

# Calabash Officials Make Pitch To Coastal Initiative Commission

BY DOUG RUTTER

Calabash leaders painted a picture of an historical waterfront community with progressive plans and goals for state officials who visited last week to consider including the town in the N.C. Coastal Initiative program.

Town officials talked of plans to dredge and revitalize the Calabash River and to extend sewer service to the waterfront while making their pitch last Wednesday to three members of the Coastal Initiative Blue Ribbon Commission.

They were James Rhodes of the N.C. Department of Administration, Bill Price of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources and Ken Stewart of the Economic Alliance.

Other state officials at the meeting at town hall were Tommy Harrelson, secretary of the N.C. Department of Transportation, and Bob Jameson, regional director of the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources.

If Calabash is chosen for the Coastal Initiative program, town officials could receive help from state agencies when applying for grants and permits. No more grant money would become available to the town than there is now.

Coastal Initiative is an economic and environmental program designed to concentrate boating activity in small areas to preserve salt marshes elsewhere along the coast. It was created by Gov. Jim Martin.

T.J. Morgan, chairman of the architectural committee of the Calabash Planning and Zoning Board, said last week that the town needs state assistance to reach its goals.

"We're really at your mercy here as far as what's going on with the program," Morgan told the commission members. "We want to do a lot to help ourselves, but we need help from other avenues."

Calabash Commissioner Stu Thorn explained the recent history of the town, which expanded its town limits in Aug. 31,

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1989, to include the Carolina Shores golf course community. A reorganized governing board took office one year ago.

The expansion increased the land area of Calabash by about 400 percent, Thorn said, and caused the population to jump from about 200 to 1,400 people.

Calabash Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Warren "Bud" Knapp said there were fears following expansion that the town would be divided.

But he said people from both districts have come together for the good of the community. "Together we have an opportunity to make Calabash a number one town," Knapp said.

Throughout the presentation, town officials tried to blend the charm of old Calabash with the progressive nature of the governing board.

Morgan said the town is looking to form an historical association with the help of people like Ella High, who has lived in Calabash all of her life.

Mrs. High, who owns a restaurant in town, said she likes the direction in which the town is heading. "I'm proud it's growing like it is, and I'd like to see it continue," she said.

Price, the Coastal Initiative Commission member with Cultural Resources, said there are more than 200 historical associations across North Carolina and his department could help Calabash form its own.

To link town government and the business community, Richard Johnson said he is working to form a Calabash Merchants Association, which has been attempted several times in the past without success.

Calabash is one of seven communities that have applied for the Coastal Initiative program, and three probably will be chosen. Others applicants are Currituck County, Elizabeth City, Hertford, Morehead City, Atlantic Beach and Southport, which applied for the designation during the first round of applications.

Harrelson said the program is geared toward increasing boat traffic and improving coastal communities so they can accommodate that traffic. "In the end, we would like for coastal North Carolina to have a lot of interesting places to stop," he said.

Calabash officials could learn as early as next week if the town will be included in the program. The Coastal Initiative Commission is scheduled to meet Dec. 13 and could make a decision at that time.

## Waccamaw School Wants To Develop Storytellers

Waccamaw School is reaching out in an effort to tap the storytellers in its midst.

Last Friday students listened as others presented oral and written tales as models, then shared a few pages of their own at the school's Storytelling Contest.

Barbara Evans, second story resource class, students told their stories to Mrs. Evans, who taped and then transcribed them for editing and revision by the students. The stories are being compiled for submission to a national contest sponsored by IBM and *Classics* magazine. National winners will receive a computer for themselves, the teacher and the school. The stories will be published in *Classics* magazine. This is a special trip to the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesboro, Tenn. next October.

Storytelling activities tie in well with the school's emphasis on whole language and process writing, said Mrs. Mitchell Simmons, as well as with the school and community's strong tradition of storytelling.

"We are very excited that the opportunity has been made available to us to use the literacy based material at our fingertips and ears in addition to that provided by print materials."

While the possibility of sharing their work with the world beyond Ash is very exciting, she said, the students don't necessarily expect their entries to win. Still, she said, the contest offered a good vehicle for promoting the use of storytelling as a teaching method at the school.

"This will help our students to know with a greater certainty that words like those they use daily are what books are made of. Quite often the connection between what people do and say everyday gets lost between home and school."

"We're proud to be able to help our students realize once again that what we do at school is as real as what happens in their lives here. That's the connection we're looking for."

## Sunset Teen Improving After Seaside Shooting

Defensive drive made that a bullet from a handgun which was shot at the teen outside a seaside business, has been accidentally shot himself.

Matthew Shover Arnette, 19, of Live Oak Drive, was shot once at the head with a .25-caliber pistol while parked in a car outside Florida Video and Tapes around 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Arnette first advised Brunswick County Sheriff Deputy Seely McDonald that an unknown person shot him. He later told Detective Larry Joyner that the gun accidentally fired while he was holding it.

Arnette was taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply by Ronnie Cassara of Shallotte, the deputy's report stated. He was later transferred to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

A spokesperson at the hospital Tuesday said Arnette remains under treatment, but has been transferred from intensive care to a room.

After interviewing witnesses in the shooting, Det. Joyner closed the case last week, reporting that the shooting was accidentally self-inflicted.

Arnette is scheduled to appear in Brunswick County District Court Dec. 11 for driving while his license was revoked, failure to heed a blue light and siren, reckless driving, resisting arrest and obstructing a public officer and driving after drinking while a provisional license.

He pleaded guilty earlier this year to a charge of misdemeanor death

in minor vehicle first when a Marine 1st lieutenant that named the *People's Choice* man.

Deputy McDonald reported she searched Arnette in the emergency room at The Brunswick Hospital on Tuesday and observed a gunshot wound to the right side of the neck area. The bullet did not exit. There was a 1.5-inch wound with powder burns around the edge, she reported.

The report stated that Arnette "didn't know the gun was loaded and that he thought the firing pin was broken. He advised that he had gotten the gun from the floor of the vehicle. He was unable to advise who owned the gun."

Cassara and another witness interviewed in the case, Larry Helms of Shallotte, told detectives that Arnette had been playing with the gun and had accidentally shot himself. Cassara then drove Arnette to The Brunswick Hospital.

At the hospital, Deputy McDonald retrieved a .25-caliber pistol from the glove compartment of a Buick Park Avenue registered to James Edward Hackett of Shallotte, the car Arnette was in when the shooting occurred.

"The pistol was cocked and had one live shell in the chamber and four in the clip," Deputy McDonald reported. Cassara then told detectives that he had found the pistol, but later said it may belong to his father.



JOHN WARD listens intently as Assistant Principal Sybil Mitchell reads aloud the folk tale "The Lion, Bruh Bear, and Bruh Rabbit" from Virginia Hamilton's *The People Could Fly*.

## CRC Proposes Allowing Nursery Area Dredging

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A plan to allow dredging in waters where baby fish and other young marine species flourish will be debated this week when the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission meets in Manteo.

The CRC meets today (Thursday) and Friday at the N.C. Aquarium, 1000 North Blvd. in P.O. Box 12170, Raleigh. It is the first meeting since the N.C. Dept. of Coastal Management.

A public hearing on the proposal to allow maintenance dredging in primary nursery areas is scheduled Thursday morning. "We wouldn't be surprised if it was somewhat controversial," Ms. Johnson said.

Presently, the state doesn't allow any dredging in primary nursery areas, which are waters that serve as habitat for juvenile marine life including fish and shrimp.

Ms. Johnson said the proposal to open those waters up to maintenance dredging would not affect the state commission's policy that says dredging in primary nursery areas should be avoided.

Under the proposal, four conditions would have to be met before dredging would be allowed in primary nursery areas:

1) Applicants must demonstrate and document that a water-dependent need exists for excavation to be approved.

2) There already must be a channel that was constructed or maintained under permits issued by the state or federal government. If a natural channel was in use or a man-made channel was constructed before permits were required, there must be evidence that the channel was continuously used for a specific purpose.

3) Dredge material can be removed and placed in an approved disposal area without significantly impacting adjacent nursery areas.

4) The original width and depth will not be increased to allow a new or expanded use of the channel.

In a related matter, CRC members will discuss a proposal to change the definition of primary nursery areas.

Under the current definition, rules for nurseries only apply to those designated by the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission. The new definition also would cover inland primary nursery areas designated by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

A second public hearing will be held Thursday on a proposal to increase fees for some CAMA permits and raise civil penalties for people who violate conditions of their permits, according to Ms. Johnson.

The fee for a general CAMA permit would increase from nothing to \$25, she said, while the cost of a major CAMA permit would jump from \$100 to \$400. There is no plan to change the fees for minor CAMA permits, which are administered by local governments.

Ms. Johnson said the proposal also calls for an increase in the minimum civil penalty from \$100 to \$250. There is no maximum penalty.

In other business, the CRC will hear a status report on maritime forest protection from Coastal Management staff and review the preliminary land use plan update for Ocean Isle Beach.

The CRC's Implementation and Standards Committee will consider a proposal that plans for relocation or demolition of homes built in flood-prone areas be attached to CAMA permit applications.

## Entire Practical Nursing Class Passes License Exam

For the eighth consecutive year, all graduates of Brunswick Community College's year-long practical nursing class have posted passing rates on their national licensing exam, said Connie Milliken, BCC's director of nursing.

Passing the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses were these 13 graduates: Gwen K. Babson, Leland; Shannon Bardin and Erin Parker Fulford, Holden Beach; Kathy B. Cooper and Debbie Hutchison, Boiling Spring Lakes; Shirley Jenkins Crandall, Karen Malpass Hales and Valencia H. Jackson, Wilmington; Rhonda McCombs Hunley, Bostic; Clara L. Patterson, Long Beach; Kimberly Olli, Supply; Susan A. Garrison, Monroe; and Lillie G. Graham, Riegelwood.

The program accepts 25 students each fall. Individuals interested in enrolling in the fall 1993 class are asked to contact the BCC Student Services Department at 754-6950, 457-6329 or 343-0203 immediately to schedule an ASSET assessment and orientation. Successful completion of the ASSET qualifies prospective students for the nursing interview process.

For a head start, prospective students may take some required courses before admission into the program, said Mrs. Milliken. Several such classes will be offered during spring quarter, which begins March 11.

## Deputy Wrecks Patrol Car; Suspect Charged

Brunswick County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Scoggins escaped injuries Saturday night after his patrol car collided with another car he was attempting to stop on U.S. 74-76 near Maco.

Damage was listed as minor, according to State Trooper D.A. Lewis' report. He said Scoggins' 1979 Chevrolet patrol car struck a 1979 Ford driven by Kenneth Wayne Klutz, 22, of Leland.

Klutz' car had slowed to turn into the Gulf Atlantic warehouse parking lot at the intersection of U.S. 74-76 and Mintz Drive following a high-speed chase. Deputy Scoggins gave pursuit for about 8.6 miles, traveling west on U.S. 74-76 around 10:20 p.m., Lewis reported.

Deputy Scoggins had attempted to stop Klutz for reckless driving. Klutz was charged by Trooper Lewis with driving while impaired and driving without a license.

He also escaped injury. Damage was listed at \$250 to the Klutz vehicle and \$400 to the patrol car.

In another accident early Saturday morning, a Leland man was charged with driving while impaired and operating a motor vehicle without registration and insurance following a one-car accident on Mt. Misery Road (RPR 1426) about eight miles north of Navassa.

George Glais Cooper, 36, was seriously injured after his 1982 Chrysler ran off the road at a high rate of speed and struck a ditch, fence, util-

ity shed and oak tree before coming to a stop, Trooper Lewis reported.

Cooper and a passenger in his car, a 24-year-old male, were both seriously injured and taken to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

Lewis estimated Cooper was traveling around 75 mph when the accident occurred at approximately 2:45 a.m.

Damage was estimated at \$2,200 to the car and about \$400 to the fence and building belonging to Elsie Peterson of Route 1, Leland (Northwest Community).

**TRAVEL TREK**  
by  
Elsa Jardine

If you are planning to travel by airplane, train or car this Christmas, you might make it a little less stressful if you follow a few simple guidelines.

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