

D.A.R.E. Program Sets First Graduation Ceremonies

More than 350 Brunswick County fifth graders will be recognized the week of Jan. 21 as the first group to complete the county's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

Robert Morgan, director of the SBI; Charles Dunn, deputy director of the SBI, and John D. Simmons III, administrative attorney general in the N.C. Dept. of Justice, will be guest speakers at the graduation ceremonies, said Lt. Ronald E. Hewett, county D.A.R.E. officer.

Morgan will speak at the first ceremony, Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Bolivia Elementary School; Dunn at the second, Jan. 24 at Waccamaw Elementary School; and Simmons at the third, Jan. 25 at Shallotte Middle School.

All three graduation programs start at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

Sponsored by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, Brunswick County Board of Education in cooperation with the SBI, the drug education program offers a 17-week course led by a specially-trained uniformed officer. The program teaches children to develop positive attitudes and behavior. Through role-playing and other exercises, it teaches students not just refuse drugs, but how to do so.

This year the semester-long program has already been conducted at

the three schools listed above. During the spring term, Hewett's program is in fifth grade classes at Southport Elementary and Leland Middle schools. By year's end approximately 700 students will have completed the training, which has been incorporated as part of the school system's full K-12 substance abuse education program.

The D.A.R.E. officer also visits lower grade classrooms as part of the program.

"I feel like for the first time in my law enforcement career that I am making a difference," Hewett told the Brunswick County Board of Education last week in his progress report. "This program is working."

Hewett has submitted a budget proposal for the upcoming 1991-91 school year in which he requests \$7,500, or an average cost of \$10.77 per student. The funds would be used to purchase a D.A.R.E. shirt for each student, promotional materials, frames for their diplomas and supplies for the graduation programs.

Hewett's salary, car and gas are provided by the sheriff's department.

This past year the program had no formal budget, but received support and assistance from the school system's substance abuse program directed by Jeff Cumbie.



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Hesser Presents Award

Jim Hesser of Ocean Isle Beach (left), past commander of Shallotte Flotilla 10-08 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, presents an award to Miles Roberts of Harrells during a division auxiliary meeting Jan. 5 at Dos Amigos Restaurant at Ocean Isle. Roberts is the new division vice captain.

Calabash EMS, AARP Offering 'Vial Of Life'

Calabash Emergency Medical Service Inc. is launching a new "Vial of Life" project in cooperation with the Calabash chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons and several local businesses.

Individuals will be encouraged to list all medications they are taking and place the information in a vial inside their refrigerator so that the E.M.S. would be aware of the individual's medical history, said Kathy Morfit, president.

Harriet Olson, AARP health and community service chairman, will handle distribution of the vials through the AARP chapter. There is no cost for the vials.

Calabash EMS answered 521 calls during 1990, a 14 percent increase over calls during 1989, Chief Lina Angstadt reported to the service's board of directors at its Jan. 3 meeting.

During the year volunteers logged 21,525 miles and 1,902 service hours. Of the 521 calls, 190 were from Calabash, 110 from Sunset Beach and 196 from outlying areas of the service district. Twenty-five were mutual aid calls outside the district in support of other units.

During December the unit answered 23 calls, with 83 hours of service and 986 miles logged.

BCC Panelists To Discuss Issues In Black Community

Janice Kennedy-Sloan, a vice president in the N.C. Department of Community Colleges, will moderate a Jan. 18 panel discussion on *Black in the 21st Century* as part of Brunswick Community College's observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the student center in the ALS building on the main campus in Supply. It is open to the public at no charge.

Other panelists will include James Braye, director of career planning and placement at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNC-W); Delilah Blanks, an associate professor of social work at UNC-W; and Fred McRee, founder and director of the AIDS in the Black Community Project and Heritage House Center for Afrikana Studies, Wilmington.

Panelists will explore career opportunities, education, health, religion and family in the black community.

Ms. Kennedy-Sloan will address education-related issues. She was previously vice president of adult and continuing education for the state department and has lectured extensively on illiteracy. Her doc-

torate from Florida State University at Tallahassee was in design and management of post secondary education.

Braye joined UNC-W's staff in 1985 and has a master's degree in guidance and counseling. The retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel will share information about career opportunities.

Blanks, who will discuss family and religion on the panel, joined the faculty of UNC-W in 1972. She has a doctorate in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has previously worked for the N.C. Department of Social Services.

McRee has a doctorate in African civilization and additional degrees in African genetics, urban and human affairs, sociology and anthropology. He will discuss key issues of concern in health care.

Invocator for the program will be the Rev. Thurman Everett, associate pastor of Christian Hope Christian Church at Maco. The Young Adult Choir of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church at Supply will sing two gospel selections.

The program is funded by an N.C. Department of Community Colleges Community Service Grant.

NAACP Slates King Program

The Southport-Brunswick County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will hold its annual Martin Luther King celebration Sunday, Jan. 20, at 3 p.m. at St. John Missionary Baptist Church.

Regina Alexander and Hubert Reeves, who are coordinating the event, said the speaker will be the Rev. Thurman B. Everett. He is associate pastor of Christian Hope Christian Church in Maco.

The Piney Grove Young Adult Choir and Claire Hankins of Bolivia will render musical selections.

Leslie Myrie is president of the chapter, which invites the public to

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CLUB BRIEFS

Shell Collectors To Meet

The Beachcombers Shell Study Group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m. at the Lockwood Folly Community Building on Stanbury Road, Supply.

Guest speaker Neal Shey of Wilmington, a member of the North Carolina Shell Club, will lead a workshop on making jewelry from shells.

Also, members will review shells collected for the Museum of the Coastal Carolinas, said spokesman Ruth Hood.

Talk Over Coffee

A ladies' coffee will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m. in the Carolina Shores Property Owners Association building.

Guest speaker will be Kim Smith of Comprehensive Home Health Care (CHHC) of Supply.

CHHC provides home health care services in therapy, nurses and aides. All Carolina Shores women are invited.

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