

West Craven Noticeboard

TENNIS LESSONS

The Craven County Recreation and Parks Department will be holding tennis classes at Brinson Elementary, Craven Community College, Havelock High School and Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary. Classes can be made available for youth and adults, beginners to advanced. For more information contact the department at 638-6606.

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The Craven County Recreation and Parks Dept. will offer beginner, advanced beginner and intermediate tennis lessons for youth and adults in June and running through August. The cost is \$10 for four weeks and pre-registration is required. For more information, call 638-6606, ext. 137.

YOUTH SOFTBALL

The Craven County Recreation and Parks Department is currently accepting registration for youth softball for boys and girls ages 10-15 as of Aug. 1, 1988. Registration forms may be obtained by calling 638-6606 Mondays through Fridays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Anyone interested in coaching should contact the department.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Drivers are needed to transport people for the Council on Aging from Vanceboro to doctors appointments. Mileage will be paid. Contact Camille at 638-2118.

PIZZA HUT CLASSIC

The Craven County Recreation and Parks Dept. will host the annual Pizza Hut Classic tennis tournament July 15-17 at Craven Community College. The tournament consists of ladies' singles and doubles, men's singles and doubles and mixed-doubles play. Players must be at least 16-years-old. Balls and a t-shirt will be provided by the Recreation Department. Registration fee is \$10 for singles and \$15 for doubles. Registration forms must be received not later than 5 p.m. July 11. For more information, call 638-6606, ext. 137.

YOUTH SOFTBALL

Youth softball began June 27. Any boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 15 interested in playing should call the Craven County Recreation and Parks Dept. at 638-6606, ext. 137 to sign up before June 15.

JOB TRAINING

Job Training Partnership Act Summer Youth Employment applications may be obtained at any of the high schools or middle schools in Craven County. They will also be available at the Employment Security Commission office. Applicants must be 14 to 21 years of age and will be required to meet specific economic guidelines. For more information contact Trudy Nelson at ESC or Amy Hazel and Terri Campbell at the county board of education at 633-2133.

VOLLEYBALL

The Twin Rivers YMCA is registering teams for the coed recreational volleyball league. The league is designed for maximum enjoyment and exercise for men and women. Matches will be played on Monday evenings. Contact the YMCA at 638-8799 for more information.

T-BALL TEAM

Anyone between the ages of 6 and 8 interested in participating on the Twin Rivers YMCA T-Ball team should call 638-8799 or come by the YMCA to register. Games will be played at H.J. MacDonald School.

COUNSELORS NEEDED

The Twin Rivers YMCA is now hiring counselors for its summer day camp. The job includes planning activities, supervising children 5- to 14-year-old and participating in programs. Previous experience in working with children is desired. Anyone interested must fill out an application at the YMCA. For more information, contact the YMCA at 638-8799.

SWIMMING LESSONS

The Craven County Recreation and Parks Department will hold swimming lessons this year at Fox Chase Village's back pool and Carolina Pines. Classes will be available during the week and Saturdays. Classes began June 13 and 18, for beginners through Junior lifesavers. Certified instructors will teach the classes. Pre-registration is required and the registration fee is \$2 per class. For more information and to register call 638-6606.

SWIM LESSONS

The Twin Rivers YMCA is now registering participants for its swim lessons. The lessons, for infants to adults, began June 20. For more information, call 638-8799.

POOL OPENS

The Twin Rivers YMCA pool opened May 21. Come by the YMCA to register for a pool membership.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Twin Rivers YMCA is conducting pre-registration for its various summer day programs for the 1988 summer sessions. Camp Small Fry — designed for five-year-old children. Camp Discovery — for children between the ages of six and 10. Adventure Club — for children between the ages of 11 and 14. Counselor-In-Training (CIT) — designed for 15- to 17-year-olds. Leadership skills will be taught to those who want to be trained as future summer counselors. For more information, contact the YMCA at 638-8799.

FLYING DISKS

Test your skill at throwing flying disks. Accuracy, distance and angular throws are a part of this contest. This will be conducted at day camp sites throughout the county. Registration is free and open to people under the age of 15. Finals will be at Brinson Memorial Elementary School July 29. Trophies and prizes will be awarded.

DAY CAMPS

Summer day camps began June 20. Camps will provide well-rounded recreational activities for youth ages 6-16. Locations include Bangert Elementary, Bridgeton Elementary, Ft. Barnwell Elementary, Harlowe, Brinson, Jasper, Pembroke, Perrytown, River Bend and Vanceboro. Camps will run Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$5 for the six-week session. For more information, call the Craven County Recreation and Parks Department at 638-6606.

POOL MEMBERSHIPS

YMCA pool memberships are available for individuals and families. Contact the YMCA at 638-8799 for more information.

SPRING PROGRAMS

The Twin Rivers YMCA is now conducting registration for its spring session programs. The programs include Keiser-Cam II fitness classes, low-impact aerobics, jazzercise, basic exercise and stretching, small fry instructional soccer, active older adult exercise, karate, youth gymnastics and more. Call 638-8799 for more information.

Farm Bureau Suggests Lyng Work Programs To Give Drought Aid

The North Carolina Farm Bureau has urged U.S. Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng to make maximum use of existing programs to provide drought relief to farmers.

W.B. Jenkins, president of the state bureau, said that by using authorized program provisions already available, especially for livestock and poultry producers, the secretary has the flexibility to provide needed relief when conditions warrant.

"Although North Carolina has so far been spared the disaster conditions existing in some parts of the country," Jenkins said, "the western part of the state is suffering and the drought is beginning to move eastward."

"Farmers don't necessarily need additional loans and an increase in their debt load," Jenkins said. "Disaster loans don't solve the problem. In fact, eventually they can become the problem, so it's best not to rush into these types of programs.

Among drought-relief recom-

mendations, the Farm Bureau has urged that Lyng:

- Consider forgiving repayment of advance deficiency payments in designated disaster counties and adjoining areas.
- Make available uncommitted government-owned grain that can be bought with generic certificates in order to help livestock producers who need to purchase feed and to allow export commitments to be met.
- Make maximum use of the existing D-92 program by extending it to farmers who were prevented from planting and farmers who cannot produce a crop. Under D-92, farmers who agree to forgo planting feed grain crops can receive 92 percent of their expected deficiency payments.
- "Hopefully, there will be some widespread relief from the drought soon," Jenkins said.
- However, the appropriate agencies of government are urged to monitor the situation closely and be prepared to act swiftly when necessary.

Farmers Can Sign Up For Reserve Program July 18 Through Aug. 5

July 18 through Aug. 5 will be the next opportunity farmers have to sign up for the Conservation Reserve Program, Bobbye J. Jones, state conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service said.

"So far, more than 4,000 North Carolina farmers have participated in the program," Jones said. "The average annual payment has been around \$45 per acre."

Under the program, a farmer agrees to convert highly erodible cropland to a less erosive use such as trees or grass. In return, the farmers receive an annual payment for 10 years. The annual payment is determined by bids through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Technical and financial assistance is available to help farmers convert their land.

— Cropland areas 66-99 feet wide

next to streams, lakes, estuaries and other permanent bodies of water which are suitable as vegetative filter strips are also eligible for the program.

Meeting program requirements is easier for farmers wanting to convert their acreage to trees. Normally, before cropland will qualify for the program two-thirds of the field must be highly erodible. If the land is to be planted to trees only one-third needs to be highly erodible to qualify. Even the definition of highly erodible cropland is lower for acreage going into trees.

"Farmers thinking about placing cropland in CRP shouldn't wait any longer," Jones said. "The program is scheduled to end in 1990."

For more information about the program, farmers and landowners should contact their local ASCS or SCS office.

West Craven High School Hosts July SAT Workshop

A Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) preparatory class will be held for two weeks at West Craven High School.

SAT results are used by most colleges as part of qualifying factors for admittance. The test measures verbal and math skills.

The class begins July 6 and ends July 20. The class meets from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day of the week.

This workshop will use an interactive video that educational consultants have fashioned a whereby students who carried out the recommendations improved their SAT scores. Participants will learn strategies for:

- Studying and reviewing for the math section of the test.
- Preparing themselves on the day of the test (anxiety reduction exercises).
- Reading and answering

the questions on the test. The class is free and students may register on the first day of the class.

ASCS Notes

SWAMPBUSTER

Farmers who have land that they would like to clear or finish clearing have until Sept. 19 to request a commenced determination from the county committee.

SOYBEANS

No-till soybeans must be reported by Aug. 1. No burning is allowed in order to receive payments. Also, the deadline for reporting soybean acreage is Aug. 1. Soybeans will not be allowed on ACR or CU land in 1988.

DEADLINE

The deadline for making peanut contracts to sell 1988 crop additional peanuts is July 31.

DISASTER CREDIT

Producers with failed crop acreages may receive disaster credit if the disaster was beyond their control and an application is filed before the crop evidence is destroyed.

CROP REPORTS

The crop certification deadline was June 15 for corn, ACR, tobacco, grain, sorghum and peanuts. Producers who have not certified must certify if they are participating in a program or if they plant peanuts or tobacco. All producers must report planted acreage in order to establish or maintain their crop base.

CRP SIGNUP

The seventh signup period for the Conservation Reserve Program begins July 10 and continues through Aug. 5. Farmers who want to bid to enter highly erodible cropland may do so during this time.

LOAN GRAIN

Producers are reminded not to move any grain without prior authorization.

CHANGES

Farmers should notify the ASCS office of any changes in farm operators, owners, or any changes in cropland and farmland.

Neuse River Tragedy Illustrates Importance Of Watching Weather

By GEORGE H. FREEMAN, Flotilla Commander

A boating tragedy last month on the Neuse River illustrates once again the importance to boaters of keeping up on the weather forecast, the vital need for every person on a boat to have a properly sized life jacket (personal flotation device), and staying with your boat if it overturns.

A grandfather (44 years old), his son (22 years old), and his grandson (3 years old) went out on the Neuse River under marginal weather conditions in a 16 foot open boat. The weather deteriorated, and the boat overturned, throwing the three occupants into the water some distance upriver from Oriental. The grandfather stayed with the boat, but his son and grandson were separated from the boat. The son took off his life jacket and apparently tied it on to the grandson, in addition to the child sized life jacket he was wearing. Tragically, both the son and grandson were drowned. The grandfather stayed with the boat and drifted ashore near Clubfoot Creek, on the South side of the Neuse.

Perhaps the lesson of this tragedy is to stay on shore if the weather is inclement or threatens to turn bad. Make sure you have a life jacket that fits you and put it on if the weather turns bad. Boats currently manufactured are required to have positive buoyancy. That is, they will float even if they fill with water. Hang on to a filled or overturned

boat. It is much easier for potential rescuers to spot a filled or overturned boat than to see an individual head in the water.

We had occasion to be at Coast Guard Station Hobucken when the search for these missing people was going on. In addition to a Coast Guard boat and helicopter, a Marine helicopter from Cherry Point and local rescue boats from towns in the area participated in the rescue efforts. How sad that such devoted efforts did not lead to a happier conclusion.

Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Guion Dawson of Rt. 3, Vanceboro, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on Tuesday, June 28. They have eight living children and 12 grandchildren.

Ruth and Donald Witherington of Vanceboro will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. A reception will be held Sunday, July 10 at their home from 2 to 4 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited. No gifts please.

BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS

Cut Back On Water Consumption at Home

How much water do you use in a day? "The average person uses as much as 60 gallons every day," says Dr. Glenda Herman, housing specialist at North Carolina State University.

Weather conditions have made North Carolinians more aware of the water that they use, but most people still take it for granted. Here are some suggestions for cutting back on water consumption at home:

- Fix any leaky faucets. The loss of only one drop per second adds up to nearly 2,500 gallons a year. That's enough water for 160 full cycles in an automatic dishwasher.
- Install low-volume flow control devices on shower heads and tub faucets.
- See if your toilet continues running after flushing. A commode may be leaking without making a sound. Put a small amount of food coloring into the tank. If the color trickles into the bowl, there is a leak that needs repair.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash basket for facial tissues and similar items. Each flush uses 5 to 6 gallons of water.
- Wash only full loads of laundry. Don't wash clothes more often than necessary.
- Tub baths can take 30 or more gallons of water, depending on the water level. A shower uses 5 to 8 gallons per minute.
- Turn off the faucet while you shave or brush your teeth.
- Reduce the use of garbage disposals by peeling vegetables, eggs and other foods onto newspaper.

Wrap the food waste and dispose of it with the trash. The garbage disposal uses as much as 4 gallons of water per minute.

- Cook foods over low heat in pans with tightly fitted lids to reduce evaporation of liquid.
- Use a pressure cooker to save time and water.
- Chill water in bottles in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run. Shake the bottle before serving to get rid of the flat taste.
- Wash only full loads of dishes in the dishwasher, and avoid unnecessary rinsing. A dishwasher uses 12 to 30 gallons of water per load.
- Wipe up small spills as they occur to avoid frequent mopping of floors.
- When water is restricted, lawn and annuals should be last on your list for watering. Trees and shrubs are more expensive to replace. Soapy water that comes from soap you can use on your skin can be used to water outdoor plants. Do not use water with bleach or borax compound in it on plants. Rinse water can be used on outdoor or indoor plants.
- Use trickle or drip irrigations systems outdoors. These methods use 80 to 90 percent less water than hose or sprinkler methods. A tiny plastic tube runs along the ground near the plants. The trickle system provides many tiny holes to water closely placed plants. The drip system tubing contains holes or openings at strategic places for tomatoes and other plants that are more widely spaced.

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