

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Area Students Are Winners At Fair

Two South Brunswick Middle School students took blue ribbons at the March 14 Southeast Regional Science/Math Fair in Wilmington.

Jeremy Stuart Pittman won first place with a project titled, "How Tall? How Far?" and Megan Marie Jeans won with her project titled, "Spanning Our Knowledge: Bridges".

They were among 150 middle and high school students representing 17 school districts in 11 counties who entered projects in competition. Industry scientists, engineers and university professionals were judges.

Winners received certificates and medals, presented by the American Nuclear Society, N.C. Alternative Energy Corp., N.C. Aquarium, N.C. Wildlife Commission, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy.

The state science fair will be held April 24 at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro.

Two Promoted

Two promotions have been announced by Company #, 1st Battalion (Mechanized) of the 120th Infantry, of the North Carolina National Guard.

Pvt. 2 Jeffrey S. Jones was promoted from private 1 and Spec. Stephen B. Hardee was promoted from private first class, said Spec. John L. Belt, unit public relations office.

Tutors Trained

The Brunswick County Literacy Council recently certified eight volunteers as tutors in the phonics-based Laubach Way To Reading.

Eligible to help adults one-on-one to learn to read are tutors Nancy Bradbury, Calabash; Joanne and George Rowe, Sunset Beach; Jeanne Canant, Supply; James McNeill, Loy Kutz and Allison Ezzelle of Long Beach; and Frances Poole of Leland.

Rich Dixon of Shallotte was the trainer for the tutor workshop, which was held in the BCLC office at Supply.

Information on the council's free, private reading skills improvement program or on volunteer opportunities with the council are available by contacting BCLC, P.O. Box 6, Supply, N.C. 28462, 754-7323.

Early Allegations of Mismanagement Confirmed

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

The Cape Fear Area United Way, like many local United Way organization across the country, recently suspended payment of its dues to the United Way of America, pending a report on mismanagement allegations.

With the release of a report substantiating these allegations, Cape Fear's Executive Director Michael Griggs said, "I and our volunteers are pretty disturbed over the mixing of personal and company business. The Board of Governors apparently could not prevent this from happening."

The local action was taken Feb. 27, after media inquiries led to charges that William Aramony, president of UWA for 20 years, managed the national organization and its funds improperly, creating spin-off organizations and rewarding family and friends with jobs, board memberships and contracts.

The report was given to the UWA Board of Governors on April 2 by The Investigative Group and Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard McPherson and Hand of Washington, D.C.

"The conclusions we have reached will be disturbing to many who have given donations through the United Way," it reads, "but the value of UWA to millions of needy individuals served by more than 2,100 local UWs, has not been diminished by activities detailed in this report."

These details include findings that policy development, personnel decisions, program management and day-to-day operations were handled with informality and excessive deference to the principal officers. Because Aramony had led the organization for so long, there was a great degree of trust placed in him and the "looseness and independence" of his management style resulted in a breach of that trust.

Expenditures were made haphazardly without adequate documentation, spin-offs proliferated

Hayes Made List

The name of Michelle Hayes should have been included on the third six-weeks honor roll for North Brunswick High School of Leland that appeared earlier in the newspaper.

The school inadvertently omitted the name from its list.

Begins Duty In Germany

Airman LaTanya M. Blue, a materiel storage and distribution helper, has arrived for duty at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Blue is the daughter of Eric G. Blue of Leland and Marion M. Blue of Jacksonville and is a 1991 graduate of North Brunswick High School.

Christman Promoted

Ward G. Christman, a chemical operations specialist at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of specialist.

Christman is the son of Robert C. and Kathryn G. Christman of Southport and a 1990 graduate of South Brunswick High School.

Completes Training

Army Reserve Pvt. 1st Class Timothy M. Randall, a 1986 graduate of West Brunswick High School, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

This training instructs students in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Randall is the son of Nedra R. and Charles R. Vaught of Shallotte.

Joins Model UN

Nicole Ward of Holden Beach, a senior politics major at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, is one of eight students who will be part of a delegation to the annual National Model United Nations in New York City April 14-18.

This is the 13th consecutive year of competition for the St. Andrews Model UN Club in the conference of approximately 1500 students from colleges and universities across the country.

Youth In Leadership

Four local teenagers will be among 270 junior and senior high

school students in eastern North Carolina attending the Legislators' School for Youth Leadership Development at East Carolina University in Greenville this summer.

Keisha Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Osborne of Ocean Isle Beach; Valerie Holden, daughter of Kelly and Barbara Holden of Shallotte; Derrick Hewett, son of Gregory and Annie Hewett of Supply; and Laurel Keesee, daughter of Randy Keesee and Annette Keesee of Supply, were nominated by their schools as "students who demonstrate leadership potential."

The program is funded by the N.C. General Assembly.



EAGLES HYPES

Juniors On Tour

Students from Leland and Southport are in a four-member area group of high school juniors selected for the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 13-19.

Jamila Eagles, daughter of Daisy Eagles of Southport, and Wendy Eileen Hypes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hypes of Leland, were essay contest winners who will join about 1,000 delegates from 30 states to attend educational seminars and meet with their congressmen in Capitol Hill.

Boaters Complete Course

Six Shallotte area residents recently completed a seven-week safe boating course sponsored by the Shallotte River Power Squadron. Commander Charles Lambert of the squadron presented certificates to Robert and Julie Adams, John O'Leary, Tony Struzziery, Edward Dowling and Henry Smith Rowan. Class director was the Rev. John Richardson.

probably meet more than twice a year. Our board meets every month. The new president, when that person is chosen, needs to submit all these things for approval."

Dam was scheduled to appear Wednesday, April 8, in Greensboro, before North Carolina local United Way officials and volunteers, said Griggs.

"This is his first visit to local organizations," Griggs said. "We asked him first, I guess. I don't think Dam's involvement will be continuing. There's already a search in progress for a new president."

Griggs said the Cape Fear Area United Way board will meet April 23, at which time it will react officially to the report.



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Sprucing Up

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation employees Leslie Ganey (front) and Glenn Randolph add the right touch to a new sign they are painting at the entrance of the Northwest Township District Park in Leland.

HEARING IS TUESDAY

Calabash Eyes New Rules For Planning Board

BY DOUG RUTTER

Calabash residents have a chance next week to tell commissioners what they think about possible changes in the ordinance that sets up the town's planning board.

The proposal would establish specific powers and duties for the advisory panel and give more voting rights to board members appointed to represent the extraterritorial area (ETA).

Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the ordinance Tuesday, April 14, at 6 p.m. in the town hall.

Among the proposed changes, planning board members from the ETA would be given full privileges so they could vote on anything that comes before the board.

ETA representatives, who live outside Calabash but within the town's planning and zoning jurisdiction, can only vote on matters that affect their area under the present set of rules.

However, most town officials think that should be changed. Commissioner Stu Thorn said planning board members support full voting privileges for the ETA members.

"The planning board members feel they are looking out for the interests of Calabash and not just the ETA," Thorn said at a recent meeting.

Planning Board Chairman Pat Lewellyn said town and ETA members work well together. "I don't think we've ever had that sense of one against the other," she said. Mrs. Lewellyn also pointed out

that ETA members have full voting privileges in Shallotte and Sunset Beach, and Sunset's board chairman lives outside the town.

The ETA has three members on the 10-person board, who are appointed by the county commissioners. Town commissioners appoint the other seven, with five from the larger District II and two from District I.

General duties of the board under the proposed ordinance would include studying the Calabash area, forming objectives to be sought in development of the area and preparing plans to achieve them.

The board would also be asked to devise a comprehensive plan for the physical, social and economic development of Calabash and recommend ordinances promoting orderly growth.

To carry out its duties, the board would be allowed to gather statistics relating to population, property values, economic base and land use and study the adequacy of facilities such as housing.

To promote interest in the town's plans, the planning board would be permitted to distribute publicity and education materials with board of commissioner approval.

Planners could also authorize its members to attend conferences and

other meetings and reimburse members for "reasonable expenses" incurred while performing their duties.

Town commissioners would have to give final approval for any contracts between the town and other government agencies, engineers, architects or other consultants.

Thorn said a lot of the language in the proposed ordinance was taken from a state statute which sets forth the legal powers and duties of municipal planning boards.

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My very grateful thanks to all of you.

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