



SEVERAL LOCAL residents, businesses and agencies Wednesday received recognition from the Brunswick Interagency Program and Brunswick Access for their efforts on behalf of those with disabilities. Above (front, from left) are Mike Knotts, Andy Bopp and Rep. David Redwine; and (rear, from left) Mike Reaves, Vicki Spencer, Theodosia Musselwhite, Bob Slockett, Steve Colwell and Doug Sudduth.

### BIP, Access Recognize Assistance To Disabled

**BY DORI COSGROVE GURGANUS**

Brunswick Interagency Program (BIP) and the Brunswick County Access Committee for Disabled Persons recognized those who have assisted programs for disabled persons this year in awards presented Wednesday at the BIP building at Brunswick Community College in Supply.

Anita White, BIP director and co-chairman of Access, presented the awards, seven from BIP and two from Access. "You've really been behind us," she told recipients.

Plaques went to BCC (accepted by Mike Reaves), the N.C. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (accepted by Steve Colwell), the Brunswick County Knights of Columbus (accepted by Andy Bopp), the BCC Foundation (accepted by Vicki Spencer), the Brunswick County Public Schools (accepted by Bob Slockett) and the Southeastern Center for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse (accepted by Doug Sudduth).

### Church Sponsors CF Walk-A-Thon

Zion Baptist Church in Ash is sponsoring a walk-a-thon Saturday, Nov. 9, to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Foundation, whose state office is in Wilson, sponsors research to find a cure for the genetic disease, said Evelyn McCumbee, church spokesperson. She added that in 1989, cystic fibrosis was the number one genetic killer of children and young adults, and that it afflicts about 30,000 persons in the United States.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Foundation, but every participant who collects \$35 will receive a CFF T-shirt.

The walk-a-thon will start at 2 p.m. at the church. Ms. McCumbee asks that all interested volunteers and walkers call her at 287-3464 for more information.

### VFD Serving BBQ

Winnabow Volunteer Fire Department will serve chopped pork barbecue dinners Saturday, Nov. 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the station on Governor's Road.

Plates will consist of barbecue, potato salad, coleslaw and hushpuppies and will cost \$3 each, said spokesman Ralph Frazier.

### Pancakes On Menu

Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold a sausage and pancake breakfast and yard sale Saturday, Nov. 9, from 8 a.m. until noon at the fire station on Bay Road.

Proceeds will benefit the department, said spokesman Joyce Land.

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## Holiday Cacti Respond To Short Day

**Dear Plant Doctor:** I have a Christmas cactus that I would like to grow and bloom. I seem to have a habit of doing just the right thing to kill these particular plants. What do you recommend for growing the cactus?

### THE PLANT DOCTOR



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**Answer:** The Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera buckleyi*) and its cousin the Thanksgiving cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata*), also known as the crab-claw or crab cactus, are both induced to bloom by short day length. In the nursery trade I have seen both species labeled as Christmas cactus.

Both species make excellent house plants. These plants like a well-drained, highly organic soil mix. Most commercially-prepared soil mixes work just fine. Do not use regular garden soil, as it will not drain well enough and plants will tend to rot or grow very slowly. If you add several teaspoons of bone-meal or a teaspoon of superphosphate (0-20-0) per gallon to the commercial soil mix prior to planting, vigorous growth and good bloom set will be encouraged.

A Christmas cactus should be exposed to a full range of natural light intensities from May until September. Commercial producers grow this plant under full sunlight, and you may want to grow this plant on a patio or sunny porch during the summer. Feed with a one-quarter strength solution of soluble fertiliz-

er every time you water the plant or use a slow release granular fertilizer (eg. Osmocote or similar product).

The Christmas cactus blooms in response to decreasing day length, and I have also noticed that these plants seem to bloom most profusely when they are pot-bound. In the coastal Carolinas, Christmas cacti will normally bloom in late January or February.

Try the following technique for getting your plant to bloom near the Christmas season. The combination of cool temperatures and decreasing day length will sometimes accelerate bloom set. Leave your plant outdoors until temperatures begin to routinely dip into the low 40s (frost will kill the plant, so bring it inside in case of freezing temperatures). When temperatures get too cold, bring it inside and place in a bright sunny window.

Bloom buds should form soon af-

ter the plant is exposed to the warmer environment. During this whole process, the plant must not be exposed to any light other than natural sunlight. Exposure to artificial light during the evening or night will delay flower bloom. The cascading red blossoms are certainly worth the trouble.

**Dear Plant Doctor:** Is the fall a good time to plant trees and shrubs? What about transplanting bushes?

**Answer:** September, October and November are excellent months to plant just about any woody plants. In general, I have observed that trees and shrubs planted in the fall tend to have better survival than those planted in the spring and summer.

If properly watered, containerized plants can be planted any time of the year. Balled-and-burlapped field grown trees or shrubs are best planted in the fall, winter or early spring.

This is a good time to transplant most woody bushes. Disturb the root ball as little as possible in the moving process. The small roots in a root ball are very fragile. Treat the root ball as if it were made of thin glass.

The care a plant gets in the preparation of the soil and following planting is extremely important in plant survival.

Send your gardening questions to *The Plant Doctor*, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.

### Singers From Eight Churches In Methodist Choir Festival

Choirs from eight United Methodist churches in Brunswick County will be featured in a choir festival Sunday, Nov. 3, starting at 7 p.m. at Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte.

The public is invited to hear singers from Bethel, Camp, Concord, Ocean View, Seaside, Sharon, Trinity and Zion churches in a program built around the seasons of the church year.

Four church choirs will present individual anthems, while singers from all the participating churches will join voices for three anthems. Also, the congregation will participate in the singing of hymns.

In the combined anthems the chorists will be directed by Marjorie Crissman of Seaside United Methodist Church. A UMC-certified director of music, she served a 930-member church near Pittsburgh, Pa., for 14 years before coming to Seaside.

Accompanists will be William Knox, organist, and Phyllis Jamieson, pianist. Knox is administrative director of the Knox Clinic, Wilmington, and former organist-pianist at Bethel church, where he serves as chairman of the administrative council. A former member of the Wilmington Choral Society and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Choir, Knox is on the board of directors of the

Wilmington Concert Association.

Mrs. Jamieson, music director at Trinity UMC in Southport for 10 years, was formerly associated with the Sea Notes Choral Society.

The Rev. George Speake, pastor of the host church, will lead segments of the service.

Camp United Methodist Church is located on U.S. 17 business in downtown Shallotte.

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### BCC Sets Bluegrass Jamboree

The Catawba River Boys will be the featured band at a country bluegrass jamboree Saturday, Nov. 9, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the student center at Brunswick Community College north of Supply.

No admission will be charged to the event, the first of its kind at BCC, said Gaye Fulford, coordinator.

C.O. "Hayseed" Thomas of Leland will serve as master of ceremonies for the program, which will also feature other musicians.

Ms. Fulford said the jamboree promises "an evening of down home, hand clapping, foot stomping good music".

BCC's Brunswick Interagency Program will serve refreshments. For more information, contact Ms. Fulford at 754-6900, 457-6329 or 343-0203.

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