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Enter Beyonce look-alike contest Thursday in Havelock See A7



BIPLANE GETS A BATH

Aviation volunteers give the tourist center's hanging exhibit a good scrub

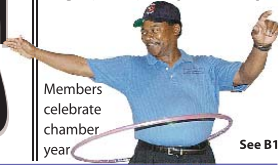
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COVERING THE HAVELOCK COMMUNITY SINCE 1986

FUN AND GAMES

Members celebrate chamber year



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There's no construction date – or money approved. But the state Department of Transportation has a plan for the future of Havelock's main drag that city commissioners believe will hurt local business while others maintain that it will improve safety.

It's called

SUPER 70

Commissioners stall on resolution to back out of Super 70 Corridor group

By Corey Friedman
Staff writer

Havelock commissioners have invited a highway enhancement group to present its plans for U.S. 70 before deciding whether to cancel their membership.

Poised to adopt a resolution opposing the Super 70 Corridor Commission's plans to transform a 134-mile stretch of the U.S. 70 corridor into a freeway, city leaders Monday evening said they would invite the group to share its objectives at commissioners' July 23 meeting.

"They know we're opposed to it," said Jimmy Sanders, Havelock mayor. "We have not appropriated any money. Let's hold onto the resolution. Let's send an invitation to the (Super) 70 Corridor Commission."

City commissioners have sketched the Super 70 plans, which call for a Havelock bypass and controlled access along the U.S. 70 corridor. The highway group's most vocal opponent, Commissioner Danny Walsh, was appointed by county leaders to represent Craven County's collective interests on the Super 70 commission.

"Because mistakes were made at the state level from the governor's office down on utilization of highway trust fund money, the people who live in James City and Havelock should not have to pay the price when the folks in Goldsboro do not," Walsh said.

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

"We are more than willing to work with anyone who has a reasonable plan to assist our communities to live more comfortably and drive more safely. But why should we be inconvenienced seven days a week for someone to go to the beach two days a week?"

Danny Walsh
Havelock commissioner
"You've got a very dangerous road as your spine road. It is extremely dangerous, and putting in more signals is not going to solve that problem. There's an evident problem of travel safety."

Mike Rutkowski
Project manager, Super 70 Corridor Commission
"The main thing is the safety component, the mobility component of U.S. 70 and also to be an alliance to promote the U.S. 70 Havelock bypass and other projects along the corridor."

C.E. (Neil) Lassiter Jr.
NCDOT division engineer

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SUPER 70

A committee of local governments working with state transportation engineers is planning to transform U.S. Highway 70 in eastern North Carolina. Here's a look at current plans for the Super 70 Corridor — and why some fear the proposed new highway would hobble Havelock.

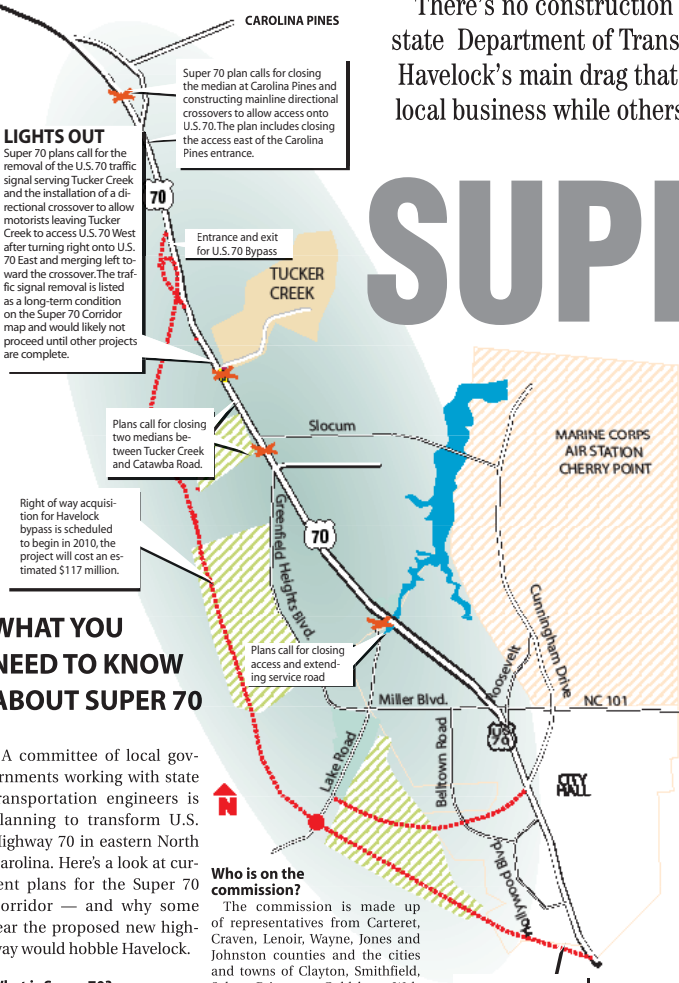
What is Super 70?

The Super 70 Corridor Commission has developed interim and long-range plans to bypass heavily developed areas of U.S. 70 and control access along the corridor, with the eventual goal of creating a 134-mile freeway from Clayton to Morehead City.

Who is on the commission?

The commission is made up of representatives from Carteret, Craven, Lenoir, Wayne, Jones and Johnston counties and the cities and towns of Clayton, Smithfield, Selma, Princeton, Goldsboro, Walnut Creek, La Grange, Kinston, New Bern, Havelock, Newport, Morehead City, Atlantic Beach and Beaufort. Consultants from Kimley-Horn and Associates conduct studies and perform engineering work for the commission, which advises the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

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LIGHTS OUT

Super 70 plans call for the removal of the U.S. 70 traffic signal serving Tucker Creek and the installation of a directional crossover to allow motorists leaving Tucker Creek to access U.S. 70 West after turning right onto U.S. 70. The plan includes closing the access east of the Carolina Pines entrance.

Plans call for closing two medians between Tucker Creek and Catawba Road.

Right of way acquisition for Havelock bypass is scheduled to begin in 2010, the project will cost an estimated \$117 million.

Plans call for closing access and extending service road

Nine-mile Havelock bypass rejoins U.S. 70, proceeds through Carteret bypass, Morehead City, Beaufort bypass.

Organizers plan to change air show to annual event

Date may be changed to June to allow for better weather, more tourists

By Corey Friedman
Staff writer

North Carolina's largest military air show — a biannual staple for 60 years — will take to the skies every year beginning in 2008.

The Cherry Point Air Show hopes to attract more marquee jet teams and in-

crease public awareness with the annual schedule, said Bob Kenward, marketing director for Marine Corps Air Station Services at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

"We hope to have a better chance of regularly scheduling the jet teams such as the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds," he said. "Those two jet teams are the crown jewels of air shows, and our intent is to always have one or both of those teams at our shows."

Dates for the 2008 show won't be announced until December, but Kenward

said air show organizers hope to move the event from May to June to court drier weather and more business from Crystal Coast summer tourists.

An annual Cherry Point Air Show will prevent confusion common among first-time visitors who didn't realize the event was biannual, Kenward explained.

"We intend to take the air show to the next level," he said. "Going annual gives us much more awareness to the public."

The Cherry Point Air Show draws an estimated 100,000 visitors to the Marine Corps air station for the weekend event.

Fourth festival promises fun

In the 1986 film starring Tom Hanks, "money pit" means an ancient house whose renovation costs exceeded its value.

But in Havelock, a money pit means messy fun in the mud as kids scramble to collect spare change.

A money pit and horse-shoe pitching tournament will make their debut at next Wednesday's Havelock

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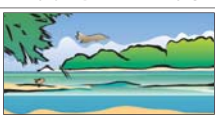
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There'll be lots of events for kids at next Wednesday's Havelock Freedom Festival.

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AROUND HAVELOCK



City to shut off water in some areas

Water service for Havelock residents from the intersection of Catawba Road and U.S. 70 West to the Tucker Creek subdivision will be interrupted for a six-hour period. The service interruption, scheduled to re-

late a main waterline valve, is planned from 11:59 p.m. tonight to 6 a.m. tomorrow.

If weather prohibits the work from being completed, it will be rescheduled for the same timeframe on Thursday and Friday.

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