



**Reserve Champion Ribbon Winner**

Karri Lanier of Bolivia and her horse, Rainey, won Reserve Champion Senior Games in the State 4-H Show held July 14-17 at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Lanier, 15, daughter of Pam and Chuck Lanier, received the Reserve Champion Ribbon. More than 300 4-Hers from 45 North Carolina counties had about 1,700 entries in the event conducted by the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.



**In-Line Skating Clinic**

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department and Play It Again Sports of Wilmington will sponsor an in-line skating clinic Saturday, Aug. 20, at Supply Elementary School. Beginner clinics are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. An advanced clinic will be held at 1:30 p.m. followed by a hockey clinic at 3 p.m. This photo was taken at a June 11 clinic. To register, call Emma T. McGraw at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

**Cougars To Scrimmage Saturday At Hoggard**

South Brunswick High School's football team will suit up for its first pre-season scrimmage of the season Saturday morning at Wilmington Hoggard. The practice game starts at 10 a.m.

The Cougars, under first-year head coach Derrell Force, also will face Hoggard in the UCB Football Jamboree next Friday, Aug. 19, at Wilmington's Legion Stadium.

Force, the head football coach at Forbush High School before taking over at South Brunswick in the spring, said he had 54 varsity and junior varsity players at practice Friday.

"We'd still like to have a few more," Force said. "I'm pleased with the talent we have out here. I just wish we had a few more players. We're going to be thin and not real deep."

Force said he's been busy installing the same trap-option and one-back offense he ran at Forbush.

"Everybody's having to learn a new system. We're coming along slow but we're getting there," he said. "Right now we're teaching a lot of technique and getting kids acclimated to the new offense and defense we'll be running."

South Brunswick started two-a-day practices last Saturday. The kids are working out from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. and from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

"We have good skill people. We feel like the offense is exactly what we need for the skill people we have. We're going to throw the ball quite a bit and take advantage of the skill people we have," Force said.

South Brunswick is coming off a 5-6 season last year, while its opponent Saturday, Hoggard, was 2-8 in

1993. Coach Dave Spencer's Vikings compete in the Mideastern 4A Conference.

South Brunswick opens the regular season Aug. 26 against visiting West Brunswick. The Cougars' other non-conference opponents this season will be East Duplin, Lejeune, Laney and Clinton.

**Youth Soccer Coaches Needed**

The Cape Fear Youth Soccer Association will begin regular season play on Sept. 10 and is looking for volunteer coaches and assistant coaches.

Training and certification is available, according to league spokesman Mike Palanza. Those interested in assisting should call the Cape Fear Soccer Association at (910)675-2713.

**First Aquaculture Class Will Set The Standard For New BCC Program**

BY SUSAN USHER

Students enrolling in Brunswick Community College's new aquaculture technology program don't know it yet, but they're pacesetters.

"I'm looking forward to this first group of students," lead instructor Doug Holland said Friday from his office at BCC. "Their success after they finish the program will pretty much determine the success of the program."

"We're keeping that in mind every step of the way, to make sure they know what to do."

In terms of background and training, Holland is in a good position to ensure they graduate with the skills they need to succeed. He is president of Brunswick Aquafarms Inc. at Winnabow and past president of the N.C. Aquaculture Association and has a doctorate in a related field.

Aquaculture technology provides students a strong general education background emphasizing science and math, plus courses that provide practical experience in fish and shellfish production, economics and marketing.

Ten students have already pre-registered and there's room for 10 more to sign on during registration Aug. 31. Holland is sending out packets in response to 11 inquiries coming in from as far away as San Diego, Calif., New York and Florida. One unusual requirement: all students must be proficient swimmers.

Several students already enrolled at BCC changed their majors and transferred into the program, said Holland, and at least three of the students are South Brunswick High School graduates who took aquaculture classes there under Barry Bey.

This fall students will take foundation courses: Biology 110, a principles of biology course for biology majors; General Chemistry 101 and its accompanying lab, Math 111 (Precalculus I) and English 101 (Freshman Composition). Both the biology and chemistry courses are new offerings this fall and are the same classes required of biology majors at UNC-Wilmington.

"That's the fall schedule for students ready to take

those courses," said Holland. "A lot may not be quite ready; they may need to take remedial courses, especially for the math."

Students will continue those basic studies winter quarter, then begin taking core courses in the spring—finfish, management of aquatic flora and animal biology, plus communication studies. Later studies include fish genetics, water quality, economics and farm management, and critical thinking.

Holland had hoped a temporary building for the aquaculture program would be ready by the start of fall quarter, but it's not certain when space will be provided for fish tanks and more labs.

"It would be nice to have it as soon as possible," Holland said. "Students will be working with some fish farm simulations on computer in the biology class this fall, but it would be nice for them to have some actual fish to work with."

"We hope they will let us put up a building and then we will have to find the means to furnish and equip it."

BCC trustees are still discussing a proposal to erect a steel shell building with brick veneer front that could later house the college's maintenance department once the aquaculture program has a permanent home.

BCC's aquaculture program will be the only two-year program of its kind in North Carolina and one of only a handful either in existence or starting up across the United States. The closest is in Gadsden, Ala.; others are in Mississippi, Texas, upstate New York and Minnesota.

Holland said he doesn't anticipate any similar community college programs springing up close by. "Certainly not in North Carolina and I doubt in South Carolina, Virginia or Tennessee because North Carolina has the more vigorous aquaculture industry."

In terms of dollars generated, trout farming is the top aquaculture business in the state, followed by catfish and hybrid striped bass. But industry leaders like Holland believe catfish production has the greatest potential here.

**North Brunswick Scorpions Host Gators**

North Brunswick's Scorpions will host the East Columbus Gators in a high school football pre-season scrimmage Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Only 33 junior varsity and varsity players have been attending evening practices at North Brunswick, head coach Gary Baldwin said Monday.

"I think we'll get some more JV players but I don't know about varsity," Baldwin said. "We're having a little trouble working with some of the guys who have jobs."

North Brunswick was 0-10 last season and has lost 19 consecutive games, the second-longest active losing streak in the state.

"I really don't know what to expect yet," Baldwin said. "I'm hoping we'll be a little better offensively, but I'm not sure what to expect defensively."

North Brunswick has eight starters back on offense, including quarterback Ryan Brew and running back Lamont Southerland.

Other returning offensive starters include linemen Mark Willis, Anthony Everett and Thomas Tucker and receivers Mark Lowery, Andre Moseley and Shannon Hankins.

"We're not going to have a great many varsity players. Most of these guys are going to have to go both ways," Baldwin said.

North Brunswick will host Richlands in a scrimmage game next Thursday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

The Scorpions will open the regular season Friday, Aug. 26, against visiting Topsail.

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