

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Local Doctor Reports To Saudi Arabia

Dr. Charles J. Locke of Shallotte arrived in Saudi Arabia Feb. 11 for medical assignment to the USS *Tarawa*, a U.S. Navy vessel stationed in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm.



LOCKE

Locke, a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, was recalled to active duty Aug. 24, and was stationed at Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, until his recent reassignment.

A general surgeon, Locke established his local medical practice in March 1989. After his return to the military his office was relocated from Village Pines Office Park to Smith Avenue. Patients with billing or insurance questions are to contact his billing office, MD Associates of Shallotte. His practice's mailing address and telephone number have not changed.

Volunteer Praised

Aleta Murray, Bolivia Elementary School's February volunteer of the month, was recognized for her work with school projects such as the PTA membership campaign and DARE graduation reception, with the library and substitute teacher, as well as past work with Books and Beyond.

A native of the Bolivia area and South Brunswick High School graduate, she also attended Hardbarger Business College. She is a member of Bethel United Methodist Church, where she teaches Sunday school and serves as a youth counselor. She and her husband, Glenn, have two children, Maleta and Kaylan.

Attends Conference

Dr. James V. Mulholland of Shallotte attended the annual Care of the Sick Child Conference late last year at the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children, Or-

lando, Fla. The four-day conference was designed for practicing pediatricians and primary care physicians and featured presentations by prominent U.S. physicians on specific pediatric trends in medicine.

Mulholland, certified by the American Academy of Pediatrics, has practiced medicine in Brunswick County since 1977, specializing in pediatrics and family medicine. He opened his Shallotte office in 1979.

Lanier Cited

Pam Lanier, a bus driver and teaching assistant for six years, is bus driver of the month for February at Bolivia Elementary School. She takes her driving responsibilities seriously, according to a school news release, serving as president of the bus club. She is concerned with bus driver regulations and knowledgeable about bus drivers' concerns.

A graduate of South Brunswick High School, she and her husband, Chuck, and their children, Jason, Eric and Kerri, live in Bolivia.

Students Honored

Lincoln Primary School has announced students of the month for February. Teachers select one student from their class each month to be recognized for excellent citizenship or outstanding academic performance.

Recognized this month are the following students, by grade:

Kindergarten—Sean Watson, Keyana Mapson, Daniel Leggett, Jessica Delts, Kesheena Troy, Antonio Jenkins and Rhonda Merrick;

First grade—Emily Long, Christina Thompson, Vontea'a McMillan, Brennon Clemmons, Candice Young, Ciera Garner, Brittany Maloney and Robert Bradley;

Second grade—Emily Lester, Emily Freeman, Donnell Waddell, Tara Gabree, Cary Graham and Anthony Yeoman; and

Third grade—Marchetta Small, Crystal Garvin, Rebekah Williams,

Joshua Rogers, Jerry Leggett, Darren Davis, Tiffany Bradley, Tekisha Mapson and Brian Leadman.

The honorees receive special privileges during the month and attend a video/popcorn party given in their honor at the end of the month.

Robinson Elected

Brunswick County Register of Deeds Robert J. Robinson was elected to serve as chairman of the legislative committee of the N.C. Association of Register of Deeds at the annual conference in Asheville.



ROBINSON

He is serving a two-year term that began in January. The legislative committee is comprised of five other register of deeds in the state who were appointed by Robinson.

The legislative committee's responsibility is to look into those matters that are of concern to the register of deeds association and to review proposed legislation before it becomes law.

Service Recognized

Jesse A. Bryant of Cedar Grove received a plaque last week from Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear. Bryant served on the organization's board of directors for more than four years.



BRYANT

The organization offers legal aid services to low-income residents of Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Onslow, New Hanover and Pender counties.

Serves As Page

Tracie Franks of Yaupon Beach served as a page in the N.C. House of Representatives the week of Feb. 4-8, reports state Rep. E. David Redwine.

As a page she learned about how the state government and legislature works.

State Increases Permit Fees

Application fees for permits to develop along the North Carolina coast will increase to \$250 for major permits and \$50 for general permits starting March 1.

Revenue generated from the increased fees will fund enforcement, compliance and monitoring activities, according to a N.C. Division of Coastal Management news release.

The division issued 179 major permits last year and 1,134 general permits.

Major permits are required for projects covering more than 20 acres, with a structure larger than 60,000 square feet or activities that require another state or federal permit. They used to cost \$100.

General permits, which used to be free, authorize routine development and eliminate the extensive review used in the major permit process, according to the news release.

Permits are required for any development activity in an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) as designated by the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission.

AECs are areas where uncontrolled or incompatible development

could irreversibly damage the environment.

There are four categories of AECs—the estuarine system, ocean hazard system, public water supplies and natural and cultural resources.

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Adjustment Board Postpones Hearing

The Holden Beach Zoning Board of Adjustment postponed a variance hearing Monday when only four board members showed up for the meeting.

The board was to hear a request for variance from the 20-foot backyard setback. The meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 28, at 5 p.m.

Chairman Allan Dameron said rules governing the board of adjustment say a four-fifths vote is needed to grant a variance from the town zoning code.

He said the board needs a ruling from the town attorney on the number of people needed to hear a variance request.

Dameron also said it would be good to have the town attorney at board of adjustment meetings since anyone who wants to appeal a board decision does so through Brunswick County Superior Court.

Board members in attendance Monday were Dameron, Martin Feldt, Alfred Bell and Charles Pahl. Absent were Dave Gibson, Graham King and Rose Cole.



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Places In Contest

West Brunswick High School sophomore Trina Massey, daughter of Dale White and Albert Massey of Supply, has earned third place in Division I in the Operation Beach Respect essay contest. The annual contest is sponsored by the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association. She received \$50 for the essay on the theme *Get Hooked On Fishing—Not Drugs*, which described the effect of drugs on the community. Priscilla Gupton is her English instructor.

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