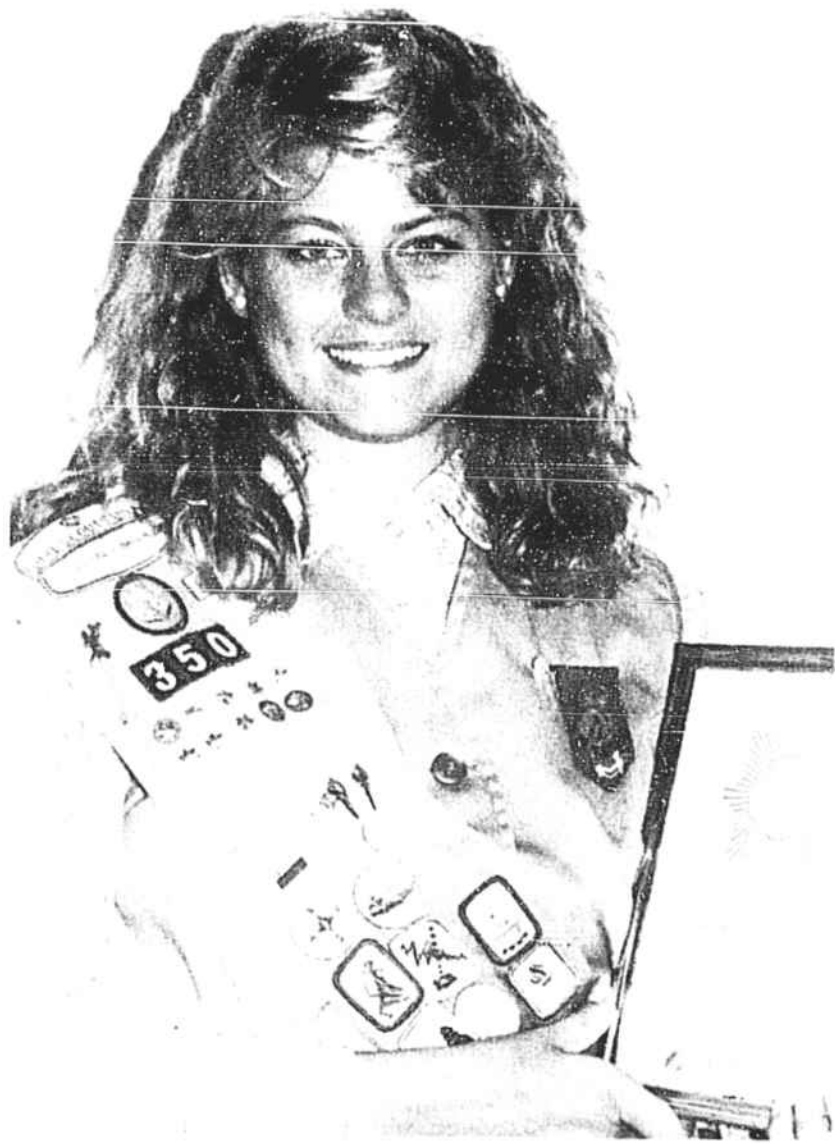


# County's First Gold Award Girl Scout Has No Plans To Drop Out



SUZANN SCHUTTE made a bit of local history last month when she became the first young woman in Brunswick County to earn Girl Scouting's highest honor, the Gold Award.

BY SUSAN USHER

Suzann Schutte's quest for Girl Scouting's highest honor ended May 15th, when she became the first Brunswick County Girl Scout to attain the Gold Award, but her interest in Scouting did not.

The West Brunswick High School student was cited by Girl Scouts of America "for dedicated service, distinguished achievement and commitment to excellence."

The 17-year-old daughter of Steve and Connie Schutte of Supply, Suzann comes by her enthusiasm for scouting naturally. Her younger sister, Sally, is a Girl Scout, and her mother is a Girl Scout and Girl Scout volunteer.

Schutte's not certain what her next direction in Scouting will be—whether to try to start a new troop or accept some other leadership opportunity. But in Girl Scouting she will stay, she said.

The road to the Gold Award was anything but short.

In 1984 Schutte began working for her Silver Award, a prerequisite to her going for the Gold. The Silver Award recognizes efforts in a wide

range of experiences ranging from self-improvement to career exploration and increasing leadership skills. Earning it took two years.

The Gold Award was yet another two years and one Challenge Pin, Pilots Pin, four interest project patches, Gold Leadership Pin and major project away.

Her Pilots Pin was earned for 48 hours of community service, volunteering at the West Brunswick Branch Library in Shallotte. Other projects allowed her to explore Girl Scouting's history, camping, outdoor survival, dance, childcare and leadership development. She earned credit, for instance, serving as leader of the pom-pom squad at school.

For her Gold Award project, Schutte developed a videotape for use in training volunteers to work with older girls such as herself; the older girls program was the only one lacking a visual training aid, she said.

She researched the subject, wrote the script, made audiovisual aids, chose the music, sets and costuming. It was a bigger job than she had first thought. Then, at the last minute the

videographer she'd lined up fell through. Her mother ended up filming the project.

Of the result, Connie Schutte laughed and said, "It fell short of the vision we had because it wasn't as professional as we would have liked."

But it will be used by the Coastal Carolina Council, and that's what is important.

Added Suzann Schutte, "It gives an overall view. It shows leaders there are a lot of choices and options for Girl Scouts in earning their Gold Award."

What saddens her is that there aren't many senior Girl Scouts to be led.

One of her goals is to convince fellow senior high school students that scouting is "a lot more fun than just dressing up in a dumb uniform," she said.

In fact, Senior Scouting is the most exciting level so far, she continued, "because I get to choose, I get to decide what I say and do."

Much of her work on the Gold has been done on her own, or working with her mom, not in the supportive environment of a troop.

She was in a junior troop until two years ago, but, she said, "when we hit ninth grade all of them lost interest and dropped out."

"But I don't see it that way. I think it's fun."

When she thinks of scouting, Suzann Schutte thinks of camping, of outings with other young people from all across coastal North Carolina and other places, service to her community, and one of her favorite activities, working with younger Girl Scouts such as the Daisy troop of eight preschoolers she helped lead last year.

"Girl Scouting challenges you to be the best possible person you can be," she said. "It requires self examination, learning to relate to others, developing values for living, contributing to your community and learning more about Girl Scouting itself. It's great!"

Recalling a fellow camper and Scout at Girl Scouts' Our Chalet International Center in Switzerland, she added, "I hope I'm in Girl Scouting til I'm 75, hiking up a mountain!"

## Birthdays And Anniversaries

**Thursday, June 2**  
Gussie Thorpe Stump, Barry Leonard, Frances M. Sweatt, Paul Smith, Eddie Carroll; Doug and Dianne Baxley, Don and Michele Hobson.

**Friday, June 3**  
Ronald (Butch) Hewett, Judy Rickenbacker, J. Pearl Russell, Crystal White, Ashley Marshall, Ellen Wemyss, John Fazekas.

**Saturday, June 4**  
Virginia Holden, John Mack Young, Courtney Williams, Wendell Cheers, Jack Soles, Delwood Johnson, Marcus Evan Gore; Carson and Marlene Varnam, Mike and Gaye Fulford, Jay and Jan White, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Long, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bellamy, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Blanton.

**Sunday, June 5**  
Mrs. Minnie White, Robert Lawing III, Doug Roycroft, Annette Bennett, George F. Wilson Sr., Peggy Stanley;

Terry and Cindy Reed, Roy and Myrtle Lee Trest, Greg and Chaunda Norris.

**Monday, June 6**  
Jewel W. Hodge, Wayne Roach, Lyla Esler, Wendy Ward, Del Evans, Jeanette Galloway, Wanda H. Hewett, Kenny Smigiel, Martha Pope, Jessica Winfree; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Winfree, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hostetler, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pigott.

**Tuesday, June 7**  
Chalmers Champness, Connie Boyte, Gene Bellamy; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Small, Mr. and Mrs. Elridge Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. David Carmichael.

**Wednesday, June 8**  
Kelly Hughes, Carlton Sligh, Jim Hughes, Audrey Owens, Faye Galloway, Heather Hardwick; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Barefoot, Craig and Anne Snow, Jerry and Neda Carter.

## Workshops Are Slated

A variety of craft and sewing workshops are scheduled in June by the Brunswick County Agricultural Extension Office.

These include:

•Folded Ribbon Roses, June 7, 9 a.m. to noon. Class size limited to 10. A \$1 registration fee will be charged. Lena Beachum, a member of the Town Creek Extension Homemakers Club, is the instructor. Participants are to bring scissors, wire cutters, florist tape and florist wire.

•Battensburg Lace, taught by Hilda Lewis June 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. She is a member of the Town Creek Extension Homemakers Club. Cost is \$5 to cover materials, payable at preregistration.

•Swags and Jabots, June 15 and 16, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Class size is limited to eight. Extension Agent Mary Russ is the instructor.

•Basics of Quilting, June 21, June 23 and July 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Class size limited to eight. A \$7 registration fee will cover the cost of fabrics.

•Lingerie, June 28, 29 and 30, taught by Marge Stuckey of the Oak Island Extension Homemakers Club. Class size is limited to 10. Contact Extension Agent Pearl Stanley for more information.

For more information, including pre-registration and materials required for various projects, contact the extension office.

## Ceremony Will Honor The Flag

Calabash Elks Lodge No. 2679 will hold a Flag Day ceremony on Tuesday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge at Traders Village, Calabash.

The public is invited, said spokesman Joseph Mondichak, and free hot dogs and soft drinks will be served.

Flag Day is a celebration of the anniversary of the adoption of the American flag in 1777.



Married 40 Years

Doris and J.B. Stegall of Holiday Acres near Holden Beach will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 12. Formerly of Charlotte, the two were married in York, S.C., on June 12, 1948. They have a son, Jim, of Holden Beach, and two granddaughters, Kim and Melissa Stegall, both of Shallotte.

## Meal Has International Flavor

The Pilot Club of South Brunswick Islands shared dinner with an international theme as part of their May 24 meeting, held at Calvary Baptist Church in Shallotte.

Each member brought a covered dish and dressed in the costume of the country represented by the food.

Faye Allen chose Spain as her favorite country and brought Rose Mincey, a native of Spain, to tell members about the country.

Tables were decorated with potted

petunias and small flags from eight countries.

Members also viewed letters received from Nancy Wemyss' first-grade class at Union Primary School, in which students thanked the club for coloring books and visits from local police and fire departments. Their letters included pictures drawn of the things they enjoyed most about the club's safety programs at the school. The letters will become a part of the Pilot Club's scrapbook.

Plans were completed for a June 4 yard sale.

## Clarification

An officer was omitted in a news release from Calabash VFW Post 7288 Ladies Auxilliary.

Spokesman Mary Benes said the list should have included Ella High of Calabash, a one-year trustee.

Also, officers of the auxilliary and the VFW Post are to be installed 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at the new VFW Building in Traders Village, not, as inadvertently stated by The Brunswick Beacon in one recent article, at the Elks Lodge.

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By the time most people reach middle-age, for example, they need glasses to see clearly when reading. The reason for this is that their near-focusing muscles are not as strong as they used to be. This is a natural process, common to most people at that time of life. From middle-age on, it is usually recommended that you have your eyes examined once a year. Often, this will bring a change in prescription and new glasses to adjust to the changing condition of your eyes.

There are other reasons for having annual eye examinations, especially for middle-aged and older people. This is to look for any signs of glaucoma or cataract and other eye problems that may impair vision unless treated in time. But no matter what your age, you should have regular eye examinations to protect your health as well as your eyes.

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Doctor of Chiropractic

Millions of Americans suffer from headaches every day. Why?

Well, technically, most chronic headaches are due to irritation and compression of the upper spinal nerves. But when you talk headache you could spend an hour discussing various technical aspects and they'd still all boil down to one thing: pain.

But to stick with the 'why,' you must realize that headache is part of the symptom complex in many diseases. However, most chronic or recurring headaches at the base of the skull and upper neck are caused by irritation of the upper three spinal nerves.

Spinal nerves which supply the scalp may be compressed or irritated by a slightly displaced spinal segment which partly occludes the spinal opening through which the nerves exit the spine.

These nerves may also be irritated or compressed by postural decay of the upper spine.

It should be remembered that all serious headache problems start with a first one, then another, then another until the condition is chronic. Talk to a person who suffers from recurring migraine attacks and you'll seek treatment of your first headache.

Of course, most of these daily headaches get a pain pill treatment. Its so unfortunate the public is oriented this way. These self-treating habit-forming potents are simply delaying final action on a headache. They offer only temporary relief and obviously do little if anything toward correcting the basic cause of the headache.

"Why" the headache? That question has been answered. Why not seek treatment aimed at correcting the cause of the problem? That question is up to you.

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