

TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION

Brunswick County Homemakers Honor Hoff, BSL Club

BY SUSAN USHER

Brunswick County extension homemakers recognized Eleanor Hoff of the Beachcombers Club as their Club Member of the Year last week, citing her leadership at all levels of the organization.

Earning Club of the Year honors was the Boiling Spring Lakes Extension Homemaker Club.

The awards were presented last Thursday night at the Brunswick County Extension Homemakers

Association annual achievement program, which this year focused on a new statewide emphasis on family literacy. Addressing the issue were panelists Betty Buck, Guardian ad Litem program; John Cooper, cochairperson of the Brunswick County Literacy Council; and Catherine Godley, acting GED program director at Brunswick Community College.

Mrs. Hoff, a Shallotte Point resident, is serving as president of the

county homemakers association. She has helped organize and carry out events, encouraged new members to join, taught craft workshops and helped other members develop their leadership skills while honing her own.

She has also served as club president and is now developing as a district leader. The nomination read in part, "She willingly takes on responsibilities and carries them through. She works well with others and is very successful in encouraging others to grow in service to Extension Homemakers and the community as a whole."

The award, an engraved tray, was presented by Ruth Polston on behalf of Brunswick Electric Membership Corp.

Other nominees were Josephine DiCarlo, Boiling Spring Lakes; Jean Robinson, Guys and Dolls; Clara Schuster, Supply; and Marie Young, Town Creek.

The Club of the Year, Boiling Spring Lakes, was described as "small in number but great in dedication and involvement". Its award was presented by P.R. Hankins Jr. on behalf of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp.

Members participated in leader training, in turn leading programs for fellow club members. The club has also participated in numerous projects to benefit their community, from supporting the fire department to raising awareness of how communities can help address the problem of family illiteracy.

Other projects included adopting a nursing home patient; making crafts, quilts and other items for a Ronald McDonald House; collecting food and toys for the Volunteer and Information Center Christmas project; and using their time and baking skills to help the Brunswick County Literacy Council and Brunswick Town State Historic Site.

The club has also participated in county projects, such as an international program on Canda, Quilt Show '91, program planning and county council meetings and report preparation workshops.

Countywide, club members logged 5,064 reported volunteer hours working on global, family and environmental issues, as well as on special projects. When valued at \$5 an hour, those services were worth at least \$25,320, said Mary L. Russ, extension agent and advisor to the Brunswick County Extension Homemakers Association.

One homemaker, Isobel Beebe, gave at least 621 hours of general volunteer service during the past year. Another, Lena Beachum, was honored for contributing more than 300 hours of volunteer service to extension homemakers during 1991.

Evelyn Gunnerson of Supply, a member of the Supply club, was recognized for 20 years of perfect attendance. Also cited for perfect attendance were Helyn Phillips, Beachcombers, 7 years; Pat Nash, Supply club, seven years; Thelma Dunn, Boiling Spring Lakes and Guys and Dolls clubs, 11 years each; Julia Bailey, Boiling Spring



A PLEASED Julia Bailey (foreground) accepts the Club of the Year award from presenter Ruth Polston on behalf of the Boiling Spring Lakes Extension Homemaker Club.

Lakes, two years; Bill Dunn, Guys and Dolls, six years; and Al Loughlin, treasurer; and Pat Nash, first vice president; Pat Collins, second vice president; Isobel Beebe, recording secretary; Desetta Loughlin, treasurer; and Pat Nash, advisor.



BEACHCOMBER ELEANOR HOFF, biting back tears, receives the Member of the Year award from presenter P.R. Hankins.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Nawara A National Merit Semifinalist

Terry Nawara, a 16-year-old senior at West Brunswick High School, has been named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

He is one of more than 15,000 academically talented high school students to achieve that status, representing about one-half of 1 percent of each state's graduating class.

The son of Eileen and Anthony Nawara of Calabash, the senior honors student is interested in a career in engineering or math. While he is seeking appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, Nawara is also applying to several schools such as N.C. State University, Cal Tech, and Georgia Tech.

Semifinalists have an opportunity to continue in competition for some 6,100 Merit scholarships, worth approximately \$26 million, to be awarded next spring.

To qualify as a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record, must be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, must submit SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the PSAT and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQT), and must complete a detailed application.

About 90 percent of all semifinalists become finalists, the group from which scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of abilities, accomplishments and personal qualities considered important for success in rigorous college studies.

Volunteer Cited

Bolivia Elementary School's volunteer of the month for October is Bonnie Ragsdale.

She was honored for her help at the school, including working with the Books And Beyond reading incentive program, going on field trips with classes, helping with P.T.A. projects and making decorations for the media center.

Ragsdale is married and the mother of two girls, Julie Anne,

September Weather

Southeastern North Carolina residents experienced a drier and slightly warmer September than normal.

Total rainfall for the month was 3.31 inches, which was more than 2 inches below average, according to the National Weather Service in Wilmington.

September was the 21st straight month that has been warmer than normal. The average temperature was 75 degrees, which was .2 degrees above average.

The temperature reached 94 degrees on Sept. 14, tying the record high for that date set in 1987, according to the weather service.

September was a sunny month. There were 10 clear days, 13 partly cloudy days and only seven cloudy days. Normally there are 12 cloudy days.

who attends Bolivia Elementary, and Rachel.

Teacher Recognized

Rose Gemborys has been named Bolivia Elementary School's employee of the month for October.

She was chosen by the faculty for her dedication to children and her leadership qualities both at the school and in the community.

Gemborys earned her degree in special education from Appalachian State University, Boone, and is currently working on her master's degree in education from East Carolina University, Greenville.

Minnis Promoted

Charles W. Minnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Minnis of Sandy Creek, was recently promoted to master sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Minnis joined the Marines in 1975. He has been serving with the

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Air Corps Station, Tustin, Calif.

Reports For Duty

Navy Lt. Eric H. Pittenger, son of Paul and Patricia Pittenger of Southport, recently reported for duty aboard the U.S.S. Independence. The aircraft carrier is deployed for Yokosuka, Japan.

Pittenger joined the Navy in 1982.

Driver Honored

Janet Herzog has been chosen bus driver of the month for October at Bolivia Elementary School.

She was recognized for her positive relationship with children both on her bus and in the first and second grade combination class at Bolivia Elementary for which she is a teacher's assistant.

Herzog is married and has three sons: Robert, Chucky and Adam.

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- ▲ Fiscal Responsibility

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	Tax Rate	Budget
1986-87	.44	\$797,955
1987-88	.44	\$843,759
1988-89	.47	\$1,112,444
1989-90	.47	\$1,091,984
1990-91	.47	\$1,208,941
1991-92	.47	\$1,243,582

- ▲ Employee Benefits—Health and dental insurance, retirement benefits, Christmas bonuses and disability insurance.
- ▲ Started user fees and acreage fees to expand sewer and water system. Acquired land and expanded sewage treatment plant to 206,000 gallon capacity with average daily usage of 120,000 gallons. We are at 58% capacity. This was done without increasing taxes or rates.
- ▲ Bought up Series A Sewer Bonds at large savings.
- ▲ Contracted with Chambers for more economical and efficient solid waste disposal.
- ▲ Started house numbering system.
- ▲ Built new maintenance building for more efficient service.
- ▲ Reorganized fire department in 1987. Provided new pumper truck for department in 1988. Provided pager system for fire department.
- ▲ Police department is well organized and efficiently operated.
- ▲ New zoning ordinance and map updated.
- ▲ Created a climate for business growth.

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