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Say 'Cheese,' Charles

Charles Street (right) braces for a mugshot by Kid Safe representative Mary McCall of Fairmont at Supply Elementary School last Wednesday as fellow first graders Nicole Brown (left) and (in background) Amanda Wooten, Jackson White and others wait their turn. Kid Safe, which operates on contributions, is visiting most Brunswick County elementary schools, taking photographs and thumbprints for laminated ID cards that are sent home to parents. "It's to keep in case a child is missing," said McCall. "A new one is made each year."

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Landscape Contractors Set Dec. 2-3 Conference

A two-day conference sponsored by the North Carolina Landscape Contractors Association in Wilmington will offer a variety of seminars.

The meeting will be held at the New Hanover County Cooperative Extension Service Auditorium on Oleander Drive.

The conference begins at noon Thursday and continues until 8 p.m., resuming Friday from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Thursday sessions include reading and interpreting landscape drawings, irrigation design and installation tips, planting techniques and establishment practices, fertilization recommendations for landscape plants, water garden construction and

coastal turf grass management.

On Friday speakers will discuss identifying and managing aquatic weeds, coastal erosion control standards, safety programs for businesses and managing coastal soils.

Presenters will include Bruce Williams, regional extension turf grass specialist with the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.

Registration is \$20 when received by Nov. 26 and an additional \$5 after that. Checks should be made payable to N.C. Landscape Contractors Association (NCLCA) and mailed to Bill Wilder, N.C. Association of Nurseries, P.O. Box 400, Knightdale, N.C. 27545. For more information call 910-266-1777.

Local Businesses Give \$53,000 To United Way

Brunswick County businesses pledged almost \$53,000 in donations to the Cape Fear Area United Way this year, which represents a 14 percent increase over 1992.

"I am very pleased with the response from Brunswick County businesses and individuals, particularly from those who had given to United Way in the past," said Brad Bruestle, county chairman of the local business campaign.

In addition to the corporate donations, Bruestle said the employees of several major firms in the county including Carolina Power & Light, ADM and DuPont pledged more than \$286,000.

Local contributions were part of the \$1,807,500 pledged during this year's fund-raising campaign in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties. Contributions were up more than \$47,000 in the three-county area, which was an increase of 3 percent.

"Many needy people suffered last year because we weren't able to meet the growing needs in our com-

munity," campaign chairman Steve Banks said at last week's Celebration Breakfast '93.

"If everyone that has made a commitment to help comes through, we will take a huge step toward addressing those needs," Banks said. "We will not rest until every dollar is collected."

More than 600 community volunteers were recruited to help raise funds to support The United Way's 60 local human care programs in the Cape Fear area.

"A combination of things happened this year that contributed to our success," said United Way Executive Director Michael Griggs.

"We had a group of community volunteers committed to seeing that local needs would be met and worked above and beyond to get our good friends to give more and ask people to give who have never been asked before."

Banks noted the importance of the loaned executive program and Harris Newman Society in achieving positive results.

Comprehensive Health Seeks Hospice Program Volunteers

A local home health care business is seeking volunteers to support its new hospice program.

A four-session, 20-hour training program will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Comprehensive Home Health Service office near Supply.

Comprehensive Hospice provides medically-directed home care for terminally ill patients and their families that focuses on decreasing pain rather than a cure. The program is an alternative that allows patients to die at home with family close by.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice program," said Renee Street, volunteer coordinator.

Volunteers provide either direct care to families or indirect service. Direct care might include running errands and doing chores, providing transportation or visiting a patient while family caregivers take a break. Indirect service opportunities might include working with a telephone reassurance program, a newsletter and office work. Volunteers are also needed with special skills such as budgeting, homemaking and cooking.

Persons interested in volunteering or in more information should call either Becky Yoder at the Supply office, 754-8133, or Street at 910-251-8111.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The County of Brunswick seeks proposals from qualified architectural firms to conduct an assessment of deficiencies with respect to barriers to disabled persons requiring county services. The resulting assessment should address the elimination of all barriers as is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. All responses to the Request for Proposals must be submitted to the County Engineer no later than December 20, 1993. For further information regarding the scope of the project contact:

Robert E. Tucker, P.E.
County Engineer
P.O. Box 249
Bolivia, North Carolina 28422
910-253-4488

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Town of Varnamtown, Brunswick County, will receive bids from qualified bidders, on December 6, 1993, no later than 12:00 Noon Standard Time, for the construction of a concrete boat ramp, pier and platform.

During the Town Hall Meeting of December 13, 1993 at 8:00 PM all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids are to be delivered to Luellen Norris, Town Clerk, Varnamtown Town Hall, 100 Varnamtown Road, Brunswick County, Supply, NC 28462.

All bids will be accompanied by a 5% bid bond to be included in the bid price in a sealed envelope, with project name, contractors name and license number.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 17, 1993 at 10:30 AM at the Varnamtown Town Hall.

Bidding documents, drawings and specifications may be obtained in the Town Clerks office Town of Varnamtown. Call 919-842-6875 or 842-3095.

The Town Board of Varnamtown reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Luellen Norris, Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Brunswick County Zoning Ordinance and Partial Development Code on December 6, 1993 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Chamber, Administration Building, Government Center, Bolivia, NC. The hearing is called pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina and the subject matter is as follows:

SECTION A

Article 2. Definitions. After (H2) Heavy Manufacturing, add the following:

(H3) Home Occupations—A Commercial activity conducted within a dwelling unit located in a residential zoning district, primarily by one or more occupants thereof. This activity shall be an accessory use which is clearly incidental and secondary to the residential use of the dwelling unit and shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) The Home Occupation shall occupy an area not to exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of the gross floor area of the dwelling unit. All activities shall be conducted entirely within the dwelling unit and are not permitted in a detached garage or other accessory structure.
- (2) There shall be no external evidence of the activity such as commercial vehicles, window displays, outside storage, smoke, noise, orders or other nuisances emitted from the premises.
- (3) Only one person may be employed who is not a resident of the dwelling.
- (4) No display of products may be visible from the street.
- (5) No infrastructure demands shall be generated by the Home Occupation in greater volumes that would normally be expected with a residential use.
- (6) Instruction in music, dance and similar subjects shall be limited to two students at a time.

SECTION B

Section 4.103. R-6000. Medium Density Residential. "E" Special Exceptions Permissible by the Planning Board, delete:

Under Item 1. Planned Unit Developments, first paragraph "or 20,000 square feet where either or both public or community water or sewer is not available," should read, "or 10,000 square feet..."

Section 4.102. R-7500: Low Density Residential, "E" Special Exceptions Permissible by the Planning Board, delete:

Under Item 1. Planned Unit Developments, first paragraph "or 20,000 square feet where either or both public or community water or sewer is not available," should read, "or 15,000 square feet..."

Section 4.104 C-LD. Commercial Low-Density, "E" Special Exceptions Permissible by the Planning Board, delete:

Under Item 4. Planned Unit Developments, first paragraph "or residency room per 10,000 square feet of land when public or community water and sewer service is available, or 20,000 square feet where either or both public or community water or sewer service is to available," should read, "or residency room per 7,500 square feet of land when public or community water and sewer service is available, or 15,000 square feet..."

SECTION C

Article 1, Section 1.104 as to the official Zoning Maps, is hereby amended so that tax parcel identifier number 1950001801 and 1950001801, lands on the east side of Longwood Road NW (NC 904) just south of its intersection with Russtown Road NW (SR 1315), are classified RU, Rural Mixed Use Zoning District, rather than the present R-7500, Low Density Residential Zoning District, said land owned by Hulon E. and Ruby Grissett and Peter Gene and Janie Icard.

This the 16th day of November, 1993.

Brunswick County Board of Commissioners
By: Kelly S. Barefoot, Clerk to the Board

Happy Thanksgiving

from

CHAMBERS OF S.C.

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