

Jump In Volunteers, The Water Is Fine

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Do you remember the "Uncle Sam Wants YOU!" posters? They were designed to encourage people to get involved. During those days getting involved was patriotic. It was important. It meant something to volunteer. There was a reason to commit.

As time passes our willingness to become involved seems to ebb and flow. In the '70s and the '80s we went through the "me generation." During that time it was not what can I do, but what can I get. Best-selling authors encouraged us to be assertive, even argumentative. It was a time when it was stylish not to volunteer.

I believe we, not only as a community but as a nation, lost something very important. We turned inward and misplaced that quality that made our nation special. The quality we misplaced was our willingness to get involved. We became too preoccupied with getting to give, not realizing what we were losing.

President Bush's "Thousand Points of Light" was a call to us all to become involved, to volunteer. Why is it important for us to turn outward? It is meaningful because it is in our own best enlightened self-interest. That's right. We gain, we get, and we make a difference when we volunteer.

Let's explore this a little further. Who are you more likely to do business with, a stranger or someone you know and with whom you have worked? Who do you turn to when you need help, a stranger or someone you know and in whom you have confidence? Who are your best friends? Are they strangers or are they people with whom you have interacted?

The answer to all these questions is the same. We look to people we have interacted with in some mutual effort, who we know, and who know us. Volunteering is one of the best ways I know of to expand your extended family.

Look at successful people and you will find involved people. People who volunteer their time and their talents. As we begin 1993 I encourage you to volunteer. If you are a chamber member or an employee of a chamber, we need your talents. We want your participation. The train is pulling out and we want YOU aboard.



DEARMAN

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Branch Manager Named

Vi Andrews of Nakina has been named branch manager of United Carolina Bank's South Branch in Shalotte, announced Robert (Robby) L. Davis, vice president and banking center executive.



ANDREWS

She most recently has served as a United Carolina Banker at UCB's Holden Beach office. Andrews has served in various capacities since joining the bank as a part-time teller in January 1981, including senior customer service representative and sales trainer.

The Atlantic City, N.J., native has attended various community colleges. She is active in civic and professional organizations in Brunswick and Columbus counties. She has served as secretary and president of the Columbus County chapter of the American Heart Association and now serves as a board member of the Brunswick County chapter. She served on the membership drive of the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce and received the Ambassador of the Year Award for 1992. She also serves on the Brunswick Community College Small Business Center advisory board.

Andrews and her husband, Curtis,

and their children, Brian and Brittany, attend Zion Plain Missionary Baptist Church, where she is active in the choir and youth department. She also serves as budget committee chairperson for Ocean View Baptist Association.

Names Have Changed

Two facilities at Sea Trail Plantation have new names.

The Maples Activity Center has been renamed the Resort Swim & Tennis Club. Also, the former corporate office, which houses administrative offices and resort rental operations, has been named the Resort Reception Center.

Sea Trail Plantation is a Clarion Resort located in Sunset Beach.

Stanley Selected

Sheryl Stanley, R.N., has been chosen The Brunswick Hospital's employee of the month for January.

A nurse on the medical/surgical unit, she has been with the hospital three years.

A coworker who nominated her for the honor said, "Sheryl goes far beyond the call of duty for the patients in our hospital. She always smiles and supports our staff wholeheartedly."

Stanley received a rosebud corsage, a complimentary meal and a cash prize. She was also named 1992 R.N. of the Year during National Nurses' Week last May.

New Marine Trades Program Based At UNC-Wilmington

A new statewide program to be based at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington will serve marine businesses, consolidating several existing efforts in that direction.

The North Carolina Marine Trades program will incorporate the N.C. Marine Crescent, a five-year-old regional organization supporting marine trades, community college marine programs, research and development in five coastal counties from Brunswick to Carteret.

Current Marine Crescent Executive Director Mike Bradley will head the new program in a cooperative arrangement with the University's Small Business and Technology Development Center. The

center already has an office at UNC-W headed by Ted Jans.

An extension of the statewide development center, the Marine Trades program will assist marine businesses with start-up and operation, help with national and international marketing and promote development and transfer of technology within the state's marine businesses, community colleges and research universities.

Also, the program will manage the new North Carolina Marine Trade Association.

Bradley holds a master's degree in marine science and was employed by Duke University and its marine lab for 15 years before joining Marine Crescent in 1989.

REGISTER OF DEEDS REPORTS

\$65,361 In December Collections

A total of \$65,361 in fees and taxes were collected by the Brunswick County Register of Deeds office during December, according to a monthly report released this week.

Recordings and fees include: 584 deeds, \$5,076; 401 deeds of trust, \$5,250; 41 plats, \$820; 95 financing statements, \$760; 342 deed of trust cancellations, \$1,739; 337 miscellaneous recordings, \$3,974; 19 marriage licenses, \$760.

A total of \$43,423 in excise tax was collected. There was \$3,559 collected for other services.

As required by law, half of the county's excise tax (minus 2 percent collection costs), or \$21,277, was sent to the N.C. Department of Revenue.

Half the marriage license collections, or \$380, was remitted to the N.C. Department of Administration for the Domestic Violence Center fund, which helps support the Hope Harbor Home in Brunswick County. Another \$95 of those collections was sent to the state treasurer for the abused children's fund.

Among the expenditures reported during the month were: supplemental retirement, \$824; telephone, \$305; postage, \$186; maintenance and repairs to equipment, \$405; departmental supplies, \$2,679; contracted services, \$125; service maintenance contracts, \$2,023; and travel and training, \$519.

Wages are not included in the report.



RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR PROFICIENCY at district competition were West Brunswick High School DECA members (front, from left) Marcus Bernard, Chenoa Hendrix, Susan Kirby and Elizabeth Neill and (rear, from left) William Head, Terry Grant, Cane Faircloth and Paige Sloane.

Eight Receive Proficiency Awards In DECA Contests

Eight West Brunswick High School marketing students were recognized for their proficiency in District 4 DECA competition Jan. 7 at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

The students were competing with students from 16 high schools in Brunswick, Bladen, New Hanover, Columbus and Sampson counties, said Harriet Bellamy, marketing instructor and DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) chapter sponsor.

All eight will advance to statewide competition at the N.C.

DECA Career Development Conference March 4-6. "The competition there doubles," said Bellamy.

Two students earned first place at the district contests, Elizabeth Neill in marketing apparel and accessories and William Head in retail merchandising comprehensive exam. Terry Grant was first runner-up in food marketing.

Also recognized for proficiency were Marcus Bernard, quick serve restaurant marketing; Cane Faircloth and Paige Sloane, retail merchandising; Susan Kirby, apparel and acces-

sories; Chenoa Hendrix, retail marketing.

Students competed in written exam and role play.

Correction

An article in the Jan. 14 issue of *The Brunswick Beacon* incorrectly listed the secretary of the Greater Holden Beach Merchants Association.

Pauline Williamson was re-elected to that office.

The information was given incorrectly in a release from the association.

Tobacco Growers' To Hold District Meet

The Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation will hold its 35th annual District 4 meeting at the Bladen County Agricultural Service Center in Elizabethtown on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m.

The corporation is the grower-owned organization which administers the price support program for flue-cured tobacco. District 4 includes Brunswick County as well as Anson, Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke,

New Hanover, Richmond, Robeson and Scotland.

The group will discuss the strength of the tobacco program, the strength of domestic and export markets and the anti-tobacco movement, according to Graham Smith of St. Pauls, District 4 director. Time will be provided for comments and discussion.

A business session will be held to select advisory committee members from each District 4 county.

Annual Chamber Meet Set

The South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce will hold its 16th annual membership meeting Friday, Feb. 5, at the Jones/Byrd Clubhouse and Conference Center at Sea Trail Plantation, Sunset Beach.

The event begins with a cash bar at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner, the annual meeting and awards presentation at 7:30 p.m. Juniper Creek, a local band, will provide entertainment starting at 9 p.m.

Tickets for the meeting and dance are \$25 per person and are available through the chamber. Reservations may be made by sending a check, payable to the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce, to the chamber by Friday, Jan. 29.

Migrant Labor Meet Set

A seminar on migrant farm labor rules and regulations will be held Monday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at Waccamaw District Park in Ash.

Topics to be covered include employment discrimination, new worker protection standards, wage and hour update including insurance requirements, housing and other programs.

Speakers will include William Eickhoff, a farm management extension specialist; Paula Gupton of the N.C. Farm Bureau Federation; Regina Luginbuhl of the N.C. Department of Labor; and Joey Goldston of the N.C. Employment Security Commission.

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