RECREATION

Winter skiing trips scheduled

The registration deadline for three winter ski trips offered by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is drawing near

A \$40 deposit is due October 9 for the January 9-12 trip to Canaan Valley, W. Va. The cost is \$155 a person with four people sharing a room and includes three nights lodging, two days of skiing and transportation.

A \$50 deposit is due October 12 for the February 7-10 trip to Seven

Springs, Pa. The cost is \$245 a person with two people sharing a room, and includes three nights lodging, two days of skiing, transportation, three breakfasts and a dinner buffet.

A \$63.90 deposit is due October 5 for a March 5-8 trip to Snowshoe, W. Va. The cost is \$204.05 and includes three nights lodging, two days of skiing, transportation and eight meals.

All deposits are non-refundable and reservations are made only when deposits are paid. Space is limited. Rental equipment on all trips is extra. More information can be obtained by calling Emma McGraw at the county recreation department.

Long Beach offers tennis

"Tennis, anyone?" is the question posed by the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department.

A fall men's tennis program will be offered for six weeks, beginning Wednesday, September 30. The first meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the recreation center. Matches will be scheduled once a week. The cost is \$15 a person. Katherine Williamson will be the instructor.

Williamson also will conduct an after-school tennis camp for children ages eight to 12. Classes will be offered from 3 to 5 p.m. three times a week from September 30 through November 18. The cost is \$15 a week.

More information can be obtained by calling the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department.

Water aerobics in October

Water aerobics will be held at the Arboretum pool at Caswell Beach beginning next month.

One-hour classes will be held at 9:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning October 5, or 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning October 6. The cost is \$20 a month or a \$3 drop-in fee.

The classes are sponsored by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Arboretum Community Associa-

Davis Canal canoe excursion

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a canoe trip on Davis Canal Saturday, September 26. As the group canoes down Davis Canal participants will conduct a canoe sweep picking up

The group will meet at 8:30 a.m. and the canoe sweep will finish approx-

For more information persons should contact Emma T. McGraw at Brunswick County Parks and Recreation. Pre-registration is required and

Physical fitness is class goal

Keeping fit is easy when enrolled in exercise classes sponsored by a local or county recreation department.

A low-impact aerobics class is offered Monday and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Southport Community Building. Becky Sledge is the certified

Modern movement classes are designed for men and women age 55 and over and are offered at no charge to participants. Classes, which include a 45-minute aerobics workout, are held from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$ledge is the instructor.

Sledge also teaches low-impact aerobics from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the Long Beach Recreation Center.

The cost for Southport and Long Beach aerobics classes is \$20 a month, or a \$3 drop-in fee.

Hour-long low-impact aerobics classes are also sponsored by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department and offered at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the Town Creek Community Building; 5:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Brunswick County Government Center (beginning October 6); 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Lockwood Folly Community Building; and / p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Leland Community Building. The cost is \$15 a month or a \$3 drop-in

Christmas trip to Biltmore

Christmas may be a long way off, but Joe Medlin of the Southport Parks and Recreation Department wants people to sign up now for a bus trip to see "Christmas at the Biltmore" in Asheville.

The overnight trip is scheduled December 11-12 and costs \$125 a person. The fee includes transportation, accommodations and tickets to the Biltmore Estate.

Persons can register by calling Southport City Hall.

More information on programs sponsored through the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department can be obtained by calling 1-800-222-4790 or 253-4357; the Southport Parks and Recreation Department by calling 457-7945; the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department by

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'Schlemiel?' Schlmozo! It spells the difference in bee

County Editor

Have you ever tried to spell "schlemiel" while standing in front of a microphone and gazing out at the emotionless faces of about 100 people?

That's the predicament municipal editor Amit Pal and this writer found ourselves in last Thursday when we competed in the Brunswick County Literacy Council's third annual Spell for Literacy Pro-

As we shuffled off the stage with "That is incorrect" echoing in our ears, I'm sure we both appeared to be perfect representations of the meaning of the word: "A bungling or unlucky person".

Apparently our editor, Ed Harper, did not think it was quite enough to subject Amit to four town meetings during his first week of employment at the Pilot. No, almost as a test of endurance, Amit had to take on the added burden of something we have all dreaded since first grade -- the spelling

In the end, though, the event proved to be more fun than stressful -- after our initial stage fright and our relief at not missing our first word, "amateur".

So what if we misspelled "schlemiel"? When have you ever heard that word anyway, other than on old "Laverne and Shirley" reruns?

Of the 14 teams competing in the event, Lynn

Carlson and Susan Eggert from The Brunswick Beacon proved to be the superior spellers when they correctly spelled "bellicose", after Wynn Caison and Rosie Scarborough from the Comprehensive Home Health Care team incorrectly spelled 'equivocator".

The spelling bee generated over \$3,400 for the Brunswick County Literacy Council, which will use the additional funds to help sponsor free courses in reading and writing, said council coordinator Gladys Wagenseil.

Other teams and team members competing in the event included: John Meyer and Ben Steelman from the Wilmington Star-News; Pete Barnette and Peter Icard from Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation; Isobel Beebe and Eleanor Hoff from Brunswick County extension homemakers; Marsha Walters and Owen Weddle from Brunswick Community College.

Kelly Baxley and John Stevenson from Nations-Bank; Miles Davis and LaRhonda Gaines from Exide Electronics; Mark Gray and Kathy Lamb from Southern Bell; Kenneth Mabe and Teresa McNeill from Security Savings and Loan Association; Ann Davis and Susan Stone from The Sun News; Elaine Corbitt and Robert Slockett from Brunswick County schools; and Daphne Yarbrough and George Saunders from The Brunswick Hospital.

'Columbus' musical includes performances by youth choir

One of the highlights of the "Christopher Columbus His Story" musical concert in October will be the performance of the Wilmington Boys Choir.

Presentation of the musical, sponsored by the Robert Ruark Foundation, Inc., is scheduled for Friday, October 9, at Southeastern Community College; Saturday, October 10, in Hatch Auditorium at the N. C. Baptist Assembly on Oak Island; and Monday, October 12, in Thalian Hall in Wilmington. All performances are at 8 p.m.

"Christopher Columbus His Story" will be performed by a chorus of 100 voices, soloists, a chamber orchestra and the Wilmington Boys

The choir, organized in 1984, is a professional ensemble of 37 boys ages eight and older. Membership, which requires an individual audition, crosses all barriers of race, cultural background and economic status.

The chorus practices three hours a week during the school year at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilmington. The choir performs Sunday afternoons at St. Paul's, in addition to two major public concerts each year.

A concert tour is an annual event for the Wilmington Boys Choir, and this year members will visit England. Among the places they have performed are the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and the National Cathedral in Washington, D. C.

"Christopher Columbus His Story" is a tribute to man's desire to explore the unknown. It traces Christopher Columbus from his childhood in Genoa, Italy, all the way to the siting of the New World on October 12, 1492.

The musical was composed by former Southport resident Lewis Hardee. He is an associate professor at

music director for the Wagner College Theatre. He holds degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a composer or composer/author of numerous works for the musical theater including "Revolution!".

The musical will be directed by

'Troll' look-alikes

Dressed like a troll wizard, Krystal Jones of Long Beach won a \$100 troll gift certificate in the troll lookalike contest sponsored by Lynne's Hallmark and Treasure Room.

There was a three-way tie for second place, and each was awarded a \$30 troll gift certificate. They were Colt Collins and Cody Shrader of Long Beach and Sidney Hunt of Yaupon Beach.

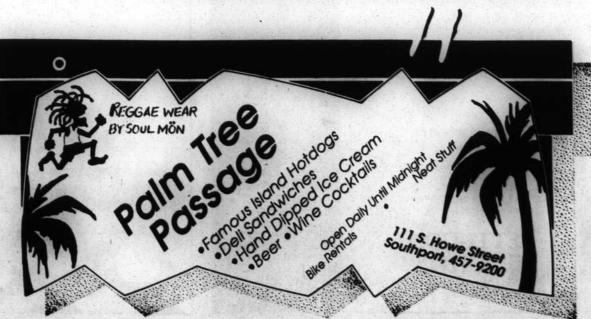
Wagner College in New York and is Cindy Sellers. She is the musical director of the Sea Notes Choral Society and serves as music director/organist for Sunset Park United Methodist Church in Wilmington. She attended UNC-W and is a graduate of High Point College. She was a flautist with the original Wilmington Symphony and has performed as a soprano. She is the owner of Real Estate Services Inc. in Wilmington.

Advance tickets for "Christopher Columbus His Story" are on sale at Kirby's Prescription Center, the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, Leggett's in Southport and The State Port Pilot office. They are \$5 for students, \$6 for senior citizens and \$8 for general admission.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door the evening of the performance: \$10 for general admission, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for students.









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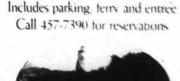


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