

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

DOT Employee Recognized As Member Of Year

Douglas Hall of Shallotte was recognized as member of the year by District 89 of the State Employees Association, North Carolina, at its July 15 annual meeting in Wilmington.

She is employed by the N.C. Department of Transportation in Brunswick County. As publicity chairman, she has made major changes in the District 89 newsletter. She was complimented on her enthusiasm and willingness to work for the association.

Ernie Evans, also of Brunswick DOT, was a nominee for vice chairman of the group. Evans, Ms. Hall, Ernie Fulwood, Candice Fields and Lee Currie, all of DOT, were elected district 89 delegates to the 1992 convention.

Brunswick County will be represented on the organization's executive committee by Evans, EMPAC chair, and Ms. Hall, publicity chair.

Completes Program

Rona Martin of Leland has completed the 1991 High School Residential Nursing Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing.

She is one of 40 rising sophomores, juniors and seniors from 30 counties to participate in the second year of the UNC program.

Students spent July 14-19 on campus exploring aspects of the nursing profession, teamed with nurses from UNC Hospitals at UNC.

Jones Gets Award

Keenan Eric Jones, of Southport, received the Adrian D. Hurst Award from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

The award, given in memory of the first chairman of the mathematical sciences department, goes to the student with the highest quality point average in math and has completed all of his or her course work.

Jones graduated from UNCW in the fall of 1990 with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics.

Attends Seminar

Yates Gupton, a rising junior, represented West Brunswick High School at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar June 7-9 at Meredith College in Raleigh.

He is the son of Joe and Priscilla Gupton of Supply.

The purpose of the seminar is to seek out, recognize and reward the leadership po-

tential of attendants and to provide them with opportunities to interact with leaders in business, government, education, science and industry. In the process they are exposed to the American economic incentive program and the democratic process.

The Shallotte Junior Woman's Club contributes each year to send one local student to the seminar.



MARLOWE GRISSETT

DSS Elects Officers

The Brunswick County Board of Social Services elected new officers and welcomed a new member to the board at its meeting Monday.

County Commissioner Frankie Rabon was reappointed as chairman, telling the board, "I certainly appreciate your confidence in me."

The board appointed James Marlowe vice chairman. He assumes the office held by Malcolm Grissett, of Grissettown, who has

left the board after serving six years.

At the June meeting, board members chose Brenda Grissett, Malcolm's wife, to succeed him. She will serve a three-year term.

Ms. Grissett asked the board Monday for its patience while she learns about DSS operations.

Reports For Duty

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Amy E. Navarro, daughter of Barbara A. Lowell of Holden Beach, recently reported for duty with Naval Security Group Activity, Edzell, Scotland.

The 1984 graduate of Towson Senior High School, Towson, Md., joined the Navy in March 1985.

Crowned King

Jacob Clemmons of Shallotte Point was crowned Tiny King at the 1991 Springfest Fourth of July pageant held June 29 at Shallotte Middle School. Jacob also won best dress, best smile and most photogenic.

He is the 11-month-old son of Gary and Tara Clemmons.



CLEMMONS of Gary and Tara Clemmons.



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Visitors Wed At Holden

Colette Parker of Swartz Creek, Mich., and Chuck Brookins of Wichita Falls, Texas, were married last week on a deck overlooking the ocean at 599 Ocean Blvd. West at Holden Beach. The bride's family has been vacationing at Holden for five years, and the couple decided to get married at the beach following their first visit last year. Family and friends from six states attended the wedding. The Rev. Dr. Richard Warner (center), rector of St. James The Fisherman Episcopal Church in Shallotte, officiated the ceremony.

Teams Forming To Enter Sept. 12 Literacy Bee

BY SUSAN USHER

It's not too early to start putting together a team and checking out the competition for the second adults-only spelling bee sponsored by the Brunswick County Literacy Council (BCLC).

This year's Bee for Literacy will be held Thursday, Sept. 12, in the Brunswick Community College Student Center, starting at 7:30 p.m.

"Remember last year? This year's bee is going to be just as much fun for the audience and for participants," said Lila Millett, a VISTA volunteer working on the event. Entry fees are the same as last year, a \$200 tax-deductible donation to the council per team. Ms. Millett said each two-person team can be sponsored by a single business, agency or civic organization, or several. Entries are due in the council Aug. 10.

Last year's champions, Gloria Yount and Ann Sinclair of the Brunswick County Schools, will return to defend their title and support the council's literacy work, she said.

The team won in an exciting, sudden death finish, with the Southern Bell team of Sandra Dron and Doug Flynn placing second.

"It's going to be very competitive this year," said Ms. Millett. "We're challenging all those who spelled last year to come back again and try to wrest the championship from Ann and Gloria."

In all, 16 teams competed in friendly fashion in last year's spell-off, with other sponsors contributing funds but not entering spellers.

Ms. Millett said the council is also working to make this year's bee even more fun and competitive than last year, with a warm-up round for contestants and a "new, improved" word list.

Last year's bee raised \$2,800 for the BCLC, a not-for-profit organization, and helped raise public awareness of the county's illiteracy problem and council efforts to improve adult basic skills.

The council hopes to see similar results this year, said Ms. Millett. Proceeds will support the council's \$18,000 budget for 1991-92. The budget covers a nominal salary for the agency's coordinator, defrays some mileage expense for three VISTA volunteers assigned to the council until April 1991, and pays for materials and supplies for students and their tutors.

BCLC trains and places tutor/advocates who work with adults who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills; adults who are learning English as their second language; and younger, school-age students with special needs. Services and materials are provided at no charge.

This past year the council also began a reading-related program at



TOP SPELLERS Ann Sinclair (left) and Gloria Yount confer on their way to the championship at last year's bee.

the Longwood and Cedar Grove Headstart centers and provided volunteers for read-aloud programs at local primary schools.

BCLC is a grantee agency of the Cape Fear Area United Way.

Information on the bee, or on how to refer a student, is available from the council at 754-READ, or by vis-

iting the council's office in Supply at the rear of the former Brunswick Community College Annex.

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