

## Recycling Making Dent In Waste Stream As Groups Inform Public

Over the past eight months 122 tons of recyclable goods were kept out of the Brunswick County landfill due to the efforts of recycling centers at Sunset Beach, Boiling Spring Lakes and Long Beach.

That's the good news announced at the April 9 meeting of the Brunswick County Keep America Beautiful Inc. affiliate.

The bad news is that 122 tons is just a drop in the solid waste bucket: According to the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, the average North Carolinian throws away nearly a ton of trash a year.

Brunswick County's KAB affiliate and Brunswick County's Clean County Department are working together to increase public awareness of the need to reduce the waste stream and to improve the local environment. The national KAB organization's slogan: "Let's Not Waste the '90's."

April's a natural time for the two local organizations to focus on public awareness, combining Keep America Beautiful Month, the National Celebration of the Outdoors, and Earth Day 1990.

Chance Scrantom, chairman of the local KAB steering committee,

said the organizations are encouraging people to keep the litter picked up in their neighborhoods, to use paper cups rather than plastic foam, to ask for paper grocery bags rather than plastic, and to recycle their newspapers, glass and plastics at a local recycling center.

On Earth Day, Sunday, April 22, Brunswick County Clean County Director Terry Munn will be the guest speaker at a special 10:30 a.m. rogation service scheduled at St. James Episcopal Church in Shallotte.

KAB affiliate board member Carol Rogers is also working with the Brunswick County Schools in an effort to initiate a "Clean Schools Month" in May at the elementary and middle schools. During April teachers in grades three through five received complimentary copies of an "Environmental Education" manual developed by a coalition of state agencies and non-profit organizations for use in the classroom. The manual includes 20 lessons plans intended as a resource for use in celebration of Earth Day or to generally increase students' understanding of the environment and how their daily actions affect it.

Also, mayors of local towns are being asked to proclaim April as Keep America Beautiful Month. And, in June, KAB will be working with United Carolina Bank and local telephone companies to recycle old telephone books when the new ones are delivered.

The activities all interrelate, Scrantom indicated. KAB uses a systematic approach to change individual behaviors and attitudes, relying on all sectors of the community for support in achieving a last solution, something more than a one-time litter pick-up.

KAB's immediate goal is to achieve a sustained reduction in litter as the first step toward improving the overall local environment. "People's attitudes about how they handle their waste are a major cause of improper waste management practices," said Scrantom, who also coordinates the Volunteers for Recycling at Sunset Beach. KAB works on changing attitudes by creating greater public awareness of the extent and nature of the problem, involving the entire community in developing a solution, focusing on results and providing positive reinforcement.

The local steering committee is working with the three volunteer recycling centers now in operation in Brunswick County, as well as assisting other communities, such as Shallotte and Calabash, to develop recycling projects of their own.

North Carolina, through legislation passed last year, is aiming to reduce generation of solid waste by 25 percent by 1993, in part by requiring counties and towns to begin recycling and other waste-reduction programs such as source reduction and composting.

Brunswick County has not yet announced its overall plan for reducing the flow of solid waste to the county landfill. The Clean County Department has initiated a pilot "desktop" recycling program in county offices. County employees are being asked to recycle most types of office waste, including copy paper, computer printouts and correspondence.

Business offices, schools and other agencies are being invited to participate in the project also, said Munn. He noted that as much as 40 percent of municipal solid waste is paper, with the percentage higher for offices and schools.



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### Gannt In Brunswick

U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gannt of Charlotte (right) officially opened his Brunswick County campaign Friday with a stop at a Bolivia church. Welcoming Gannt above is Rev. M.C. Herring, president of the Brunswick County Citizens Association and pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Longwood.

### Course To Teach Safe Handgun Use

Men and women age 21 and older can learn to use a handgun safely in a course set to begin Monday, May 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the ALS Building multipurpose room at Brunswick Community College.

The course is being offered through BCC's Continuing Education Division, and a \$15 registration fee is payable at the first class meeting. Pre-registration is required due to the class size limit of 30 students.

Beginning to experienced shooters will be taught a comprehensive course in handgun safety, skills,

### VIC Nominations Deadline Extended

The deadline for nominations for Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards and Governor's Awards has been extended until Friday due to the Easter holiday.

Nominations this year will be judged by D.O.V.I.A., a volunteer group from Wilmington, said Brunswick County Volunteer and Information Center (VIC) Director Shirley Carroll. The top four people or groups nominated will be receive Governor's Awards.

VIC Board Chairman Percy Woodard said, "We have many fine people in Brunswick County who volunteer their time and skills. It is only fitting that we set a special time to recognize their contributions and say 'thank you'."

Previous Governor's Award winners, who are not eligible for nomination this year, include Daphne Fournier, Danni Moore, Joseph Stevenson, the Boiling Spring Lakes recycling group, Skyline Hewett, Robin Parker Hobbs, O'Gretta Saunders and VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 10400 of Boiling Spring Lakes.

For more information, or to obtain application forms, call the VIC office at 754-4766.

fundamentals and self-protection. Upon satisfactory completion of the course students will receive National Rifle Association certificates.

Students do not need to bring guns on the first night of class.

For more information, contact Perry Hall at BCC.

### CLUB BRIEFS

#### Elks Auxiliary Card Party Set

"Spring Game Time" is the theme of a card party planned by the Calabash Elks Lodge Auxiliary Tuesday, April 24, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the lodge at Traders Village, Calabash.

Admission is \$3, with desserts and beverages to be served and door prizes awarded.

For more information or tickets, contact Grace Mahony, 579-5987, or Norma Nordbruch, 5798-3782.

#### Dinner Slated

Calabash Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7288 and its ladies auxiliary will sponsor a dinner Saturday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW clubhouse to honor "Gold Star Mothers" and their spouses. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased through May 2 at the post building on Carter Road, Calabash.

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