

'Classroom on Wheels' Will Take Student Help Into Neighborhoods

BY SUSAN USHER

What do you do when after-school remediation programs don't reach the students who need it most?

You take it to them. That's the idea behind the new "Classroom on Wheels Learning Center" that will be launched around Feb. 1 by the Brunswick County Schools.

"The students who needed remediation the most couldn't stay after school because they didn't have transportation home," explains Anne S. Mitchell, Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA) coordinator with the Brunswick County Schools and former drop-out prevention specialist.

On that premise, she applied for and received a \$42,227 grant from the Cape Fear Council of Governments Private Industry Council, which coordinates use of JTPA funds in this region.

The mobile learning center—a renovated activity bus equipped with learning stations and computers—will be staffed by a teacher/coordinator and a teacher assistant. This team will offer one-on-one tutoring and computer-assisted instruction in three basic areas: math, reading and basic job readiness skills such as punctuality, personal appearance and grooming, and positive attitudes. Once students have completed the pre-employment skills training, they will be referred to the Employment Security Commission for possible employment.

Between February and the end of the school year, Mitchell says she plans for the program to focus on students in communities in the Bolivia, Town Creek and Leland areas, based on prior low participation there in on-campus, after-school remediation programs. Open from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. weeknights, the bus will be stationed at each site on specified days.

She expects students to be referred by JTPA coordinators, counselors and administrators at the local

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schools. The goal is to work with at least 25 students in grades eight through 12 who are performing below the 50th percentile. Objectives will include providing opportunities for academic and work success, monitoring progress in school, assisting with homework assignments, coordinating instruction with the students' classroom teachers and encouraging more parent, teacher and community involvement.

"We want to help increase their self esteem and improve their conduct and academic performance as indicated on their report cards," says Mitchell.

If this pilot effort is successful, Mitchell says she's optimistic about obtaining additional JTPA funds next year, and possibly county or other funding in future years.

The Classroom on Wheels project is the fifth JTPA program offered through the Brunswick County Schools. Already available are pre-employment skills, school-to-work transition and training and education for employment programs. It is one of numerous approaches to remediation in place throughout the school system this year.



Women Helping Women

Three women-owned businesses jointly sponsored a Holiday Fling Dec. 12 luncheon program and fund drive at Lions Paw Clubhouse to benefit Hope Harbor Home, which serves victims of domestic violence. Presenting Director Cathy Swaim (second from left) with proceeds of \$2,086 are (from left) Sally Nord, Koala-T Accounting; Elsa Jardine, Brunswick Travel Inc.; and Jana Martin, Gold Groups Unlimited.

ECU Names 19 Local Students For Honors

Nineteen Brunswick County students have been named to honors lists at East Carolina University for the fall semester.

Making the chancellor's list for straight A's was Harold Dean Smith, son of Bennie H. and Sally V. Smith of Ash.

Named to the dean's list, and earning a B-plus average with no grade below a C, were:

- Ashleigh Brook Dalrymple, daughter of James W. and Brenda Dalrymple of Leland;
- Cheryl Larneice Jones, daughter of Evelena L. Jones of Winnabow;
- Michael Anthony Martin of Sunset Beach, son of Anthony and Jana Martin of Willard;
- Michael Darren McKeithan, son of Lloyd and Janet McKeithan of Shallotte; and
- Donald Earl Warren, son of Donald Earl and Glenda Rose Warren of Shallotte.

Named to the honor roll for earning a B average with no grade below a C, were:

- Ennis Glynn Beck, daughter of Ennis and Elena Beck of Leland;
- Joellen Carol Best, daughter of Joe and Jessie Best of Leland;
- Daniel Gordon Bollinger, son of

Daniel and Sue Bollinger of Leland;

■Sherry Lynn Fields, daughter of William and Shela Fields of Shallotte;

■Tracy Lynn Haddock, daughter of William Haddock of Leland and Mitzi Brombery of Greenville;

■Sara Lynn Hardee, daughter of Curtis and Sheryl Hardee of Calabash;

■Louisa Brooks Lewis of Ocean Isle Beach, daughter of Donald George and Brenda Brooks Lewis of Shallotte;

■Kristi Dawn Nelson, daughter of Eldon L. Nelson of Mt. Clemmons, Mich., and Janet P. Lewis of Long Beach;

■Steven Davis Scarborough of Shallotte, son of Rosa L. Scarborough of Holden Beach;

■Tammy Renee Somerset of Sunset

Beach, daughter of Charles W. and Dianna White Somerset of Shallotte;

■Bonnie Lynn Stanley, daughter of Bun and Dorothy Stanley of Shallotte;

■Starlette Lejeune Vaught, daughter of Joseph Vaught of Winnabow; and

■Larrie Robin Wilson, daughter of Robert and Nancy Wilson of Southport.

Agencies Closing For King Holiday

Brunswick County Public Schools, Brunswick Community College campuses and offices at the Brunswick County Government Center will be closed next Monday, Jan. 18.

The closing is in honor of the birthday of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

CONTEST IS SATURDAY

Schools Vie For Bragging Rights In Quiz Bowl '93

Teams representing Brunswick County's three public high schools face off Saturday, Jan. 16, in the 1993 Quiz Bowl.

Jointly sponsored by the Brunswick County Public Library and the Brunswick County Schools, the double-elimination event challenges students' knowledge of academics, current events and general information in a "College Bowl" type of format, said Susan Phillips, coordinator.

Competition will begin with a practice round at 10:30 a.m. in the Student Center at Brunswick Community College's main campus on U.S. 17 Business north of Supply. The center is located in the lower floor of the ALS Building.

Defending champion South Brunswick High School will compete with six returning players. Mike Wescott, Rudra Ramphal, John Walls, Santino McLaughlin, Danny Holyfield and Joey Walls will be

joined by teammates Charlie Speight and Steven Wozniak. Their coach is Mabel Calloway.

Competing for West Brunswick High School will be Jennifer L. Smith, Rachel Swain, Paul Whiteley, Marietta Heustess, Jamie Dennis, Matt Ruff, Derrick Hewett and returnee Melissa Robinson, coached by Jim Price.

North Brunswick High School's team will consist of Maggie Dees, Mark Mitchel, John Sweeney, Rhonda Clemmons, Si Lee, Chris Rice and returnees Otis Mapson and Zachary Miller. They're coached by Dawn Norton and Michael Hooks.

Four members from each team will participate in a given game. Each game consists of three rounds of questions of increasing difficulty and point value.

Teams draw for a bye in the first game.

During the first two rounds of

each game, team members rotate answering questions. If a player misses the answer, a member of the opposing team has the chance to answer it correctly for half credit. In the final round, when each question is worth 30 points, a member may confer briefly with teammates before answering.

Judges will be Doris Wilson of Shallotte Bill Flythe of Southport and Judith Toole of Leland. Marybeth Bianchi of Southport will serve as moderator.

The winner of the county match receives a traveling trophy and advances to district competition March 20 in Lumberton. District winners will compete for the state championship in Raleigh later this spring.

Most questions for Quiz Bowl are developed by the North Carolina Library, with current events questions prepared by the sponsoring local library.

Child Care Credential Course Slated

A child care credential course will be offered Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 19 through March 30 at Brunswick Community College near Supply.

Students may complete the course to meet the education requirement to receive a North Carolina Child Care Credential, a certificate awarded by the Child Care Section of the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

The purpose of the class is to provide entry-level training for teachers in child day care centers and homes. Instructor Donna Denker will cover

School Bus Driver Course Is Offered

A school bus drivers training course will be held Jan. 20-22 at Shallotte Middle School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Vicki Jenrette, driver education specialist with the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles, at 754-5098.

The course is required for anyone interested in driving a bus for the Brunswick County Public Schools.

developmentally appropriate practices, positive guidance techniques and providing a safe and healthy child care environment.

Denkers has a master's degree in childcare administration and several years of child care center management and training experience. She is also certified as an elementary and

early childhood teacher.

A \$35 registration fee is payable at the first class meeting Jan. 19. The class will meet in Room C-116, Classroom Building. For more information or to pre-register, contact the BCC Continuing Education Department at 754-6900, 457-6329 or 343-0213.

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