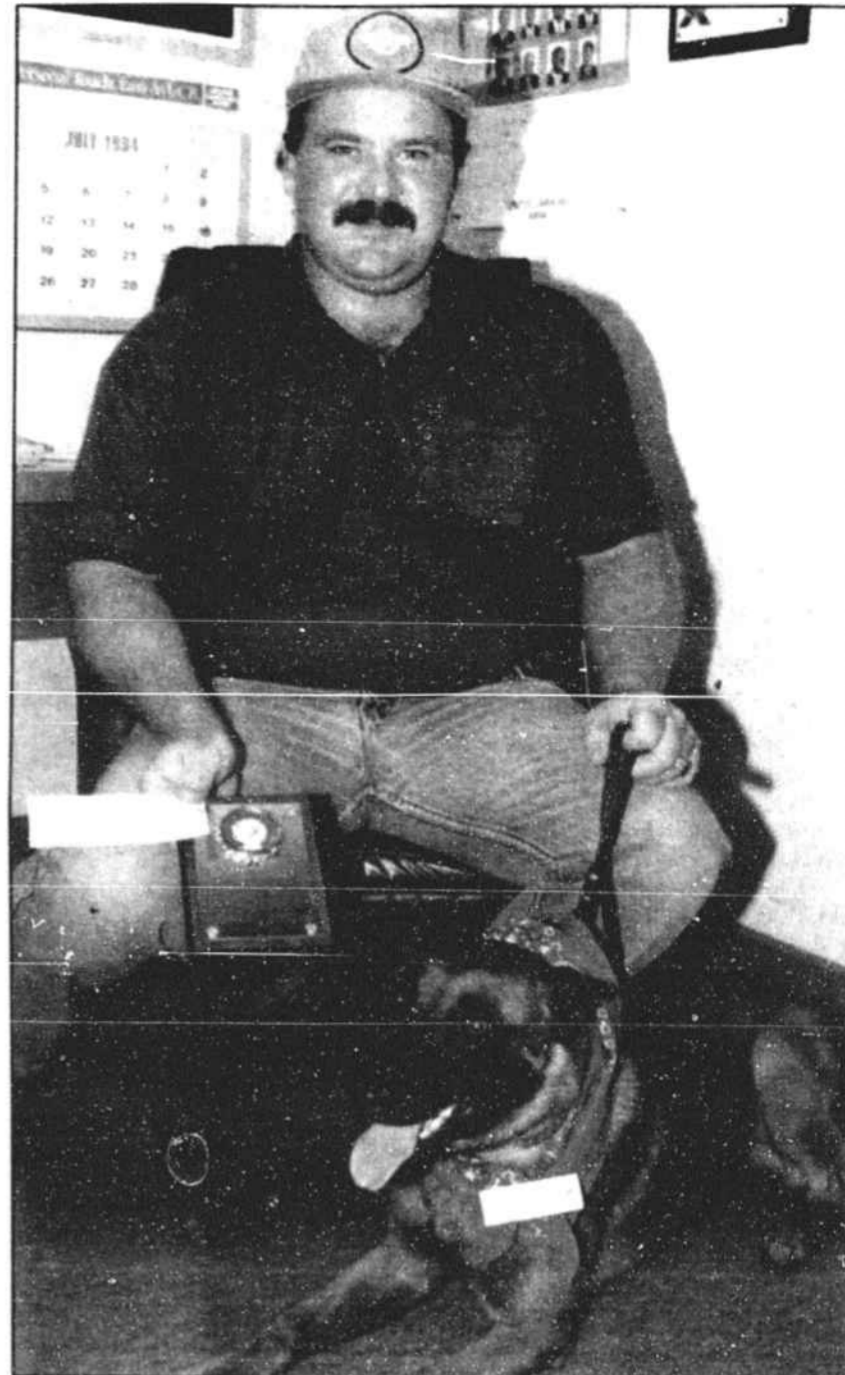
All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill.

In Ventures Program

West Brunswick High School student Kenneth Patrick McGee of Supply was among more than 100 outstanding math and science students participating in the Summer Ventures program at East Carolina University June 19-July 16.

The state-funded four-week program fosters interest and knowledge of science and mathematics among academically talented youth who may pursue careers in those fields.

McGee took classes in computer techniques in the chemistry laboratory, functions in computing and matrix algebra, and computer applications.



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Dog Named Honorary Elk

Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Kevin Holden displays the honorary membership awarded to "Colonel" the drug-sniffing dog by the Calabash Elks Lodge ladies auxiliary last week. The dog and his handler were praised for their participation in the group's "Spring Fling" celebration, which raised more than \$1,200 for charity. In presenting the award, the group also donated \$200 to the BCSD Emergency Response Team, of which Holden and Colonel are members.

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Former School Payroll Supervisor Claims Due Process Rights Violated In Failure To Resolve Grievance

BY SUSAN USHER

A former Brunswick County Schools payroll supervisor has filed a complaint in Brunswick County Superior Civil Court asking the court to order the Brunswick County Board of Education to resolve a grievance she filed in November 1990 and to declare that her right to due process has been violated.

Jewel B. McCumbee of Ash, an employee of the school system since Oct. 16, 1970, was suspended without pay on Nov. 2, 1990, for alleged improper handling of insurance coverage. Her duties have since been divided among several positions.

Following her suspension, Superintendent P.R. Hankins told local reporters the system had "processing" problems relating to employees' insurance claims. Finance Officer Rudi Connor said that problems included carrying past employees on school system insurance at the schools' expense. Those carried past their term of employment included former superintendent of schools John Kaufhold and former central purchasing agent Randy Worth, whose wife, Dorothy, was immediate past

chairman of the school board.

McCumbee filed a grievance and was granted a hearing before the school board.

A year later her grievance had still not been resolved, "which caused her to have to take an early retirement" in November 1991 since the school system job had been her only source of income.

A complaint filed July 20 asks the court to order resolution of the matter, to award her economic damages and damages for emotional distress, and to declare the board's actions an infringement of her due process rights.

"After an investigation of the charges," the complaint filed by Charlotte attorney Geraldine Sumter, states, "it became clear that plaintiff's performance problems were related to the fact that she had more work than one person could responsibly handle and that any mistakes that were made were honest mistakes rather than intentional mistakes."

She was then advised that Superintendent Hankins would make a decision regarding her reinstatement following an investigation by the

N.C. Department of Human Resources, which oversaw the state's insurance program for employees.

The investigation was completed, her complaint states, and no criminal charges were filed against her. "Yet," it continues, the school board has "consistently refused" to re-employ her or to make a final decision to resolve her grievance.

Failure to resolve the grievance,

she alleges in the complaint, amounts to breach of contract and denial of due process. It has resulted in harm to her "economic relations" and resulted in "emotional distress, extreme worry, loss of economic opportunities, loss of sleep, loss of status and loss of income."

An order allowing McCumbee an extension of time in which to file the complaint was filed June 30.

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