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Festival Proceeds Distributed

Jim Lowell (right), president of the Greater Holden Beach Merchants Association, last week presented checks for \$2,500 to the Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department and Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad. Lowell is pictured with **T.J. Thornton**, treasurer of the fire department. The money was raised during the N.C. Festival By The Sea, which is held annually at Holden Beach during the last weekend in October.

Efforts Continue To Organize Northern Brunswick Chamber

Efforts to organize businesses in northern Brunswick County to promote the area's economic and human resources are advancing, with a Leland area chamber of commerce expected to become official in the very near future.

"We're trying to get off the ground with as few glitches as possible and start doing some good for the area," said Brad Bruestle, one of the initial organizers.

After several meetings, each attended by an average of 20 area business people, Bruestle said the consensus is that the area needs a chamber of commerce.

"We want to unify the businesses in the north Brunswick area, including Leland and the smaller communities that comprise the area such as Navassa and Winnabow," said Bruestle.

Broad objectives of the group, which is in the process of reviewing bylaws and articles of incorporation, is to promote organized economic growth and development and to advance the commercial, financial, industrial and civic interests of the area. Among other things it would serve as a central source of information regarding services and opportunities in the area, publishing a directory and providing other commun-

cation links.

As part of an "aggressive" program of work to stimulate activities to provide for full development of the area's human and economic potential, the fledgling chamber wants to promote a partnership between the three North Brunswick schools and local businesses.

Added Bruestle, "Right now we're just in the structuring stage, the embryonic stage. We're getting a core group of people together to promote the chamber itself."

The Leland area banker said it looks like the effort "will materialize as long-term commitment to the area."

"We're trying to get away from the feuding of the past and look to the future," he continued. "We're excited about the future and we've got to move on and work together."

At the next meeting, to be called sometime in April, Bruestle said he expects members to approve the by-laws and establish a nominating committee to come up with a slate of officers.

The organization has proposed a charter membership dues structure of \$25 per year per member.

"It needs to be emphasized this is an investment that every business man and woman in the community needs to make," said Bruestle.

County Health Inspectors Issue Grades

The Brunswick County Health Department staff inspected and graded 36 restaurants during February as well as numerous other lodging and food service facilities.

Sanitation grades for restaurants and food and drink stands are based on a scoring system in which an "A" is given to scores of 90 percent or better; a "B" to scores of between 80 percent and 89 percent and a "C" to scores between 70 percent and 79 percent. The agency would revoke the permit for an establishment that received a score of less than 70 percent.

Grades resulting from February inspections are as follows:

Restaurants: Big Nell's Pit Stop, Ocean Isle Beach, 93.5; Britt's Grill, Holden Beach Causeway, 97.5; Brunswick County Bowling Center, Shallotte, 90.5; Calabash Deli, Calabash, 96; Captain Nance's, Cala-

bash, 94.5; Cindy's of Fisherman Cove, Supply, 93.5; The Dawg House, Shallotte, 95; Derbyster's Dining & Sports Lounge, Calabash, 92; Ella's Seafood Restaurant, Calabash, 90.5; Folly's, Supply, 96; Half-Time Sports Bar, Leland, 95; Hillco Deli, Shallotte, 96.5; Holden Beach Pier & Grill, Holden Beach, 91.5; Jose's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, Southport, 90.5; Joyce's Grill & Tavern, Seaside Plaza, Sunset Beach, 95; Kirby's Food Center, Supply, 95.5; Kopp's Kwik Stop, Bolivia, 93; Kountry Kitchen, Long Beach, 94.

Also, Lee's Petroleum & Auto Services Inc., Leland, 94; Maco Truckstop, Maco, 90; Margie's Restaurant & Waffle House, Long Beach, 97; The Pharmacy, Southport, 90; Pirates Cove Restaurant, Yaupon Beach, 80; Quick & Easy, Supply, 92; Rhonda Kay's Cafe,

Ocean Isle Beach, permit issued; Sandfiddler, Southport, 93.5; Sandfiddler, Shallotte, 95.5; Senior Citizen Nutrition Site, Leland, 93.5; Senior Citizen Nutrition Site, Southport, 92; Ship's Chandler Restaurant, Southport, 96; Sizzlin' Sirloin Steakhouse, Shallotte, 97; Villa Capri Restaurant, Shallotte, 98; Wilson's Deli, Shallotte, 95; Wilson's Deli & Bakery, Southport, 91; Y's Cafe, Southport, 91.5.

School Lunchrooms: Bolivia Elementary, 94.5; Shallotte Middle, 96.5; South Brunswick High, 93; South Brunswick Middle, 95; Union Primary, 94.5; and West Brunswick High, 93.5.

Food Stands: D & J Mini Mart, Leland, 83; Han-Dec Hugo, Southport, 91.5; Holden Beach General Store, Holden Beach, 93; Jones/Byrd Snack Bar, Sunset Beach, 93; Kim's Oriental Food, Leland, 93;

Meat Markets: Food Lion, Southport, 94; Wilson's, Southport, Bolivia, 91; Wilson's Deli, Clairmont Plaza, Leland, 91.

Pushcarts: Denny's Cafe, permit issued.

Day Care Centers: Carolina Kids, Village Pines, Shallotte, 6 demerits; Ceil's Preschool Nursery, Shallotte Point, 7 demerits.

Nursing Homes: Brunswick Village, Shallotte, 90.5.

Residential Care Facilities: Lewis & Harriet Benton, Bolivia, 4 demerits; Noah Brailsford, 4 demerits; Wanice & Peggy Hewett, Leland, 2 demerits; Jessie & Virginia Miller, Northwest, 1 demerit; and Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, Southport, 17 demerits.

Shallotte Board Looking At Centralizing Vendors

Shallotte officials are interested in establishing a central location in town to get seafood, produce and other vendors off Main Street.

Town aldermen are trying to come up with a compromise that will allow vendors to keep setting up in town without stealing business from taxpaying merchants or creating traffic problems.

"I don't want them on Main Street where all the traffic is pulling in and out," Alderman Morris Hall said at a board meeting last week.

Hall also said allowing vendors to set up beside the road isn't fair to business owners who pay taxes. "We're here to protect the merchants."

At one point, Hall suggested the town prohibit vendors along Main Street if they don't have access to restroom facilities.

But Alderman Wilton Harrelson said he wouldn't go along with any rules that would keep fishermen from selling their catch or farmers from selling their produce. "That's part of local tradition," he said.

Mayor Sarah Tripp said she heard

a lot of complaints about vendors after the town's last Christmas Parade.

She said vendors came from all over to sell refreshments and merchandise at the parade. "They came out of the woodwork. When the parade was over they disappeared like smoke."

Mrs. Tripp said the vendors cut into the profits of businesses and hurt local civic clubs that tried to raise money during the parade.

The South Brunswick Islands Civilian Club set up two hot dog stands but only made \$87, she said.

Hall said he would like to see something similar to a flea market, like the one in Little River, S.C. All of the vendors would benefit if they were in the same spot, he said, and the town would benefit too.

Other board members agreed that a central location would be nice, but they didn't have any idea where it could be located.

"I love to go to flea markets and other people do too," Mayor Tripp said. "I can see where it would be an asset to the town if people knew we had a flea market in town."

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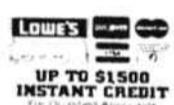
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