

Special Events, Activities Abound In Month Of May

BY BILL DEARMAN, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
South Brunswick Islands Chamber Of Commerce

This month is filled with special events and activities. We celebrated National Tourism Week May 3-8. May 5 was National Tourism Day.

Tourism is very important to the South Brunswick Islands area. Each year the number of tourism dollars spent in Brunswick County increases. As these dollars grow, the number of jobs in the county will continue to grow, and this growth will stimulate additional jobs in other sectors of our economy.

The tourist season is coming, and in just the past few weeks we have noticed an increase in traffic in the area. Each week more and more people come to enjoy the warm weather, the beaches and our lovely golf courses. Area restaurants are becoming busy again, and those closed for the winter are beginning to reopen as weekend visitors return in numbers. The islands' sleepy winter pace is beginning to quicken as the appeal of the area again lures visitors.

This month we also celebrate Small Business Week. On Tuesday May 11, we attended the Seventh Annual Small Business Awards Dinner. This annual event grows larger and more important each year as more and more small businesses begin and thrive in Brunswick County. It is a special treat to participate with Brunswick Community College, The Southport Oak Island Chamber and the North Brunswick Chamber to recognize small businesses that are making a difference in Brunswick County.

Don't forget the fifth annual South Brunswick Islands Chamber Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday May 22, at Brierwood Golf Club. Charlie Webster is chairing the event for us this year, and it promises to be the biggest and best ever. Everyone is invited to play.

We will have a women's, men's and mixed division this year. Also, we will have an exciting auction, and tickets to the luncheon are only five dollars for non-golfers. Come out and have a day of fun and fellowship with us at our fifth annual golf tournament. The tournament is filling up, so don't wait until the last minute—call 754-6644 and sign up today.



DEARMAN

Retired Newcomers Want, Need More Medical Facilities: Professor

Retired newcomers to Brunswick County represent a good business opportunity for the medical community, says a geography professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

In a study of seven South Atlantic coastal counties—including Brunswick—which experienced rapid growth in the number of transplanted retirees during the 1970s and '80s, Dr. D. Gordon Bennett says these retirees called "inadequate specialized medical services and facilities" as their major quality-of-life problem.

The study was funded by a \$52,042 grant from the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Brunswick and Carteret were the North Carolina counties included in the study. The others are Horry and Beaufort in South Carolina, Glynn in Georgia, and Flagler and Indian River in Florida.

Bennett recently presented a paper about the study at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Atlanta.

During the 1980s, the 65-and-older population in Brunswick County grew by 95 percent; in Carteret, by 58 percent. North Carolina's 65-and-older population grew by 33 percent.

In these counties, Bennett said, the demand exists for a range of medical services, including general practitioners, cardiologists and life-care communities. With a third or more of retirees in Brunswick and Carteret counties over 70 and another third of the men in their late 60s, the demand for medical care will increase, he adds.



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—Dr. D. Gordon Bennett

"Many of these retired newcomers have good health insurance and Medicare, so they represent a good business opportunity for the medical community," Bennett concludes.

In Beaufort County, S.C., a group of retirees decided to explore the feasibility of developing their own life-care facility. "That shows the demand," Bennett said.

Vero Beach, in Indian River County, Fla., had the best medical facilities, he said, partly because it has the longest history of transplanted retirees among the counties he studied.

The influx of retirees also has created a range of other demands, from the need for social services to retail outlets and restaurants other than those sought by tourists.

"The retired newcomers are providing social services...for the indigenous retirees," Bennett said. Many newcomers were volunteers before retiring, and they continue to be active in their new

communities, serving on boards, tutoring students and working with civic organizations.

"They're a benefit way beyond cash," he said. They're an economic benefit, too. Retirees who move into these communities have average annual incomes of about \$40,000, and because most own their homes, have good private health insurance and have no major debts, they can spend their incomes as they want.

But they often have few places to spend that money, Bennett said, because some communities lack the retail outlets they want. So they're forced to drive to neighboring communities or counties to shop, he added.

"The retail outlets haven't kept up with the demand," Bennett said. "They (retirees) are used to having the finer things in life, and that's what most of them still want."

The initial economic impact of most retirees was the purchase of a home, usually a nice one, Bennett said. More than a fourth of the retirees in Brunswick, and nearly half in Carteret, had homes worth \$150,000 or more. Most paid cash.

Other facts about transplanted retirees in Brunswick and Carteret counties from Bennett's study include these:

- 30 percent moved from within North Carolina;
- 60 percent moved from the northern United States;
- 65 percent of retirees in Brunswick and 77 percent in Carteret had retired from managerial or professional occupations.

Callahan Named Brunswick Business Person Of Year

Clark S. Callahan, owner of Calabash Nautical Gifts in Calabash, is Brunswick County's 1993 Small Business Person of the Year.

He was recognized Tuesday night at the seventh annual Small Business Awards Banquet, along with six Brunswick County businesses.

The event was held at St. James Plantation and was co-sponsored by Brunswick Community College and the South Brunswick Islands, North Brunswick and Southport-Oak Island chambers of commerce.

Callahan was one of the merchants instrumental in organizing other Calabash businesses in a series of promotional campaigns and is a past South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce board member. Calabash Nautical Gifts began with three employees in 1978 and has grown to employ more than 62 people during the tourist season.

Businesses were also recognized in six categories, as follows: Customer Satisfaction: Coastal Paint Center, Ocean Isle Beach; Coastal Development & Realty of Holden Beach, Appearance; Dorothy Essey & Associates Inc. of Long Beach, Community Service; Brunswick Surveying, Holden Beach, Innovation; Oak Island Jewelers, Southport, Employee Relations; and Complete Cleaning Service, Brown's Landing, Family-owned Business.

Awards were presented by Velva

Jenkins, BCC's business and industry director, and Eleanor Potter Smith of Southport, the 1992 Brunswick County Small Business Person of the Year.

Outstanding Brunswick County businesses were judged by SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) of Wilmington, after having been nominated by their peers, employees and/or customers.

In addition to the awards, the program included music by BCC Visiting Artist Jon Thornton and soloist Gaye Fulford, and a keynote address by Mary Tate Blake, a motivational speaker and trainer. Other participants included W. Michael Reaves, BCC president; Bobby Davis, Brunswick Electric Membership Corp.'s manager of economic development; and Johnnie Simpson, BCC vice president for instruction.

Two Join CHHC Staff

Comprehensive Home Health Care Inc. has recently hired two new nurse aides for its Brunswick County office in Supply, said Amy Lemaster, personnel assistant.

They are Bessie L. Bellamy of Supply and Glenda Evans of Ash. Bellamy attended Cape Fear Community College and has been a nursing assistant for approximately six years. Evans, who has been a nursing assistant for two years, attended Brunswick Community College.



BEMC PHOTO BY PHILIP MORGAN

IN THE DISPATCH CENTER of the BEMC Operations Department in Supply, Operations Manager Bobby Gore and Judy G. Russ check an outage report created by the co-op's new automated system.

New Automated Phone System Will Help In Reporting Outages

When the power goes off, who do you call?

Starting May 17, Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. members will be calling a new automated phone system to report outages.

According to General Manager David Batten, "The automated phone system should make it easier to report outages and speed up repairs. We will be able to handle more calls in less time. We will know our members have called."

Members can report an outage 24 hours a day by dialing toll-free 1-800-682-5309. A recorded message will answer the call and ask callers with touch-tone telephones to enter their home phone number by pressing the phone buttons. Based on the telephone number, the computer will locate the appropriate account re-

cords and print a trouble report.

Touch-tone telephone phone users will have the option of leaving a brief voice message, while callers with rotary telephones can only leave only voice messages.

Once the outage report is received, dispatchers will relay the location to the crews on duty.

Once an outage area has been identified, callers may receive a recorded message listing the areas previously reported. If the caller's location is on the list, he or she will know BEMC is already working to restore power there and won't need to make a report.

To support use of the new system, BEMC member customers will receive forms in their next electric power bills asking for their telephone numbers.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Isle Beach approved the Crouse Subdivision on November 10, 1992, the map of which was recorded in Map Cabinet X at page 91 of the Brunswick County Registry; and

WHEREAS, the map shows that Lot #24 of said Subdivision was dedicated for parking only and the Town anticipates the general public utilizing said lot for public parking to gain access to the Atlantic Ocean across the 8ft. wide public access easement shown on said map; and

WHEREAS, the developer has requested that the Town of Ocean Isle Beach close and release any interest in said parking area and has offered to dedicate two 25 ft. by 100 ft. parking areas on land contiguous to the Crouse Subdivision within walking distance of the public walkway noted above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF OCEAN ISLE BEACH, that the town close and release any interest in the parking lot shown on that map recorded in Map Cabinet X at page 91 of the Brunswick County Registry, provided same is replaced by those two parking lots shown on the map of the Summerplace Subdivision that has been recorded in Map Cabinet X at page 272 of the Brunswick County Registry. A public hearing on this matter shall be held at 8:45 a.m. on June 8, 1993, immediately prior to the June regularly scheduled town meeting.

This the 11th day of May, 1993.

Betty Williamson, Mayor

Building Totals \$3.55 Million

February residential construction authorizations in Brunswick County were valued at \$2.84 million, according to a report from the N.C. Department of Labor Research and Statistics Division.

Figures compiled by the U.S. Department of Commerce indicate that 32 single-family units were authorized at a value of almost \$2.5 million.

Two multi-family units were authorized at a value of \$263,688. Twenty-eight renovations and alterations were authorized totalling

\$99,695.

Non-residential permits totalled 23 with a valuation of \$684,095. Three non-residential additions and alterations were valued at \$29,590.

Combined residential and non-residential construction for the month totalled \$3.55 million.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Region O Area Agency on Aging of the Cape Fear Council of Governments is receiving sealed bids for Aging Services in Brunswick County. Bids may be picked up Wednesday, May 12, 1993 after 12:00 noon and are to be returned on Wednesday, May 26, 1993, by 12:00 noon.

Place: 1480 Harbour Drive
Wilmington, N.C. 28401
(919)395-4553
Services will operate from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994. All conditions, stipulations and specifications relevant to the bid may be obtained by contacting Carolyn Soders at (919)395-4553.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Area Agency on Aging of the Cape Fear Council of Governments will conduct public hearings to provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed use and distribution of aging funds during the state fiscal year, July 1, 1993-June 30, 1994. The public hearings will be held for each county:

- Brunswick County**
Tuesday, June 8, 1993, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Public Assembly Building
Brunswick County Government Complex, Bolivia, NC 28422
- Columbus County**
Wednesday, May 19, 1993, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Columbus County Senior Center
Whiteville, NC 28472, 640-6602
- New Hanover County**
Tuesday, June 8, 1993, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
New Hanover County Senior Center, Classroom #3
2222 South College Road, Wilmington, NC 28401, 452-6400
- Pender County**
Wednesday, June 9, 1993, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Senior Citizens Services of Pender, Inc.
312 W. Williams Street, Burgaw, NC 28425, 259-9119

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners shall conduct a Public Hearing on May 17, 1993 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Assembly Building, Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina to receive input on the following proposed amendments to the Brunswick County Zoning Ordinance and Partial Development Code:

- SECTION A**
I. Section 4.101(B) is amended by addition as follows:
28. Cabinet Shops
 - SECTION B**
II. Section 4.101(C) is amended by addition as follows:
7. The restoring, building and as ancillary use to such activity, selling of parts for special vehicles such as those of historic interest, antique vintage, special use, such as race cars and special function or design such as vehicles used primarily in parades and for educational purposes, as long as the entire activity is screened from the public view.
 - III. Section 4.102(G) is amended by deletion of one hundred feet minimum lot width when no public or community water or sewer service is available and the addition in lieu thereof of seventy-five feet.
 - IV. Section 4.103(G) is amended by deletion of one hundred feet minimum lot width when no public or community water or sewer service is available and the addition in lieu thereof of sixty feet.
 - SECTION B**
I. Zoning Map Sheet 90 for tax parcel identifier number 90000010, for the southern 250 foot deep strip of parcel 90000012 lying immediately contiguous to the northern boundary of Exum Road NW (SR 1340), for the northern 250 ft. deep strip of parcel 90000009 lying immediately contiguous to the southern boundary of said Exum Road NW, and for the north 250 feet deep strip of parcel 90000011 lying immediately contiguous and on the south side of said Exum Road NW from RU, Rural Zoning District to C-LD, Commercial Low Density Zoning District.
 - II. Zoning Map Sheet 112 for tax parcel identifiers number 112000073 and 112000074, generally the southeast and southwest corners of the intersection of George II Highway (NC 87) with Mill Creek Road SE (SR 1514) and Old Mill Creek Road SE (SR 1515) from C-LD, Commercial Low Density Zoning District, to RU, Rural Zoning District.
 - III. On Zoning Map Sheets 166 and 182, the entirety of Sanders Forest Subdivision, the entirety of Green Bay Village Subdivision, and tax parcel identifier numbers 16600003, 16600004, 6400004, 1820004203, 1820007701, 18200078, 18200081, 1820008102, 1820008105, 18200083, 1820008301, 1820008302, 1820008304, 1820008305, 18200084, 1820008401, 1820008402, 1820008403, 18200086 and 18200087, as to those portions in the R-7500, Low Density Residential Zoning District to R-6000, Medium Density Residential Zoning District.
 - IV. On Zoning Map Sheets 97 and 111, for a depth of 250 ft. on either side of U.S. 17 for tax parcel identifier 97000031 and a depth of 250 ft. along the southern side of U.S. 17 for parcel 11100020 and for the entirety of parcel 1110001408, from RU, Rural Mixed Zoning District, to C-LD, Commercial Low Density Zoning District.
 - V. On Zoning Map Sheet 211, for tax identifier parcels number 211000039, 2110004002, 2110004005, 2110004006 and 2110004011, from R-7500, Low Density Residential Zoning District, to C-LD, Commercial Low Density Zoning District.
- This the 3rd day of May 1993.
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners
By: Kelly S. Barefoot, Clerk

BANK NOTICE

Application of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, for authority to establish a branch at 4646 Main Street, Shallotte, Brunswick County, North Carolina, has been filed with the Commissioner of Banks to be processed in accordance with Rule 4 NCAC 3C.0201 and the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The public is invited to submit written comments on this application to the Commissioner of Banks, Post Office Box 29512, Raleigh, North Carolina 27626-0512. The comment period on this application will end 14 days from date of publication. The Commissioner of Banks will consider comments, received within the comment period.

Also, any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with Mr. Lyle V. Helgeson, Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Regional Office located at 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, N.E., Suite 1200, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, before processing the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 15th day following either the date of the last required publication or the date of receipt of the application by the FDIC, whichever is later. The period may be extended by the Regional Director for good cause. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's Regional Office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the Regional Office.

William T. Graham, Commissioner of Banks