

June Is Fun Month For Chamber Members

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Chamber members, June is your month of fun! First, the chamber's annual golf tournament is scheduled for June 15 at Sea Trail Plantation. We're going to play the Willard Byrd course again this year because our tournament was so popular last year. Special thanks to Sea Trail for allowing us to use the course.

The tournament will be captain's choice with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. After play, we will have a light buffet lunch and prizes will be awarded. The prizes will include first, second and third team prizes in two flights, and prizes for closest to the pin on all par 3s and longest drive on a given par 4.

If you're a golfer, I encourage you to participate. It will be a day of fun, and the chamber needs your support.



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The second fun event of June will be held the last Thursday of the month. It's Business After Hours and it will be held at Brunswick Travel in Eastgate Shopping Center.

This is your opportunity to meet with fellow chamber members in a relaxed atmosphere. It's a good time to promote your business and to make new friends and new contacts as well.

Every time the chamber encourages you to gather with your fellow business persons, it is because we are providing an opportunity for networking...another way to enhance your business in the South Brunswick Islands.

In June, take advantage of mixing with your fellow chamber members while having fun. This might be the month when networking nets you a brilliant idea for your business.



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Wait Won't Be That Long

Supply residents don't expect it spend an eternity waiting for their new post office to open at the corner of Blanton Road and N.C. 211, a site previously owned by a former Supply postmistress, Evelyn Hawes. The 4,073-square-foot structure will be the third post office building to stand on that corner. Last Wednesday contractors clearing the site set fire to one former post office. The new facility is expected to open no later than early fall.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Company Donates To Library Building Fund

National Starch and Chemical Company has contributed \$250 to the Leland Library Building Fund, \$200 to Cape Fear United Way and \$100 to the Brunswick County 4-H Development Fund.

"We are pleased to contribute to these three fine organizations, and we wish them the best in continuing to serve the citizens of Brunswick County," said Ray Paradowski, North Carolina operations manager for National Starch.

National Starch is an international company that manufactures adhesives, starches, specialty food chemicals, resins and specialty food starches. The company operates a plant in Leland.

KFC Offers Lite

Kentucky Fried Chicken's newest

product, a new skinfree fried chicken on the bone, is available at local outlets, said Shallotte store manager Zesta White.

Lite'n Crispy Chicken has 39 percent fewer calories than the extra crispy traditional variety of fried chicken, as well as 45 percent less fat, 44 percent less sodium and 37 percent less cholesterol.

Balloon Expected

Havoline's hot air balloon team will appear as part of a promotion at Jones store in Shallotte Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1.

The balloon, nearly 70 feet tall and 56 feet in diameter, will use the parking lot of the store off Hwy. 17 north as the launching site, according to Tony Graham, store manager.

Construction Under Way At Brunswick Plantation

Construction has begun near Calabash at Brunswick Plantation, a 600-acre residential and golf community being developed by Caw Land Corp.

The 18-hole Willard Byrd course is expected to open in spring 1992 and is to feature two clubhouses designed by Joe Johnson Associates in the Greek Revival style, one for visitors and one for members and property owners. Together these will offer a restaurant and lounge, pro shop, snack bar, meeting rooms, sales offices and members/property owners' library, card rooms, exercise room, lounge and locker rooms.

The surrounding development will offer custom home and patio home sites. Other site amenities include an eight-acre lake and tennis courts.

"Building a community such as this—which will combine our ap-

preciation for the South Brunswick Islands lifestyle with a top class golf course and amenities—has been a longtime dream for all of us," said Mason Anderson, president of Caw Land Corp.

"We intend to make Brunswick Plantation a community we—and those who make their homes here—can be proud of. Brunswick Plantation will offer its residents and visitors a chance to enjoy relaxed, gracious Southern living as we have all of our lives."

Other partners in the local corporation include local businessmen and developers George A. (Tripp) Sloane III, broker-in-charge, Sloane Realty; Jimmy McLamb, president of L.M. McLamb & Sons Construction; and W.J. McLamb, president of Mac Construction Co., all of whom are actively involved in the project.

Subdivision Ordinance Review Resumes June 5

BY TERRY POPE

The Brunswick County Planning Board will meet again Wednesday, June 5, to continue its review of public comments on the county's new subdivision ordinance.

The meeting will be in the public assembly building at the govern-

ment complex in Bolivia at 7 p.m.

The board met for more than two hours with local developers last Wednesday to revise sections of the ordinance in preparing a final draft for county commissioners.

Wednesday's will be the third such meeting to review the contro-

versial ordinance that has some developers worried about its restrictions.

The present ordinance was adopted in June 1980 and doesn't contain current standards for water systems or N.C. Department of Transportation standards for roads.

The new ordinance may take effect in January 1992. Developers who file preliminary plats prior to that date will have 12 months beyond January 1992 to submit final plans for their subdivisions under the old ordinance.

Dean Walters of Sea Trails Corp. said he agrees with such a grandfather clause but felt it should be extended to at least 24 months.

Two weeks ago, Walters said, the planning board gave preliminary approval to most of the more than 1,400 lots before it at one month's meeting. More will surely follow, he said.

The rush to have plats approved will flood Brunswick County's real estate market, a move developers have until now avoided, Walters said.

"The public's looking at a lot of places other than Brunswick County," Walters said. "We need to be very careful about letting some of these lots go through."

Johnny Garrison told the board the ordinance is more restrictive than N.C. General Statutes. Planning Director John Harvey said he would have County Attorney David Clegg review sections to ensure the ordinance is adhering to the statutes.

"This county should follow the

same statutes as any other county," said board member Michael Schaub.

Board member Alfonza Roach said he doesn't like restrictions on reserve strips but agrees that the board should protect against landlocking property. A reserve strip would separate adjacent subdivisions or parcels of land with a strip of property used to deny traffic, utility or other connections.

However, Roach said to prohibit strips would allow a developer an unfair use of a road that has already been built and maintained by an adjacent developer.

"It's like me building a bathroom and then building this whole building for everyone else to use," said Roach.

Other items discussed last week included definition changes for political subdivisions, reserve strips, structures within set-back lines and community sewer systems. Also, wording for an inheritance clause to allow parents to deed lots to their children was revised.

For as Shallotte developer Bobby Long said, "As time goes on, what will stand is what's in writing."

Wetland Conversion Could Risk Farmer Eligibility

Farmers who fail to get approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service (SCS) before converting wetlands risk losing all of their USDA benefits.

The wetland "trigger" was changed under the 1990 Farm Bill, meaning farmers must be more cautious and follow the new provisions of loss eligibility for USDA benefits, said Harold D. Jones, district conservationist for the Brunswick County SCS office in Bolivia.

The "trigger" is any action a farmer takes that will put him in violation of the Farm Bill's provisions, Jones said.

Under the 1985 Farm Bill, farmers did not violate the swampbuster provision until they had actually planted a crop on wetlands converted after Dec. 23, 1985. The "trigger" was the act of planting the crop, said Jones.

Under the 1990 Farm Bill, farmers are in violation the moment they begin converting a wetland by clearing, filling or draining it.

Farmers who convert wetlands for non-agricultural uses do not violate the Farm Bill if plans are first approved by the local SCS office,

Jones said. Conversion of wetlands for roads, building construction and lagoons are considered non-agricultural uses. Agricultural uses include the planting of any crop, hay, pasture, agricultural commodity or crop.

"The changes in what is considered agricultural production are as significant as the change in what triggers a violation," said Jones.

Persons who plan to drain an existing hayland or pasture composed of hydric soils will also need prior approval under the new bill.

Farmers who swampbust lose their eligibility for most USDA benefits, including participation in the price support program, grain storage, Farmers Home Administration loans and crop insurance.

The status remains with the original violator even if the land changes ownership. SCS approval only protects the farmer under the provisions of the 1990 Farm Bill. Other wetland regulations required by state and federal agencies must still be approved by those agencies.

For more information, contact the Brunswick County SCS office, 253-4458.

BCC Sponsors Beverage, Management Course

A beverage service and management course will be offered through Brunswick Community College in June, with day and evening sections planned.

The 32-hour class is co-sponsored by the Brunswick County ABC Board and Alcohol Retailers Association. It is designed for those who sell or serve alcohol or own or manage establishments where alcohol is served. It will provide training concerning ABC regulations, mixology and customer service. Advertising laws, rules for private clubs and restaurants, happy hours laws and ABC paperwork.

Instructor Billy Nichols of Wilmington said he will also address potential problems such as detecting fake identifications and handling an intoxicated customer.

Nichols, who has worked with the state Alcohol Law Enforcement division for 13 years, is a licensed private investigator and is founder and director of the Alcohol Retailers Association.

The day class meets Monday, June 10, through Wednesday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the ALS Building on BCC's main campus north of Supply.

An evening session is to begin Monday, June 24.

Course registration is \$25, payable at the first class. An optional textbook is available. For more information, contact Nichols at 919-799-8776, or BCC's Continuing Education Department at 754-6922, 457-6329 or 343-0203.

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