

Trojans Previewed

The 1990 West Brunswick Trojan football team is previewed in today's edition. For an in-depth look at the 1990 Trojans, turn to Page 8-B.



Tasteful Diversions

Dining and entertainment supplement included in this issue.



Marco Honored

Marco, the N.C. Highway Patrol drug-interdiction dog assigned to Brunswick County, and his handler, Trooper Jerry Dove, were honored by Lt. Gov. James Gardner. For the story, see Page 8-A.

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Local Couple's Son Gets Photo With Gorbachev

BY SUSAN USHER

No, it wasn't trick photography or creative editing. Keith Howard really did have his photograph made with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev—a highly improbable act in the days before *glasnost*.

Howard is the son of James C. and Lottie Howard of Crown Creek subdivision near Ocean Isle Beach. He lives in Lappeenranta, Finland, where he works for a school, teaching English for corporations whose managers or other employees need to learn the language. He is fluent in Finnish.

Howard was visiting Moscow in late May with a small group of fellow teachers from Finland. Their stops included a hill overlooking Lenin Stadium. Following a civil ceremony at City Hall, it is traditional for wedding parties to stop on the hill on their way to the reception.

On this spring day a particularly large wedding party had stopped. Among its members was Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who was surrounded by armed bodyguards.

"Keith is totally uninhibited," his mother said later as she recounted the encounter described by her son. "He handed his camera to a friend and asked him to try to get some pictures."

Then Howard slipped up beside Gorbachev and suggested quietly, "How about we have our picture made?" she said.

Gorbachev didn't answer, but did straighten his shoulders as if posing.

The friend snapped the photograph and Howard quickly rejoined his fellow teachers.

"He was as surprised as anybody," said Mrs. Howard. "He was afraid he might get shot at. And he didn't know until the pictures came back that everyone else had moved away, out of the picture."

A letter from her son in which the photographs were enclosed didn't provide much information. It took a follow-up phone conversation to learn the details, she said.

The visit to Moscow was Keith Howard's second.



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CALL IT "GLASNOST" or simply amazing, but Keith Howard, whose parents live near Ocean Isle Beach, managed to have his photograph taken with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev while visiting Moscow in late May.

He first saw the city in 1975, while living in Finland as a high school exchange student.

During his most recent stay, he was able to visit in the homes of several fellow Quakers.

Since 1975, the city's standard of living has dropped, he wrote his mother in June, enclosing photographs. Howard predicted conditions will worsen there before they get better. He described the present-day Soviet Union as perhaps the most "self-searching" nation since France in the 1790s, during the French Revolution.

Those most affected by the political and economic upheaval, he said, are the working people.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Howard is "unflappable" when it comes to her son. "Anything I get from Keith doesn't surprise me," she said.

Hankins, Harrison Among Superintendent Finalists

BY SUSAN USHER

The top two administrators in the Brunswick County Schools are among four finalists still in the running for superintendent.

Interim Superintendent P.R. Hankins and Assistant Superintendent William Harrison made the cut. Also still under consideration are Betty Wallace, who is on leave from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, and Barbara D. Rogers, principal of East Wake High School and a former assistant superintendent.

These finalists will undergo extensive scrutiny between now and the school board's next regular meeting on Sept. 4, when school board attorney Glen Peterson said it is likely a new superintendent will be named.

Hankins has been serving as interim superintendent since July 1. Former superintendent John Kaufhold was ousted in April on a 3-2 vote, effective June 30. Board members cited questions about an alleged "illegal" contract in the board's decision not to honor an earlier decision to extend his employment with the school system. Kaufhold sued the board and three of its individual

members. In June, the board paid him \$30,000 as part of an out-of-court settlement.

The four finalists were selected at a special meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday night. Board Attorney Glen Peterson released their names and resumes Tuesday afternoon after first contacting all four and obtaining their permission.

Peterson said he had planned to release the information only if all four finalists agreed. "If one says no, I'm not going to put that candidate at a disadvantage or in jeopardy," he said. "And it also wouldn't be fair to the public to have three out in the public for scrutiny" and not the fourth.

The board narrowed the list to four after each of the five members ranked his or her top choices on a scale of 1 to 5. Those with the highest total points made the cut. The finalists were chosen from among 15 applicants interviewed by the board over two weekends in July. Forty-four people had applied for the post, with two later withdrawing.

Before the Sept. 4 meeting, board members Doug

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Permit Issued For Lockwood Marina

BY DOUG RUTTER

The state has issued a permit that will allow developers of the Lockwood Folly golf community near Holden Beach to build a controversial marina on the Lockwood Folly River.

The N.C. Division of Coastal Management issued the CAMA major development permit Monday, said John Parker, the division's chief of permitting.

The permit opens the doors for construction of a 26-slip upland

basin marina and a boat ramp near the Lockwood Folly clubhouse, located on the banks of the lower Lockwood Folly River.

Local fishermen and conservationists have opposed the project since it was proposed more than two years ago. They have said it would cause further degradation of water quality in the river, which has been an important part of the Brunswick County shellfishing industry for generations.

However, Parker said none of the

state and federal agencies commenting during the permit application process opposed construction of the marina.

He said only four county residents wrote to the state opposing the marina because of concerns about water quality in the river.

As part of the permit conditions, Parker said, developers will be required to monitor water quality near the marina for three years. The length of the monitoring period will

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Calabash Leaders Request Help In Attaining Future Goals

BY DOUG RUTTER

Calabash leaders spelled out their plans for the future at an historic meeting last week, explaining their goals to a gathering of county and state officials and asking for their help in achieving them.

"We know what we want to do, but we need your assistance to get it done," Calabash Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Warren "Bud" Knapp told the group. "We cannot do this by ourselves."

Expansion of the town boundaries, recycling, water and sewer needs, law enforcement, transportation and dredging of the Calabash River were among the topics discussed last Thursday.

The meeting started at the Calabash Town Hall, but included a tour of the Marsh Harbour Yacht Club, boat ride in the Calabash River and lunch at one of the town's seafood restaurants.

Guests included State Rep. David Redwine, Brunswick County Commissioner Kelly Holden, Brunswick County Sheriff John Carr Davis, Brunswick County Soil & Water Conservation District Chairman James Bellamy and state officials involved in transportation, environment and community planning.

State Sen. R.C. Soles showed up for the meeting, but he was taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply with a nose bleed shortly after he arrived. He returned to Calabash later in the day.

During the meeting, Calabash of-



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS took a cruise in the Calabash River as part of last week's meeting. Three pontoon boats toured the river at low tide to show the need for dredging. STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER

ficials repeatedly called for cooperation among town, county and state governments, saying the town's future plans will affect the entire Calabash area.

"We represent the entire area," Knapp said. "We're planning for the

entire area. We're proud of our community, and we intend to prove it to the world."

Mayor Doug Simmons, a lifelong resident of Calabash, said he's witnessed tremendous growth of the town, which was just a small fishing

village with 22 homes when he was a child.

Calabash has grown steadily in the past decade and literally blossomed last August when residents of the old town and the Carolina Shores golf course community vot-

ed to merge and form one municipality. The population of the town jumped from 200 to 1,400 overnight, and the tax base soared from \$16 million to \$77 million.

With annexation of the \$100-million Marsh Harbour Yacht Club

property in the works, the time has come for the town to ask for help from the county and state governments, Simmons said.

Redwine promised the state will lend assistance where it can. But he warned that the town probably will have to do more for itself in the years to come, as state and federal dollars become more scarce.

"We will do our part and do as much as we can, but we aren't the panacea for everything," Redwine said during the luncheon. "I think the local people need to take the bull by the horns and do what they can."

One by one, members of the Planning and Zoning Board discussed issues that affect Calabash and asked for county and state help in meeting the town's needs.

Specifically, town officials asked Redwine for his support of plans to consolidate several "pockets" that were created when the old town and Carolina Shores merged last year.

Patricia Lewellyn, vice chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, said bringing those areas into the town limits through state legislation would be the quickest way to fill in several holes that were formed in Calabash.

The Calabash Post Office and Calabash Fire Station are among properties that are outside the town limits. There's also a large tract of farmland on Persimmon Road that's almost completely surrounded by land that's within the town limits. (See CALABASH, Page 2-A)

Brunswick To Officially Buy The Training Center This Week

BY BOB HORNE

The Brunswick Community College Industrial Training Center at the Leland Industrial Park was expected to become county property this week.

The facility, which is being constructed by Leader Construction Co. of Wilmington, is nearing completion and the closing of the agreement, when Brunswick County purchases the facility for \$1.1 million, was expected to happen this week, according to David Clegg, interim county manager, and

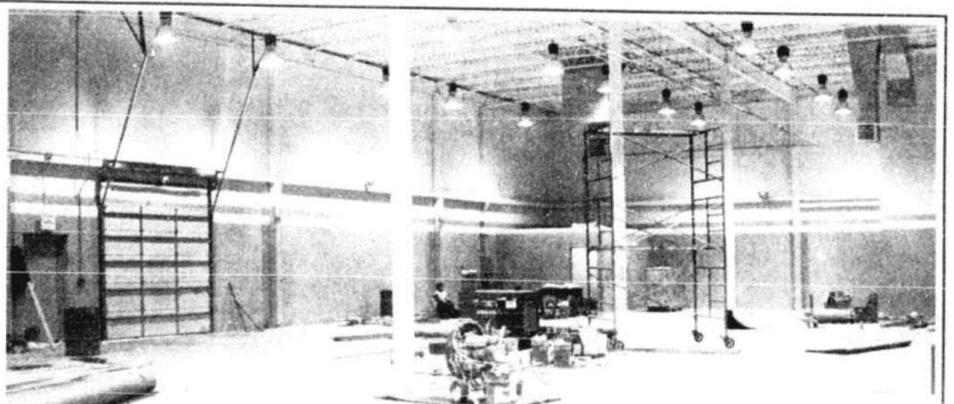
Robert Tucker, county engineer.

The Training Center, which will provide a facility in which BCC will be able to train employees for local industries, will be open Aug. 31 for inspection by local residents, corresponding with the grand-opening ceremonies of Exide Electronics, the park's newest resident and the Training Center's first "customer." Exide's opening ceremonies will be from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. that day.

The Training Center, which is located at the main entrance to the In-

dustrial Park, will be able to provide training for virtually any industry in Brunswick County, according to Velva Jenkins, small business/industrial relations director for Brunswick Community College.

"Any industry in Brunswick County is welcome to use the Training Center," Ms. Jenkins said. Depending on the size of the industries, it's possible for more than one industry to use the facility concurrently, she said. (See BRUNSWICK, Page 3-A)



THE PRODUCTION AREA of the Brunswick Community College Industrial Training Center consumes 10,100 square feet, slightly more than one-half of the building, and is two floors high.