

BRUESTLE HEADS BRUNSWICK TEAM

County United Way Drive Begins Saturday

Brunswick County's United Way campaign gets under way Saturday in conjunction with the regional Cape Fear United Way kickoff celebration at Empie Park in Wilmington.

Prior to the 12:30 p.m. event, volunteers with area business and industry will work together on "fix up" projects at several United Way agencies. A team from DuPont's Cape Fear Plant will be sprucing up Hope Harbor Home at Bolivia and a team from New Hanover Regional Medical Center will tackle several jobs at Camp Pretty Pond, a regional Girl Scout residential camping facility, at Boiling Spring Lakes.

Brad Bruestle, an office executive at United Carolina Bank's Leland branch, is heading the countywide drive.

"We're going to focus a little more on direct contact this year in Brunswick County," he said in a telephone interview last week. "We're going to be aggressively seeking support from the communities we serve."

The local campaign goal is \$50,000 this year, up from \$46,300 raised in pledges and donations last year.

Bruestle said he is "comfortable" with that goal and looking forward to helping move Brunswick County to a self-supporting position within

the United Way campaign structure. At present, more United Way funds flow into the county through agency services than United Way raises each year here through its united fundraising campaign.

"Our aim is to create increased awareness of the agencies receiving United Way funds here and developing more of a rapport with the community so we can become self-sufficient," said Bruestle.

The county campaign structure has been reorganized for greater efficiency, with leaders recruited for five geographic divisions: Each in turn has recruited five other campaign workers, with additional volunteers welcome to call the team leaders: Lionel Todd, Holden Beach-Supply, 842-4701; Tom Cluehey, Shallotte, 754-4301; Sabrina Stephens, Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach, Calabash, 579-7098; Victor Pearsall, north Brunswick, 371-6546; and Albert Elrod, Southport-Oak Island-Boiling Spring Lakes, 457-6644.

Cape Fear Area United Way serves residents of Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties. Last year, one in three people in those three counties received help through United Way funded agencies.

Agency services funded by United Way in 1993 are as follows:

- Hope Harbor Home Inc., Supply, shelter and advocacy for victims of domestic violence;
- Brunswick County Literacy Council, Supply, one-on-one tutoring to improve basic reading and writing

skills;

- Girl Scout Council of Coastal Carolina, Inc., Goldsboro, character building and leadership development for girls, and operates Camp Pretty Pond in Brunswick County;

- Brunswick County Volunteer & Information Center, Inc., Supply, emergency information and referral assistance for county residents;

- Boy Scouts of America, Cape Fear Council, Wilmington, character development, citizenship training and physical fitness in young people;

- American Red Cross, Cape Fear Chapter, Wilmington, disaster relief, blood service, service to military families and health and safety programs;

- Brigade Boys Club, Inc., promotes health, social, educational, vocational and character development in youth;

- The Salvation Army, Wilmington, emergency shelter and assistance for the homeless;

- Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Inc., Wilmington and Shallotte, care and support for terminally ill patients and their families;

- Stepping Stone Manor/Pathway House, Wilmington, rehabilitation for problem drinkers and other substance abusers;

- Wilmington Family YMCA, Wilmington, swim program for individuals with handicaps and after school child care;

- YWCA of Wilmington, programs addressing women's issues, racial justice and youth development;

- Girls Incorporated of Wilmington, builds girls' capacity for responsible

and confident adulthood;

- Family Services of the Lower Cape Fear Inc., Wilmington, family counseling, credit counseling, after school enrichment, Travelers Aid and Big Buddy programs;

- Elderhaus Inc., Wilmington, structured daytime supervision for the frail elderly;

- Keys to Industrial Training & Services Inc., Wilmington, training and employment of people with physical, mental or multiple disabilities; Senior Citizen Services of Pender Inc., Burgaw, services for the elderly, including transportation and "meals on wheels";

- Domestic Violence Shelter & Services Inc., Wilmington, emergency support for victims and survivors of domestic violence;

- Child Development Center, Inc., Wilmington, educational programs for young children with developmental disabilities;

- Cape Fear Substance Abuse Center Inc., out-patient treatment for substance abuse, rape crisis counseling, telephone crisis line and emergency youth shelter;
- Community Boys' Club, Wilmington and Southport, assists young people in developing into productive adults;

- Cape Fear Literacy Council, Wilmington, one-on-one tutoring for functionally illiterate adults.

United Way also provides informational and referral services and runs the senior AIDES program, offering job counseling and training for senior citizens in the three-county area.



STAFF PHOTO BY ERIC CARLSON

New Zoning Administrator

Wade Horne looks over the new ordinance he will enforce as Brunswick County's first zoning administrator. A native of Maysville and a graduate of Appalachian State University, Horne joins the county staff after serving six years as town administrator of Emerald Isle and four years as a private planning and development consultant. Horne began work in the county planning department Monday at an annual salary of \$28,403.



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Varnamtown Boat Ramp On Hold

BY DOUG RUTTER

Varnamtown officials are waiting for state decisions on ownership and funding issues before moving ahead with plans to repair the community boat ramp on Lockwood Folly River.

Mayor Judy Galloway said the town expects a state ruling shortly on whether the ramp property is public or private and if the state is willing to help pay for construction of a new concrete ramp.

"We're just on hold for a while," Galloway said Tuesday. "I think we'll get everything worked out before too much longer."

At Monday night's town meeting, aldermen discussed the ramp project briefly with Blondell Robinson, who owns a fish house next to the ramp and says he also owns part of the ramp property.

Galloway said the state is researching who owns the property, located at the end of Fisherman Road.

Robinson said Monday he supports the project, but would like to see the town build the new ramp on one side of the landing and leave the other side as it is so fishermen can unload oysters and clams from their boats.

Robinson said putting the ramp in the middle of the landing would leave a useless strip on each side. "As long as I have that land there I'm going to look out for the working man," he said.

Alderman Ada McDonald agreed with Robinson's proposal. "It needs to be to one side. I agree with that. It would leave more area for loading and unloading," she said.

Galloway said town officials haven't decided where the new ramp will be located. "The board will take all that into consideration when it decides what to do and where to put it," she said.

"I don't think the board is going to do anything else until the state makes a decision," Galloway added.

"Nothing's going to be done until we hear from the state."

After months of debate, town officials decided last month to rebuild the existing ramp because it's in bad condition and causes damage to boats. Many residents use the ramp to launch their fishing boats.

Town officials have worked out a verbal agreement with Nicky and Jackie Varnam to lease a parking area near Garland's Seafood House. A formal contract won't be signed until the town hires a contractor to build the new ramp.

Varnamtown has received a permit to build a ramp measuring 16 feet wide and 72 feet long. The state also will allow the town to build an 83-foot pier and floating dock as part of the project.

Galloway said the town won't know the cost of the ramp until bids are received. Town officials hope N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will help pay for some or all of the improvements.

Election Coming

Varnamtown residents who haven't registered to vote in the Nov. 2 municipal election may do so Saturday, Oct. 2, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the town hall.

Registrar Marlene Varnam will be at the town hall to register voters. Residents also can register at her home any time prior to the Oct. 11 registration deadline.

Commercial fishermen and other people who expect to be out of town on election day will be able to vote by absentee ballot this year.

Voters may call the Brunswick County Board of Elections Office after Oct. 2 to have a ballot mailed to their home. Absentee ballots must be returned to the elections office by Oct. 29.

Town Clerk Luellen Norris reported Monday that two people have paid overdue taxes since receiving letters from the town attorney. Varnamtown now has \$71,995 in the bank.



STAFF PHOTO BY ERIC CARLSON

MEDICAL TECHNICIANS from Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad help the occupants of a car that was hit by a tractor-trailer truck at the intersection of N.C. 211 and U.S. 17 in Supply Friday afternoon. The female driver and a male passenger sustained minor injuries in the wreck. A spokesperson at the N.C. Highway Patrol office in Wilmington said she did not have a report of the incident.

Ocean Isle Man Killed In Collision

A local electrical contractor was killed Monday night at the Grissettown intersection of U.S. 17 and N.C. 904 when he drove into the path of a logging truck on U.S. 17.

Richard Channing Joyner Sr., 42, of Salt Marsh Circle, Ocean Isle Beach, was traveling south on N.C. 904 at about 10:20 p.m. when he failed to stop at the intersection. His 1983 Chevrolet Blazer entered the highway directly in the path of a 1982 International tractor-trailer operated by Ronald Lamar Holden, 33, of Old Ferry Road, Supply, according to N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper C.E. Ward.

The truck slammed into the door of Joyner's Blazer, then both vehicles traveled another 191 feet down the road. The tractor-trailer continued alone another 800 feet, spewing diesel fuel in the roadway.

The Blazer was a total loss, while damage to the tractor-trailer was estimated at \$4,000.

Ward said neither driver was wearing a seat belt and that no alcohol was involved.

No charges have been filed. In January 1992 four Albemarle residents were killed in the same intersection when the vehicle in which they were riding pulled onto U.S. 17 into the path of an oncoming dump truck.

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