



CHAMBER board of director member Mason Anderson, left, welcomes guest speaker, William McGee of Piedmont Airlines, right, at the chamber's ninth annual membership meeting in Calabash Friday night. McGee told the audience that his company is interested in helping to develop travel packages for tourists visiting the South Brunswick Islands.

Awards Are Presented

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recognizing his generosity for allowing the chamber office to sit on his property. "at no rent for five years," Sloane said.
Brunswick Technical College

President Joseph Carter also received the chamber's annual N.C. Oyster Festival Award for the school. BTC provided an oyster cooker for the annual roast that was made by the school's welding classes.

Warmer Temperatures Tempt Outdoor Activity

Warmer weather may draw people outside, says Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.
"It appears we are beginning to break the wintry grip that was on us. Our weather is being influenced by a more westerly air flow in the upper levels," he said.
As a result, temperatures should begin to average above normal for the foreseeable future. The area can expect average nighttime lows in the lower 40s with daytime highs in the

low to mid 60s. Precipitation should be near normal, about a half-inch, compared to the 1.55 inches that fell during the period Feb. 12-18.
For that period the maximum daily high was 62 degrees, recorded on the 18th. A minimum low of 18 degrees occurred on the 16th.
An average daily high of 57 degrees and an average nightly low of 25 degrees combined for a daily average of 41 degrees, about six degrees below normal.

Quiet Surrounds Social Worker's Termination

A Brunswick County social worker was fired last week, Acting Department of Social Services Director Betty Varnam confirmed Tuesday, offering no explanation for the action.
While she would not comment on the specifics surrounding the firing of Social Worker Isaac Galloway—effective Thursday, Feb. 14, she said it was "an agency decision."
"I'm not at liberty to say anything else," she added, referring other questions to the county administration and personnel office.
Debbie Greer, county personnel technician, said her office had received no paperwork from the social services department as of midday Tuesday.
"He's still on the payroll," she said. "Before it goes to the state it has to have Mr. (County Manager Billy) Carter's signature."
In explanation, Mrs. Varnam said the papers were to have been prepared by Galloway's supervisor for her signature.
"They're probably on my desk for me to sign," she added.
Social Services Board member Louis "Bobby" Brown confirmed the dismissal Tuesday afternoon, before Mrs. Varnam was able to return the Beacon's calls.
"She called and told me they had dismissed him—on Tuesday or Wednesday," said Brown. "I talked with her a few minutes last Friday about 5:30."
But Brown said someone was with him and he couldn't ask her for details.
"I'll know tomorrow," he said, referring to plans to visit the social services department. Brown was out of town last week trying to obtain public housing funds for the Town of

Navassa, of which he is mayor.
Other board members could not be reached for comment.
Sheriff John Carr Davis said his office had no plans to file criminal charges relating to the dismissal unless directed to do so by the District Attorney's office. No one in that office could be reached for comment.
Sources who asked not to be named indicated Galloway was dismissed following an incident that occurred Tuesday at a local high school.
Galloway, who lives in the Bell Swamp community, began work at the social services department Feb. 7, 1983. At the time of his dismissal, he was earning an annual salary of \$14,534. He took an active role in coordinating the county's response to Hurricane Diana following the death of then Acting DSS Director Larry Bell.

Holden Seawall Builders Can Tap City Water

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when new seawall regulations adopted by the Coastal Resources Commission go into effect.
After March 1, permanent seawalls will no longer be allowed along the North Carolina coast, regardless of when the structures they protect were built. No repairs will be allowed of those seawalls still standing; only temporary structures such as sand-bagging will be allowed.
With this regulatory change in mind, Carroll has advised Al Holden, new owner of the Mei Hendricks place, that he can go ahead and sand-bag.
"Why make him wait 15 days?" Carroll asked.

Earlier Hendricks was forced to tear down a seawall he had built in violation of CAMA regulations that allowed such structures only to protect homes built before 1979.

Officer Hired
At the recommendation of administrative assistant Sgt. Don Stovall, the board hired Jeffrey Lee Williams of Charlotte to replace patrolman Nicholas Butler.
Williams, 27, will earn \$11,200 a year. North Carolina-certified, he has five years of law enforcement ex-

perience, part of which he obtained at Atlantic Beach and part with the Charlotte/Mecklenburg County. He had left the field to go into business for himself, said Stovall, but wants to return to law enforcement.

Williams has a wife and one child and expects to begin work in about two weeks. He was selected from a field of 12 to 15 applicants, two of whom were invited for interviews. Commissioner Gloria said some of the candidates were potential auxiliary officers. "We may be adding a couple of auxiliary officers."
Commissioner Hal Stanley told Stovall he was "favorably impressed with the way the selecting was done."

Beach Access

Commissioners went behind closed doors, on a motion by Gloria Barrett, to discuss an offering price for a five-foot beach accessway easement on Neptune Street in Sea Oats subdivision, the first of several accessways the town plans to develop in the next several years.

"I think we've got to move. We've talked and talked and talked," said Commissioner Stanley.
In discussion before the executive session, members told Attorney

Doug Ledgett they were willing to go into condemnation to acquire the accessways needed.

But Ledgett urged otherwise. "If at all possible you need to do this through negotiation, not condemnation or you won't see anything there for a year."

"It (condemnation) could take a minimum of eight months," he said. Also, he said condemnation procedures would require the town to deposit with the court the full amount it thinks the property is worth. That would mean advancing the assessment the town expects to collect from a special tax district set up for the Sea Oats community. King estimates the tax district includes about 95 lots.
Because the town has discussed use of condemnation if necessary, however, Ledgett has requested an opinion from the Attorney General's office to make certain the town can do so.

Strand Patrol

After a rather lengthy discussion, the board voted to pay a summer strand patrol \$4 an hour, but left it to Town Administrator Bob Buck to determine whether to hire the patrol as part-time or contract labor. They also liked the idea of putting out more

trash containers along the strand, suspending them on poles.

"We want to keep the beach clean this year, not like last year," stressed Commissioner Graham King.

King suggested possibly hiring two persons, one local and one a college student for seven-day-a-week coverage and so someone would be left to patrol from the start of college term in mid-August through the Labor Day holiday.

Commissioner Hal Stanley suggested all board members put the word out among their friends that the town was looking for the summer help.

"When I was in college I would have given my right arm to patrol that beach."

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