



More Than Just Cooks

West Brunswick High School at Shallotte is recognizing its food service staff for dedication and service that occasionally includes student counseling. National Food Service Employees and National School Lunch weeks are Oct. 14-18. Pictured are (from left) Wilhelmina Slade, Alcoria King, Wilma Robinson, Joyce Johnson, Gracie Gore, Arvella Marlow and Cathryn Dobson.

Marriage License Costs Soar As Part Of New Deeds Laws

The cost of getting married has doubled these days.

Marriage licenses have increased from \$20 to \$40 at the Brunswick County Register Of Deeds office.

The statewide increase was mandated by the 1991 N.C. General Assembly, which also adopted several other changes for the deeds' office effective Oct. 1. But the extra income from marriage license fees will go to the state instead of the county or local deeds office.

Of the \$40 fee, \$25 will be forwarded to the county finance officer, who is responsible for sending it to the N.C. Department of Violence and State Registrar, according to Brunswick County Registrar of Deeds Robert J. Robinson. The funds will be used to help programs for victims of domestic violence,

such as Hope Harbor Home in Brunswick County.

Other changes and new legislation enacted during the 1991 session of the General Assembly affecting the deeds office and local residents were:

■Real Estate Excise Taxes for transfers of an interest on real property has doubled. The new rate is now \$2 per \$1,000 and \$1 per \$500 of the consideration paid for the property. Half of the net proceeds are forwarded to the N.C. Department of Revenue for use by the state.

■Application fees to the Secretary of State's office for a notary public's commission has been increased to \$25. A person appointed as notary must appear before the register of deeds to take an oath within 90 days of the appointment, or the registrar is required to return the com-

mission to the state.

The notary's stamp or seal is to contain the exact name as it appears on the commission. A change in his or her name requires a new stamp or seal.

■Significant changes in the map law went into effect Oct. 1, affecting the required size of maps and plats recorded with the county and the material they are recorded on. Maps or plats must be either one of three sizes, and counties can also specify that they will accept only one size.

The new map law also requires surveyors to list on the plat whether the subdivision is covered by a subdivision ordinance, if it's an existing parcel or parcels, a recombination of parcels or a court-ordered survey, or if the land is in an unregulated area.

Brunswick Site Produced Most Low-Level Radioactive Waste

CP&L's Brunswick Nuclear Plant near Southport was the state's largest generator of low-level radioactive waste shipped to commercial landfills in 1990, according to a recent report compiled by the state Division of Radiation Protection.

The 15-page report indicates the total volume of waste shipped by each generator and the level of radioactivity emitted by the waste. Generators are identified by category: utilities, universities, government, industrial and medical.

Utilities, specifically three nuclear power plants—Brunswick, CP&L's Shearon Harris Plant at New Hill and Duke's McGuire station at Cornelius—account for a majority of activity, accounting for more than half the volume of low-level radioactive waste shipped to out-of-state landfills, 29,257.2 cubic feet of the total 49,215 cubic feet.

The plants also accounted for 76 percent of the total curies emitted by the waste shipped in 1990, 2,302,645 curies of the total 3,025,120 curies. A curie is a measure of radioactivity.

The Brunswick plant shipped 17,245 cubic feet of waste to a landfill at Barnwell, S.C., almost twice the volume shipped by the next-highest generator. That waste emitted 1,260,045 curies.

CP&L's Shearon Harris plant shipped 2,734 cubic feet of waste, also to Barnwell, that emitted 980,130 curies. Duke Power's McGuire plant shipped 9,277.5 cubic feet to Barnwell that emitted 980,130 curies.

The Brunswick plant has two units, which CP&L spokesman Kyle Hampton said is almost like

having two plants in terms of the volume of waste produced. That in part accounts for the higher shipping level from the site.

Also, during 1990 both Brunswick units underwent major outages for partial replacement of circulation piping, the piping that carries radioactive water into and out of the reactor vessel. Hampton said labor and handling associated with the work generated more waste because those involved had to wear protective clothing that was discarded. He wasn't certain whether or not the piping removed also was considered low-level radioactive waste.

In contrast there was little outage activity during 1990 at the Shearon-Harris plant.

Low-level radioactive waste includes all waste that is not classified as high-level waste, under state and federal regulations. High-level wastes are spent fuel rods removed from nuclear power plants.

While nearly half of the state's low-level radioactive waste generators were located in the Triangle area, those generators produced less than 30 percent of the total waste volume, the report indicated.

The study was conducted in February in conjunction with the Southeast Compact Commission. Because the survey included only those generators who shipped low-level radioactive waste to a commercial disposal facility in 1990, not all generators' waste management practices are included.

For the years 1991 through 1996, utilities are expected to continue contributing the greatest percentage of activity in low-level radioactive waste. After a slight decline for 1991-92, activity is projected to remain relatively stable for the years 1992 through 1996. Slight variations from year to year should come primarily from utilities, reflecting planned outages and scope of work scheduled by those generators.

North Carolina has been selected to build a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility that would be expected to accept waste from the eight member states of the Southeast Compact Commission. It is presently expected to open in early 1996. Selection has been narrowed to two sites, one along the Chatham-Wake county line and the other in Richmond County.

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Diabetes Education Classes Under Way

Diabetes education classes were to begin at the Brunswick Hospital Wednesday, Oct. 16.

The classes will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for four to six weeks, meeting in the conference room.

The purpose of the program is to educate diabetics not only about proper nutrition, exercise, eye care, and foot care, but also about how to cope with stress and complications

associated with the disease, said Daphne Yarbrough, marketing director for The Brunswick Hospital. The classes, taught by registered nurses from the hospital staff, are free of charge and open to individuals of all ages. Spouses and parents of diabetics are eligible for the program as well.

Diabetics who attend the class will be invited to join a volunteer

support group that will begin sometime in January.

According to Earl Tamar, hospital chief executive officer, the course is a service that has been needed in this area for a long time.

Space and class size are limited. Seat reservations for this or a future class series can be made by calling Sherry Hendricksen, R.N., or Patricia Nutter, R.N., at 754-8121.

Teachers' Group Notes Anniversary

Brunswick County's Beta Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary sorority of women educators, celebrates its 44th anniversary during October.

The 41-member group promotes high standards in education and recognizes outstanding female educators who are actively engaged in teaching, administration, or some specialized teaching field. Its members come from seven of the county's 11 schools.

This local chapter is one of 101 active in North Carolina, with membership of about 3,000 women. The state branch of the sorority gives scholarships and promotes service projects.

To become a member, an educator must be nominated by other teachers and invited to join by the organization. ADK meets monthly.

Clarification

A Brunswick County magistrate found no probable cause existed against a Shallotte man who had been charged with driving while impaired.

Harold Elias Hickman, 65, was charged by State Trooper B.D. Barnhardt following an accident near Ash on Oct. 5. The information was provided to The Brunswick Beacon by a State Highway Patrol spokesperson.

According to documents on file at the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office, Hickman paid a fine for traveling too fast for conditions but had a DWI charge dismissed by the magistrate, who found no basis for the charge.

Chapel Plans Oyster Roast

Dixon Chapel United Methodist Church of Varnamtown is planning its annual oyster roast Saturday, Nov. 2, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The all-you-can-eat affair costs \$10 per person and includes oysters roasted over an open fire, hush puppies, pickles and sauce.

"We're going for the local Brunswick County oysters," said spokesperson Marlene Varnam.

Fish plates, cakes, pies, drinks and other goodies also will be sold.

"We're looking for a large crowd because we're getting a lot of calls about it," Mrs. Varnam said. "People are calling us from everywhere."

Diners should bring their own oyster knife and a big appetite to the church, which is located on Varnamtown Road.

The church roast is a longstanding community tradition in Varnamtown.

Two Injured In Ash Wreck

A wreck in Ash Sunday afternoon sent two people to the hospital with serious injuries.

Timothy Nelson King, 33, of Ash, was charged with failure to yield when he pulled his vehicle into the path of another car on N.C. 130, reported State Trooper W.H. Thompson.

King was leaving the parking lot at Babson's Auto Sales and Salvage about 12 miles west of Shallotte when the 2:45 p.m. accident occurred.

His 1991 Toyota pulled into the path of a 1980 Mitsubishi driven by Reggie Franklin Tice, 33, of Jamestown, Thompson reported. The Tice car was traveling west on N.C. 130 and struck the King car in the right front.

There were several vehicles parked along the shoulder of the highway obstructing the view, Thompson reported.

Both Tice and a passenger in King's vehicle, Russell Lacy Smith, 63, of Nakina, were seriously in-

jured and taken by ambulance to Columbus County Hospital in Whiteville for treatment.

Damage was estimated at \$2,500 to the Tice car and \$10,000 to the King vehicle.

Hits Tree

A Shallotte woman was charged after her car ran off of Stone Chimney Road (S.R. 1115) and struck a tree Saturday night.

Terri Lynn Blake, 33, was traveling south when her 1981 Pontiac ran off the road and struck a tree around 9 p.m., Thompson reported.

The driver left the scene of the accident but was later charged with careless and reckless driving, driving with no insurance and having improper registration, Thompson reported.

A license plate on the car was registered to another vehicle, said Ruby Oakley, spokesperson for the Highway Patrol office in Wilmington.

Ms. Blake was not injured. Damage was listed at \$800.

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