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Holds Grand Opening

Saturday marked the grand opening of Mickie's Donuts and Coffee shop in Shallotte. Assisting Jessica Long at the ribbon-cutting were (from left) owners Dick and Mickie Meredith and Mayor Sarah Tripp. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jordan and Wayne Taylor, manager.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Franchise In Merger

Three real estate offices in Brunswick County are now affiliated with National Real Estate Service (NRS) following the sale July 1 of real estate franchisor Red Carpet Holding Company and Gallery of Homes to NRS, the U.S. franchise arm of the Canadian franchise firm NRS National Real Estate Service.

The joined companies will offer real estate services from more than 700 offices and 9,000 sales associates in 42 states, Canada, Hong Kong and British West Indies, with computerized listings. These include, locally, an office near Seaside and two offices at Long Beach.

J.E. McDavid, owner/broker of Red Carpet Island Coast Realty, Ocean Isle, said he expects the new operation to add size and strength and marketing know-how while still allowing clients to do business with local people.

Value Tops \$1.6 Million

Permits for over \$1.6 million in new construction were issued by the Brunswick County Building Inspections Department in May, bringing the total for 1992 to more than \$8.1 million.

Seventeen single family home starts were permitted at a total value of \$1.1 million. Permits were also

issued for 86 mobile homes.

One commercial permit was issued for construction totalling \$67,424 along with permits for eight additions valued at \$132,398, seven garages worth \$145,780 and five porches or decks valued at \$27,780.

In all 347 permits were issued, including 156 building, 136 electrical, 22 plumbing and 33 mechanical.

Agents Recognized

Century 21 Sunset Realty at Sunset Beach placed among the top 21 offices of the approximately 200 offices in North Carolina and South Carolina served by Century 21 Real Estate of the Carolinas Inc.

From Century 21 Sunset Realty, Thom Arnold was named a Gold Producer, an honor given to the top 21 producing associates. Belle Hewson and Hugh Munday were named Silver Producers, ranking in the top 22 to 42 associates.

Correction

The manager of Shallotte's Burger King was incorrectly identified in a cutline in the June 18 issue of *The Brunswick Beacon*, from information provided in a news release. The manager's name is Kathy McNeill.

FACTORY COULD BRING 400 JOBS

Plastics Manufacturer May Build Plant At Leland

BY ERIC CARLSON

Local development officials are hoping "a few minor problems" won't derail a Connecticut manufacturing company's plan to build a factory in Leland that could eventually employ 400 workers.

"It's still not a done deal. But we're hoping it will come to fruition," Thomas Monks, executive director of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County, said Tuesday. "There are a few minor problems that I can't discuss at this time."

Web Technologies Inc. of

Oakville, Conn., reportedly has a tentative agreement to buy about 70 acres at the north end of the Leland Industrial Park for a factory that would make plastic film for food packaging, labels, ribbons and other products.

Company officials would not comment on the status of negotiations Tuesday. Inquiries about the new plant were referred to the Committee 100 development agency in Wilmington. A spokesman there confirmed that the deal was being discussed, but refused to give further details.

"I think it's a little premature to get peopled excited about it," said Rich Barnes of the Committee of 100.

He said he hoped there could be a formal announcement on the status of negotiations next month.

The factory would be built in two phases, with the first scheduled for completion in mid-1993. The initial 75,000-square-foot section of the plant would employ about 100 people. The second phase would include a building twice that size and add another 200 to 300 workers.

Web Technologies is currently headquartered at a 125-employee plant in Oakville, where it makes a polyester film used in packaging microwave popcorn and for making tinsel, garland and labels. The company has indicated it plans to keep its home office in Connecticut.

Monks said the Resources Development Commission has been trying to attract the company to

Leland since April 1991, when a real estate broker first inquired about a Brunswick County site for the plant.

He said the company was interested in the area because of reasonable land prices, "livability" and low taxes.

"Let's face it, we do have a relatively attractive tax climate," Monk said.

He said the company was able to qualify for a state program that provides for \$2,800 in tax credits for each employee. The tax breaks are divided over a four-year period.

Monk said Web Technologies was also attracted by the "fantastic training program" offered for its employees. He said special training geared specifically for plant workers would be made available through Brunswick Community College.

If it chooses to build a factory here, Web Technologies would be the eighth company to locate at the 2,200-acre Leland Industrial Park.



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Donations Recognized

Sunset Beach volunteer firemen last week presented a plaque of appreciation to Skats (now Hardee's Skat-Thru) in Seaside. The memento recognizes the restaurant's donations of food during department training classes. Shown (from left) are Lonzo Hayes, fireman; Lib Pearsall, manager, and Keith Logan, acting chief.

572 Deeds Filed In May

A total of 572 deeds were filed in May at the Brunswick County Register of Deeds office, which reported total collections of \$60,080 in fees.

The office collected \$5,176 for 399 deeds of trust, \$839 for 42 plats, \$817 for 99 financing statements, \$1,911 for 374 deed of trust cancellations, \$1,000 for 25 marriage licenses and \$2,910 for 320 miscellaneous recordings.

A total of \$40,087 in excise tax was collected, of which \$14,005 was sent to the N.C. Department of Revenue. Also, \$2,548 was collected for other services.

Of the money collected for marriage fees, \$500 was sent to the state department of administration and \$125 went to the state treasurer for the abused children's fund.

Expenditures for the month include \$2,499 for departmental supplies, \$1,842 for service maintenance contracts, \$905 for supplemental retirement, \$612 for telephone, \$492 for maintenance and repairs to equipment, \$200 for postage, \$172 for equipment rental, \$58 for contracted services and \$50 for dues and subscriptions.

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