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Club Celebrates Libraries

Mayor Jerry Jones signs a proclamation declaring April 22-28 National Library Week in Shallotte as West Brunswick High School Library Club members Mary Jo Smith, Michelle Abel and Terressa Gause look on. During the week the school library will hold a daily trivia/library reference question contest, several activities to promote reading and learning, and a "forgiveness" day during which fines will not be charged for overdue books returned to the library.

South Carolina Man Crashes Into Supply Man's Vehicles

A South Carolina man escaped injury early Sunday when his car crashed into two vehicles parked outside a Supply area residence.

N.C. Highway Patrol spokesperson Ruby Oakley said the accident happened Sunday at 3:10 a.m., five miles north of Shallotte on U.S. 17, and involved Jonathan J. Bloch, 32, of Conway, S.C.

Ms. Oakley said Bloch's 1989 Ford ran a stop sign from a side road and shot across U.S. 17 at a high rate of speed. His car hit a parked 1987 Chevrolet and pushed it into a parked 1990 Chevrolet pickup truck. Both parked vehicles were owned by Sheldon Pigott of Supply.

Bloch, who wasn't hurt, left the accident scene but was apprehended 20 minutes later by Trooper J.V. Dove, Ms. Oakley said. Dove charged Bloch with driving while

impaired and leaving the scene of an accident.

The trooper estimated damages at \$3,000 to Bloch's car, \$6,000 to Pigott's car and \$5,000 to his truck.

In another accident, a Shallotte teen-ager was slightly hurt when his pickup truck wrecked near Shallotte.

Ms. Oakley said the mishap occurred last Thursday at 9:20 p.m., 3.8 miles north of Shallotte on Civictown Road, and involved 16-year-old Barry Lee Chadwick.

The teen's 1988 Ford truck was headed north when it ran off the right side of the road in a curve and overturned, Ms. Oakley reported. She said that Chadwick complained of minor injuries but apparently did not require emergency medical care.

Trooper D.B. Harvell charged Chadwick with exceeding a safe speed and estimated damage to the truck at \$5,000.

Check Forgery Charges Filed

A Supply teen-ager was arrested last week for allegedly forging two of his mother's checks, according to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

Anthony Locust, 19, was charged Friday with two counts of forgery and uttering, said Det. Kevin Holden. The teen was being held Monday in the Brunswick County Jail under a \$2,000 secured bond.

A report on file at the sheriff's department states that Locust's mother, Bessie L. Bellamy, reported April 10 that she discovered two checks had been taken from her checkbook and cashed in her son's name.

The amounts of the checks were not listed in the report. The alleged forgery and uttering incidents occurred March 28 and 30.

Man Arrested On Assault Charge

A Bolivia area man was arrested Saturday in connection with an assault earlier this month outside a nightspot near Supply.

Archie Williams, 29, of Route 1, Bolivia, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and carrying a concealed weapon, according to Brunswick County Sheriff's Det. Kevin Holden.

Sheriff's department reports indicate that the assault charge stems from an incident in which Aron Simmons, 35, of Route 2, Supply, was beaten in the parking lot of the Ball Diamond Joint on N.C. 211 near Lockwood Folly Township District Park.

A report states that the assault occurred April 7 around 11:15 p.m.

Simmons told officers that he and Williams got into an argument after Williams called him out of the establishment. Williams allegedly retrieved a large pistol from his vehicle and struck Simmons about three times on the head with the weapon.

Simmons ran to a nearby residence and was taken to The Brunswick Hospital at Supply for emergency room treatment, the report says. He required stitches for a three-inch laceration on top of his head.

Holden said the weapon charge against Williams was filed Saturday after lawmen took him into custody and found a "butterfly" knife in his possession. Williams was released from custody on a \$4,000 secured bond.

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Sheriff's Department Investigating Break-In, Theft At Local Business

CRIME REPORT

County lawmen Monday were investigating a break-in and theft reported last Thursday at a Shallotte area store, according to a report on file at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

Jackie Soles of Harrelson's Farm Supply on U.S. 17 south of Shallotte told officers that the business was entered sometime between 5:15 p.m. last Wednesday and 8 a.m. last Thursday.

The intruder gained entry by cutting a five-foot-wide hole in a greenhouse wall and then prying open a back door to the main building. The only item stolen was a chainsaw worth \$200, although the thief also entered the store's office. Damage was estimated at \$85.

An Ash area farmer also reported a break-in and theft last week at his warehouse on Ash-Little River Road near N.C. 904.

Willie Ward of Route 1, Ash, said someone entered his warehouse between 5 p.m. last Thursday and 9:15 a.m. Friday. Stolen were two grinders, a tool box and assorted tools. Theft loss was placed at \$624.

Also, Earl David Walter Jr. of Columbia, Md., told the officers that a storage bin he rented at Mini Warehouse Storage on Hale Swamp Road was broken into between Dec. 27 and Friday.

The thief got inside the storage bin by cutting a padlock off the door, then removed six porcelain household lamps worth \$120.

Homes Entered
The sheriff's department Monday also was looking into several residential break-ins that were reported over the past week.

Larry W. Nall of Calabash said someone entered his condominium in Building Four of Carolina Shores Resort on N.C. 179 last Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. There was no sign of forced entry.

Missing property included \$700 in cash, \$2,000-worth of jewelry, an \$800 knife collection and cowboy boots. The property was listed in value at \$3,642.

James O. Gray of Route 3, Leland, told lawmen that his mobile home on Chapel Loop Road was entered Friday between 4 a.m. and 2:50 p.m. Suspects entered the trailer by removing an air conditioner from a back window.

Stolen were a 19-inch Magnavox color television, a 19-inch black-and-white television, a Magnavox telephone answering machine, a Sears cordless telephone and stereo equipment. The items were worth

\$815. Frank Hancock of Raeford reported that his residence in Bellamy Heights off Stanbury Road was entered between March 9 and Saturday morning. The intruder pried open a back door to gain entry.

Property worth \$585 was stolen, including a Panasonic radio-cassette player, six cassette tapes, a telephone-clock radio, a chess set, binoculars, a tool box, assorted tools, a West Bend wall clock and a Windmere fan.

Jerry D. Draughn of Jonesville said someone broke into a shed at his dwelling in River Bend Estates. A Pioneer chain saw worth \$350 was taken.

Other Thefts
In other thefts reported to the sheriff's department, Dewitt Tarlton of Charlotte told deputies that an F&W water pump worth \$250 was stolen from outside his mobile home in Ocean Trail II subdivision.

Also, a stolen car report last Thursday night was determined to be unfounded. Glenn Parker of Route 7, Shallotte, said his 1977 Chevrolet Monte Carlo was stolen from the yard of his residence on Brooks Drive, Seaside. The car was found Friday parked at Seaside Plaza on N.C. 179 and was returned to Parker.

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