

Hospital To Host Bloodmobile Stop

The Brunswick Hospital and the American Red Cross are looking for volunteers willing to give the "gift of life"—blood.

Those ages 17 to 75 are eligible to give blood when the bloodmobile sets up its donor station at the hospital lobby on Monday July 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donors must also weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. They cannot have had hepatitis, cancer or heart disease, or have been exposed to AIDS.

Hospital spokesman Frances W. Fowler said that during and after a holiday such as Independence Day a severe strain is placed on blood banks.



NEW HEALTH EDUCATOR Jennifer Kye (left) talks with Public Health Nurse Nancy Leggett at the Brunswick County Health Department.

Forest Service Offers Help

The North Carolina Forest Service says many tracts of forest lands are not managed properly because their owners don't know how to do it properly and don't take advantage of the agency's free services.

The service provides forest management examinations and pest control checks at no charge. Given a short while, the service will write up a management plan that includes recommendations from experienced personnel. It will sketch a map showing different timber types and ages, explaining the prescriptions for each.

In many cases, a news release indicated, the plan may be compromised to meet the landowner's specific needs.

In mature stands of trees that need cutting or younger stands of trees that may need to be selectively cut, the service may recommend hiring a consulting forester to help the landowner get the most for his timber. For those who wish to sell on their own, a list of timber buyers is available.

Specific problems such as insects or diseases in a stand may be pointed out and treatment recommendations made. Many landowners, said the service, allow timber to be harvested too soon or allow beetles to greatly damage stands before contacting the Forest Service.

To request a woodland examination or for more information, contact the N.C. Forest Service office, 253-5297. Miller Caison is the county ranger.

Health Educators Also Have A Lot To Learn

BY RAHN ADAMS

Jennifer Kye has been out of college for seven months now, but her education as the Brunswick County Health Department's new health educator has just begun.

The 23-year-old Supply native started her new job June 5, after former health educator Joanne Caldwell resigned to enter medical school. And according to Ms. Kye, the past four weeks have been a learning experience.

"It's going to be a lot of work, but I've wanted a job that will keep me busy and let me work with the people of Brunswick County," she said.

The attractive blonde—who, by the way, was runner-up in the 1987 Miss Brunswick County Pageant—is no stranger to hard work and challenges, though.

A 1984 graduate of West Brunswick High School, Ms. Kye served as battalion commander of the school's JROTC program and was homecoming queen her senior year. She also worked as a bus driver.

After high school, she attended Brunswick Technical College for one year, then transferred to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and worked at a Wilmington department store to put herself through college. She graduated last December, with a degree in sociology.

During her college career, she was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, which was involved in community projects such as an AIDS awareness week sponsored by Lower Cape Fear Hospice. She also volunteered at Wilmington's Hospitality House, a facility that helps families of patients at New Hanover Memorial Hospital.

When it came to putting her experience to work, she turned to her home county. "I knew I wanted to come back to Brunswick County when I finished school," Ms. Kye said, "and this seemed like an excellent opportunity to do so."

Although she was already familiar with Brunswick County when she accepted the health educator post, she said she wasn't aware of the wide range of services that local residents receive from the health department.

"Until I went through the orientation, I didn't realize that the health department covered so many areas," she said, referring to the animal control, sewage disposal, and food and lodging programs, in particular.

Her training so far has included becoming familiarized with the different programs within the health department. For example, she spent one day with Animal Control Supervisor Zelma Babson and another with a sanitarian supervisor who introduced her to septic tank inspections and site evaluations.

Also, she has been trained to counsel participants in the department's HIV testing program and is being trained to work in the family planning and obstetrics clinics.

"It's not going to be the same old thing every day," she said of her new position. "People ask me if I'm tired of my job yet, and I say, 'No, I love it.'"

Once her training is completed, one of her basic duties also will be to serve as a contact person for the department, working with local businesses and community groups in various health-related programs.

"Tell them where I am," she said. "Tell them to contact me and put me to work."

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The award is named in memory of T.D. Eure, the commission's first chairman, and William Gardner, the long-time chairman of the Coastal Resources Advisory Council (CRAC).

Nominations must be received by July 21. The award will be presented on September 28 at the commission's annual award celebration.

Any project, plan or activity that has accomplished the goals of the North Carolina Coastal Management Program may be considered for the Eure-Gardner Award. Nominees may be individuals, local governments, civic groups, environmental organizations, businesses or any other persons or groups involved with coastal resource use and protection. Nominees may not be current members of the CRC, CRAC or the staff of the Division of Coastal Management.

The award will be given for the accomplishment that has done the most to protect and enhance the natural, cultural and economic resources of the coastal area. Activities that are required by state, local or federal law cannot be considered for the award. The award is given only for activities that exceed regulatory standards or surpass routine responsibilities.

Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of two CRC members, three CRAC members and one division staff member for eligibility. Eligible nominees will then be considered by the full CRC. A nomination must receive two-thirds of the votes cast in order to receive the award.

Nomination forms and more information are available from Bill Keese, Division of Coastal Management, Dept. of Natural Resources and Community Development, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687, 1-733-2293.

Past recipients include David Stick, Lena Ritter, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Lena Ritter, and New Hanover County. Last year's recipient was Dare County and Friends of Hatteras Island.

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