

Local Efforts Back Troops And Families Left Behind

Individuals and organizations across Brunswick County are reaching out to support not only military personnel serving in Operation Desert Storm, but also the families they've left behind.

Activities range from a troop support rally to a support group for military families and a flag-raising ceremony.

Tonight (Thursday) on the Brunswick Community College students are inviting the public to participate in a "Support Our Troops" rally in the BCC student center at Supply.

During the 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock rally, representatives of each branch of military service will speak and family members of those in service will have an opportunity to network.

"This event will provide a gathering for family members and friends of those in the military to give each other information and support," said Terri Shadid, one of the student organizers.

Those who plan to attend are being asked to bring mailing addresses of family members and friends stationed in the Middle East. Many BCC students are sending letters of support to troops in the Persian Gulf, particularly those from Brunswick County.

Also at the rally, booths will be staffed by various branches of the service to respond to questions. Participating will be representatives of the N.C. National Guard, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps, as well as Brunswick County Veterans Service Officer Jess Parker and retired U.S. Army Col. William Cockrell, coordinator of the Army JROTC program at West Brunswick High School.

Support Group Forming
A support group for friends and relatives of service men and women participating in Operation Desert Storm will hold an organizational meeting Monday, Feb. 4.

The group will meet at New Life Assembly, located on Stone Chim-

ney Road in Supply, at 7 p.m. People of all denominations are welcome, said the Rev. Bobby Norton, pastor, who will be helping to coordinate the group.

The purpose of the support group will be to offer counseling and to serve as a forum for talking and sharing. Refreshments will be provided.

To Honor Troops
A flag-raising ceremony and service honoring American troops fighting Iraq in the Persian Gulf will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, by Holden Beach Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8866.

The program will take place at Holden Beach Town Hall. The post plans to pay particular recognition to service personnel from Brunswick County.

Also, the post is compiling a list of service men and women from Brunswick County who are stationed in the Persian Gulf area. To add someone's name to the list, contact Addison Hayes, 842-3738.



AS WAR IN THE Middle East continues, Carolyn Long and other members of Old Shallotte Baptist Church are welcoming calls from families who seek prayer for their loved ones serving in the Persian Gulf area. The names are being posted on two prayer list bulletin boards in the church entry and will stay there until the service men and women return, said Mrs. Long. She can be reached at 754-6300, days, and 579-6000, evenings.

Letters To The Editor

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friends and those we don't know are being sent to kill others. And for what reason? Does anyone really know and understand?

We hope the men and women in Saudi Arabia return home soon. We hope no more people are sent. We think of all those overseas every day. We wish we could bring them home. We wish this would end.

Agreed, some wars are necessary. It can't be avoided all the time. But was this one inevitable? Were we really ready for this? Will Saudi

Arabia be another Vietnam? Another mistake? Are thousands about to die for no absolute reason?

We're just concerned. We hope it'll be over soon and we worry it won't be. All we can do now is hope it ends soon and pray for those who are in the middle of it all.

Reality is taking its course. We don't like it. We don't want it. We don't need it. Wake up, America, it's not a game anymore.

Patrice Robinson
Tanya Brannan
Rt. 3, Supply

Local DWI Arrests Increased In 1990

The N.C. Highway Patrol arrested nearly 100 more people for driving while impaired in Brunswick and New Hanover counties in 1990 than in 1989, according to the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

Drunk driving arrests in the two-county district totaled 1,293 last year, compared to 1,197 in 1989, said spokesperson Renee Hoffman. Statistics for Brunswick County alone weren't available.

The 8 percent increase in the district was low compared to an 18 percent increase statewide. The Highway Patrol made 60,028 arrests for driving while impaired in 1990, compared to 50,776 the previous year.

Veterans' Office Hours To Revert

After a five-month experiment, the Brunswick County Veteran's Service Office at the government center in Bolivia will return to "normal" hours starting Monday.

"We just couldn't justify the longer hours," said Officer Jess Parker.

During the five-month period he said the office served approximately 10 clients during extended hours. Of those, five to seven were telephone calls.

Starting Monday, office hours will return to 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All Should Become Involved

To the editor:
Over the past few years several organizations and/or town departments have been involved in the effort to clean up the water in the Brunswick County area. I have been corresponding with officials in Washington and Raleigh an effort to help this cause.

Recent headlines read, "Proposed water supply rules facing criticism," "Fish will be cleaner when their water is," "Spirit of Shallotte River Association Lives On," "Fisherman Can't Give Up On River," etc.

The problem of contamination and pollution of lakes, ocean, rivers, streams and waterway affects everybody in Brunswick County. Our drinking water either comes from the Cape Fear River or from wells in the immediate area. Our seafood and shellfish come from the surrounding waters. We have a problem!

Organizations have been formed throughout the years to fight these problems. However, as is usually the case, those with the big bucks have drawn things out long enough to cause the members of these groups to lose interest and disband their organization.

This comes at a time when help is on its way. Congressman Rose, through diligent efforts, was instrumental in getting Congress to pass on funds for a study and project demonstration in the Lockwood Folly area.

More recently, Calabash and Southport were chosen to take part in the N.C. Coastal Initiative. This could be good or bad depending on how town officials utilize the program. As Doug Rutter pointed out in his recent article, the end uses vary. Expansion of boating activi-

ties and new marinas would not be in the best interests. Not, at least, until the waters are cleaned up.

I would suggest that the coastal communities form a coalition utilizing some of the leadership found in S.O.S., Calabash Planning and Zoning, Shallotte River Association, etc. These people could monitor the activities of developers, town officials and other agencies making bids for waterfront development, growth or usage. Basically we should all become involved.

You can say, well, I don't eat seafood, shellfish or swim. However, that does not let you off the hook. You do drink water and whether it comes from your own well or the county system, the pollution factors could very well influence your water supply in the near future.

Crawford A. Hart, Jr.
Holden Beach

Bad Dream Recalled

To the editor:
Wow, did I have a bad dream the other night. In this dream I woke up late one morning and it was still dark.

On checking, I found that a hung-over tourist was awakened one day by the sun shining in the window and complained to the Holden Beach Town Hall.

With their customary knee-jerk reaction to the whims of visitors to the island, the town board banned daylight.

Now tourists, burglars (refer to Sunset Beach), neurotics and turtles are happy, but not voting citizens who are concerned for their own welfare.

Jim Fournier
Holden Beach

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TRAVEL TREK Bridal Fashion Expo

Elsa Jardine

Planning a wedding, no matter whether it be a year in advance or just a month, can be a stressful experience. However, good planning does make the difference between success and failure, and sources of help are many.

Here in Shallotte, it is possible to plan a complete wedding with little need to travel far from town. A bunch of local merchants have planned an event to prove this fact.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, there will be a Bridal Fashion Expo at Sandpiper Bay Golf & Country Club. The expo is sponsored by Bridal Affair Formal Wear and Florist, Brunswick Business Service, Brunswick Travel, Calabash Photography Studio, Formal Limousine Service, Mar Coupe Hair Design, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Party Plus/Balloons Are Us Flowers, Paula's A Touch of Elegance, StarLite Entertainment, Robin's Sweet Shoppe and United Carolina Bank.

The show will start at 7 p.m., and refreshments in the form of an actual wedding cake baked by Robin's Sweet Shoppe and coffee supplied by Sandpiper Bay will be served. This will be followed by a full bridal fashion show featuring gowns for the entire wedding party and tuxedos. Following the bridal fashion show there will be a trade show featuring the products of other participating merchants.

Admission to the expo is free, but seating is limited so reserve your seat early. Call Brunswick Travel, Inc. at 754-7484 and make your reservation for the BRIDAL FASHION EXPO at Sandpiper Bay Golf & Country Club on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

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Statement of Condition December 31, 1990

Assets:	
Mortgage Loans & Contracts	\$99,825,000
Other Loans	2,606,000
Real Estate Owned	101,000
FHLB Stock	1,105,000
Cash & Investments	15,442,000
Fixed Assets (net)	1,513,000
Investment in Subsidiary	5,000
Other Assets	251,000
	\$120,848,000
Liabilities and Net Worth:	
Deposits	\$111,392,000
Other Liabilities	354,000
Total Liabilities	\$111,746,000
Unappropriated Retained Earnings	9,102,000
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$120,848,000

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- After-tax profits for the period ending December 31, 1990 are \$1,043,000.
- Mortgage loans and contracts represent 82.60% of total assets.
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- Our Average Regulatory Liquidity Ratio stands at 15.03%. By regulation, we are required to maintain a minimum of 5%.
- We currently have no outstanding borrowed money.
- Our Capital-to-Assets Ratio is 7.53%. By regulation, we are required to maintain a minimum of 3%.
- Our Risk Based Capital-to-Assets Ratio is 14.26%. By regulation, we are required to maintain a minimum of 8% by 1992. We already exceed that amount.

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1990 was an excellent year for Security Savings and Loan. We have five branch locations in Brunswick County, but we also service the financial needs of neighboring Columbus and New Hanover Counties. We may not be located in the other two counties, but we are the soundest thrift institution in the three-county area. Please come by and talk to us about what we can do for you during our 80th year of operation.

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