



Diabetes Program To Start

Diabetes patient education classes will begin Oct. 1 at The Brunswick Hospital in Supply. Support groups will form in January. Program coordinators met last Thursday for a roundtable discussion with Brunswick County Health Department Public Health Educator Rita Hatcher, second from right. Also pictured from the hospital are (from left) Sherry Hendricksen; Earl Tamar, hospital administrator; Pat Nutter; and Daphne Yarbrough. The program will provide support for patients diagnosed with diabetes at The Brunswick and Dasher Memorial Hospital in Southport.

Low Population Count Might Cost Shallotte

Shallotte officials may never see some of the money they expected from the state this fiscal year because the U.S. Census Bureau fouled up its 1990 population count. Because the town's official population is 30 percent lower than it was last year, state demographer Bill Tillman said Shallotte could see a reduction in some state revenues. The census bureau had promised to revise its faulty population count this summer, but its official head count for Shallotte remained 965 as of Tuesday. Shallotte officials, who say the number is closer to 1,400, expected \$172,200 in sales and use tax, Powell Bill money and beer and wine tax this fiscal year, according to the 1991-92 budget. But Tillman said this week there will definitely be a reduction in Powell Bill funds if the census bureau's revised count isn't forwarded to Raleigh by today (Thursday).

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State Demographer

"It's down to the wire," Tillman said Tuesday. "The current official policy is to hope that the census bureau comes through, and there's a chance that they will." Besides the possible loss of Powell Bill money, which is used for street improvements, Tillman said sales tax and beer and wine tax distributions to Shallotte also could be lower than the town has projected. Shallotte officials protested both the preliminary census figure of 828 that was released last September and a revised population count of

965 released in January. In July, the census bureau admitted it had made a boundary mistake when figuring out Shallotte's population. Some people who live inside the town weren't counted because census officials thought they resided outside of town. The census bureau promised it would issue a "revised certified census count" for Shallotte later in the summer, but town and state officials hadn't received anything as of Monday. Town Clerk Mary Eta Hewett said

she was hoping to get something from the census bureau by last Friday so she could report the new population figure to the state budget office. Mrs. Hewett said this year's population count is about 30 percent less than last year's count of 1,394, and that could mean a 30 percent reduction in some state funds. Mayor Sarah Tripp, who has been working with Congressman Charlie Rose to get the census figure corrected, expects the town to lose at least some of the money it deserves. "It's going to affect us I'm sure," she said Tuesday. "But we don't know how much it will affect us." Mayor Tripp said she's seriously considered writing a letter to President George Bush informing him that he will lose Republican votes in Shallotte if the matter isn't resolved. "We still have to pay the bills," she said. "We're just going to have to play it by ear."

NEW RULE MAY BE ENFORCED

CRC Could Require Movement Of Erosion-Threatened Homes

A rule that would force coastal property owners to relocate or demolish buildings threatened by erosion may be approved by the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission next week. If the proposal is adopted, homeowners and business owners would have to agree to move or tear down endangered structures as a condition of receiving a development permit. Two dozen people spoke in favor of the idea at a public hearing in July, and more than 100 have submitted letters supporting it, according to Jeannette Johnson, spokesperson for the N.C. Division of Coastal Management. CRC members will consider the proposal when they meet next Thursday and Friday, Sept. 26 and 27, at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel in Wilmington. Meetings start both days at 8:30 a.m.

Other items on next week's agenda include the following: ■State officials will present information on a 6,000-acre site in Pender County nominated for designation as an Area of Environmental Concern. Owen Jones of Wilmington, a history teacher at Leland Middle School, nominated the area. It includes land being considered for a hazardous waste incinerator. ■A Dare County developer has petitioned the CRC for a change in the rule on oceanfront setbacks for large structures. The present rule says large structures are buildings with more than four units or larger than 5,000 square feet. The developer wants the reference to the number of units dropped. ■Coastal Resources Advisory Committee recommendations on marinas will be presented. The committee studied issues such as lo-

cal government involvement in permitting, the cumulative impacts of smaller docks and access to public trust waters. For more information on the meeting, call the N.C. Division of Coastal Management at 919-733-2293.

Calabash EMS Board Meets

Calabash Volunteer Emergency Medical Services answered 43 calls in August. Chief Mark Christy reported to the EMS Board of Directors at its Sept. 4 meeting. Christy said members worked 127 manhours and logged 1,518 miles. Of the calls, 23 were in Calabash, 10 in Sunset Beach and 10 were from other neighboring areas. Paid county personnel were available and answered nine calls.

Three trainees from the EMT training class were voted into the squad, bringing its membership to 18. President Kathy Morfit congratulated squad members Alan Howarth and Sharon Benton for successfully completing the EMT-1 course. In other business, the board voted to hold another fund drive involving the golf courses and area merchants.

Arts And Crafts Entries Due

BY DORI COSGROVE GURGANUS For anyone who is still waiting to enter arts or crafts in the 11th Annual NC Oyster Festival, time is running short. This year's event is slated for October 18 and 19, and the deadline for entering works and reserving a booth is Monday, Oct. 7. It's easy to register, but here are a few pointers (or reminders). The Shallotte-based festival, well known as one of the state's most outstanding events, hosts artists and crafters from all over the Southeastern United States. It runs most of the day Friday (noon to 10 p.m.) and all day Saturday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.); a change from previous years' Saturday/Sunday format. This is an opportunity to have thousands of people see local works and perhaps purchase a few pieces to take home and enjoy. The headcount so far on entries for this year is 53, but that number is likely to change soon. Mary Barton, member of the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce and coordinator of registration for the Arts and Crafts Show, remains confident that more people will register. "We'll go well over a hundred

this year," she said. Last year, of all the entries 193 were arts and crafts. The entry fee for juried (judged, professional) or non-juried categories is \$50, plus an extra \$15 if an electrical hook-up is needed. The space each participant is given to work with is 12' X 12' and more than one space can be reserved if so desired. The items shown must be made by the entrant; participants can't bring old clothes and throw a yard sale at the Oyster Festival. Typically, works such as blown glass, shell ornaments, paintings, ceramics, and all sorts of handmade wares are available for viewing and purchase. Prizes will be awarded to arts and crafts juried entries for Best of Show (\$300 purchase), and first (\$100 purchase) and second (\$50 purchase) places for the two categories; arts or crafts. The chamber sponsors the annual event and has entry forms and copies of the rules available. Potential entrants can pick up a copy at the chamber office in Shallotte (corner of U.S. 17 Business and NC 130), or call Mary Barton and Jack Scarborough, chair of the arts and crafts committee, at the chamber, 754-6644.

County Food Distribution Set

The Brunswick County Department of Social Services will distribute USDA food commodities Sept. 27 and 28 at the white building across from the old Red & White lot in Bolivia. The site will be open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, and will re-open Saturday at 8:30 a.m., remaining open until the supply of foods is exhausted. Food available includes cheese, butter, cornmeal, flour, vegetable beans, applesauce, green beans, beef, raisins and rice. This allotment is expected to serve around two thousand households, according to a DSS news release. Those receiving food should bring

their own box or carrying container, and should be aware that this is a first come, first served program. Food stamp participants who have a white commodity card and green identification card qualify, but must have received food stamps in the month of August 1991. Households not in the Food Stamp program must fill out a commodity application. Eligibility is based on household income during August. Persons not sure of the requirements or qualifications involved in the commodities program, or how to pick up food for another person should direct questions to Shirley Weston at DSS by calling 253-4391, 763-9798 or 457-6227.

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