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All Quiet On The Waterfront

These trawlers and fishing boats docked behind restaurant row in Calabash sat quietly last Saturday without their usual cargo. It's just a matter of months, though, before the waterfront begins to stir as visitors flock to Brunswick County for its beautiful shores and tasty seafood.

PROGRAM USED BY BRUNSWICK COUNTY

'Quest' Now On State List Of Recommended Curricula

A drug abuse prevention program used by Brunswick County middle schools is one of two programs the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction recently added to its recommended list of Alcohol and Other Drug Curricula.

The programs, Lions-Quest Skills for Adolescence (grades 6-8) and Lions-Quest Skills for Growing (grades K-5), were reviewed by the Alcohol and Other Drug task force and were approved by the State Board of Education on Nov. 6.

The materials are now included on the recommended list of AOD Curricula, making them eligible for government funding and use in North Carolina.

That status had been suspended last April pending revisions in the programs.

The Lions-Quest programs were developed jointly by Quest International, an independent, nonprofit educational organization and Lions Club International. The programs help teachers, parents and communities teach young people how and why to say no to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, and provide students with a foundation of civic values including honesty, integrity, self-discipline, respect and service to others.

The state's entire K-12 integrated drug abuse prevention curriculum uses the same "social learning" basis as Quest, emphasizing development of communications and decision-making skills.

Similar approval regarding the use of federal Drug-Free Schools & Communities monies for the Lions-Quest programs was recently made by the Missouri Department of Education.

Lions-Quest Skills for Adolescence is used at Shallotte Middle, South Brunswick Middle and Waccamaw Elementary and will be put in use at Leland Middle School soon.

"As soon as enough facilitators are trained, their goal is to implement the program as soon as possible," said Ms. Yount.

A three-day workshop to train additional Quest facilitators for the Brunswick County Schools was held last week at the Wilmington Hilton. Ms. Yount said a number of teachers from Waccamaw Elementary and Leland Middle schools participated. The workshop was for teachers new to the system or to a grade level using Quest as well as others who had not previously completed the training.

All participating leaders must receive the training before Quest can be implemented.

The Quest program includes

lessons in decision making, goal setting and self-esteem, as well as teaching that it is illegal and wrong to use illegal drugs or to use legal drugs in an illegal fashion.

However, opponents of the program contend that Quest is inadequate as an alcohol and drug abuse prevention curriculum and that it "indoctrinates students into the oc-

cult, New Age thinking and the religion of secular humanism" rather than its stated goals.

Local schools have taken measures to accommodate students whose parents do not want them in the Quest program, said Ms. Yount.

Quest International was founded in 1975 to teach children values and skills essential for positive living.

King Tournament Heads South

The Arthur Smith King Mackerel Tournament will be held out of Charleston, S.C., this year instead of the Grand Strand.

After 15 years in the Myrtle Beach area, the annual fishing tournament is swimming south, said spokesperson Jean Hyman.

The tournament also will be held earlier in the year than it has in the past. Usually held in October, this year's event is slated June 11-14.

"This was just a move because we were invited to come," Ms. Hyman said. "I think the consensus of opinion was we set out to do a job there and we did."

The Arthur Smith Tournament was originally started to bring attention to the Myrtle Beach area and generate support for jetties at Little River Inlet.

"The money had already been al-

located but nothing was being done about it," said Ms. Hyman.

With the Little River jetties built, Ms. Hyman said it was time to move on. This year's event will be held out of the South Carolina Ports Authority Terminal in Charleston.

Ms. Hyman said the June date will probably be better than October for family vacations.

New prizes this year will include \$1,000 cash for the largest fish caught on boats 16 to 20 feet, 21 to 24 feet, 25 to 28 feet and more than 28 feet.

As always, four new boats will be awarded to the overall winners. There also will be 50 daily prizes and awards for the top youth and female anglers.

The early entry fee is \$200 through Feb. 1. For more information, call 704-366-4387.

GIVEN TO BALD HEAD ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Landowner Donates 22 Acres To Preserve Middle Island

Charles D. Young, a landowner and developer on Middle Island, recently donated a 22-acre tract of maritime forest land to the Bald Head Island Conservancy.

The land is on the northwest tip of the island, which lies next to Bald Head Island and near Bluff Island.

Young, who has been planning such a donation for several years, has turned over the land to be preserved in its natural state. It is home to a wide variety of coastal birds, animals and plantlife.

The Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) had the land under consideration, with eight other nearby areas, for designation as an area of environmental concern (AEC). According to CRC spokesperson Evan Brunson in Raleigh, Bald Head Island and Middle Island government officials protested regulation by state government.

The CRC decided to let the Brunswick County officials form their own protective ordinances, and

put a hold on state AEC consideration. When Middle Island was appropriately protected by local regulations, Brunson said, the CRC dropped the AEC consideration.

"We felt they would do just as well, even better than us," Brunson said.

Young had stated that he didn't feel the local protection was sufficient, and started looking for programs to donate the land to.

Brunson said that Young had approached the Audubon Society "about two or three years ago," but that they couldn't agree on what to do with Young's dirt trail and private dock at the end of Middle Island.

Up to six months ago, Brunson said, he'd heard that Young was working on another agreement with a group closer to home. The CRC encouraged Young to pursue the donation to the conservancy.

The Bald Head Conservancy has agreed to let Young keep possession of his road and dock on Cape Creek.

The conservancy, a non-profit group founded in 1983, also promises to use the land for non-profit, educational and scientific goals as a sanctuary for birds, wildlife, and forests.

"I've been out there," Brunson said of Young's land, "and it's really nice. There's quite an interesting rookery with a lot of birds."

Young is also a member of the Maritime Forest Working Group, a study panel of the CRC that looks into forest preservation.

No word has come through the grapevine, Brunson added, on the status of the CRC's application for grant funds to purchase forest land on Bald Head Island. He said he's sure at least some of the money will be approved, but is not sure of the exact amount.

AEC consideration of the maritime forests on Bald Head Island is still pending, Brunson said, until more is learned of the state's ability to purchase the land.

First Marine Forum Set For Sport Anglers At NCSU

The study and management of recreational fishing will be discussed at the first N.C. Marine Recreational Fishing Forum on Feb. 1.

The day-long forum will be held at the Jane S. McKimmon Center on the N.C. State University campus in Raleigh.

The forum is designed to inform the recreational fishing community about the latest developments in fisheries research and management, according to a news release from UNC Sea Grant, a forum sponsor.

"This will not be a how to fish meeting," said Jim Murray, director of Marine Advisory Services for Sea Grant. "It'll be an opportunity for recreational fishermen to become more aware of what's going on in how fisheries are studied and managed."

The forum will include a panel discussion to address questions about the effectiveness of the recreational fisheries management system in the Southeast and what changes should be made to improve it.

Gov. James Martin is expected to discuss the importance of sport fishing to North Carolina's coastal economy.

Other issues to be addressed at the forum include the status of the fishery, environment and resource conservation programs.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the cost is \$20 per person. The fee covers coffee breaks, lunch and a social following the summary and wrap-up at 4:30 p.m.

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