

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Local Students Receive Degrees

Several Brunswick Countians were among students scheduled to receive degrees Wednesday (Dec. 22) from N.C. State University.

- They are:
- Sidney Edward Jones II of Ocean Isle Beach, bachelor of arts in business management;
 - Virginia L. Scarborough of Shallotte, psychology;
 - Roscoe Anthony Johnson of Leland, bachelor of arts in English;
 - Gibson Vester Barbee of Yaupon Beach, civil engineering;
 - Robert Paul Basnacht of Boiling Spring Lakes, mechanical engineering.

Farley Graduates

William D. Farley of Calabash was among 168 December graduates of Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C.

Farley earned the bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Basic Training Over

Navy Seaman James R. Rossiter recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

Rossiter is the son of Hubert J. and Linda S. Rossiter of Leland. He is a 1993 graduate of North Brunswick High School.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

Outstanding Service

Marine Lance Cpl. David E. Tan recently received a Meritorious Mast.

He is the son of Hoan G. Tan of Picket Road, Leland, and is a 1991 graduate of Elizabethtown High School.

Tan was cited for outstanding service while assigned with 2nd Light

Antiaircraft Missile Battalions, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona.

A Meritorious Mast is an official recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance. It is issued in the form of a bulletin published throughout the command, and a copy is entered in the Marine's permanent service records.

Tan joined the Marine Corps in August 1991.

Maynard Honored

Navy Seaman Christopher T. Maynard recently graduated from recruit training and was presented the Military Excellence Award at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

He is the son of Judy D. Maynard of Shallotte.

The award is presented to the single recruit who, in recruit training "best exemplifies the qualities of enthusiasm, devotion to duty, professional and academic achievement, military appearance and behavior, self-discipline and teamwork," according to a Navy news release.

The 1987 graduate of West Brunswick High School joined the Navy in August 1993. He is a graduate of UNC-Wilmington with a B.A. degree.

On The Enterprise

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class

Billy L. Brasili recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Brasili is the son of Ann Lucas of Picket Road, Leland. He joined the Navy in October 1987.

Park Promoted

Richard D. Park has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of chief master sergeant.

Park, a pavement and construction equipment manager, is the son of Leo and Charlesanna R. Park of Roxboro Street, Bolivia.

Green Retires

The U.S. Air Force has announced the retirement of Lt. Col. Gary O. Green after 23 years of service.

Green, an air operations officer and pilot, is the son of Owen C. and Alice B. Green of Ridgewood Drive, Calabash. He is a 1966 graduate of West Winfield (N.Y.) High School. He earned a master's degree from Troy State University in 1975.

Heidrich Re-Enlists

Army Sgt. Catherine B. Heidrich has re-enlisted in the Army for two years.

Heidrich, a food service specialist, is the daughter of William A. Boyd of Caswell Beach.

Completes Training

Air Force Airman Jonathan K. Eason has graduated from Air Force

basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Eason is the son of Johnny K. Eason of Lake Waccamaw and Lefell G. Eason of Shallotte.

Graduates From ECU

Tammy Renee Somersett, a 1989 graduate of West Brunswick High School, has completed her studies at East Carolina University.

She graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the Department of Human Environmental Service on Dec. 11.

She will be employed with Taff Inc. of Greenville as the assistant commercial designer.

She is the daughter of Charles and Diana Somersett of Sunset Beach and has a sister, Candice, of the home. She is the granddaughter of Nocha and Harry White of Shallotte and Eloise Somersett and the late Rufus Somersett of Grissettown.



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Pageant Winner

Harmony Dawn Swartzmiller was crowned Miss Grace on Dec. 4 at Grace Christian School in Loris, S.C. A sophomore at the school, she also was voted best personality, was a member of the homecoming court and was named Miss Chariot. She is the 15-year-old daughter of Elizabeth Swartzmiller of Ocean Isle Beach and the granddaughter of Ruth Weimer of Sunset Beach.

Union School's 'Secret Santas' Bring Christmas Cheer To 91 Kids

BY SUSAN USHER

A number of local families will have a special Christmas because of Union Elementary School's "Secret Santa" project.

Faculty, staff, parents, several local churches and businesses worked together to provide Christmas gifts for 91 children who are either students at the school or older, school-age brothers and sisters of Union students, said Trisha Poulos, volunteer coordinator.

"Some people have been overly generous, and we even had one fire department, Ocean Isle Beach, adopt a child."

The effort came about in response to a concerned parent whose child had shared lunch with another student who didn't seem to have enough food, said Poulos.

School personnel were asked to help identify families that might welcome a helping hand at Christmas and questionnaires were sent to those households asking permission for children to receive "gifts from Santa."

Some families didn't respond, but many of those that did have been very appreciative of the help, Poulos said. Recipients' identities remained confidential.

The school compared lists with the Brunswick Volunteer and Information Center to avoid duplication, then set about recruiting Santa's helpers.

In addition to providing each child three articles of clothing and a toy, funds donated by Camp and Seaside United Methodist churches were used to buy coats and shoes for students who needed them.

"The idea behind this was that we didn't want the children to suffer whatever the reason the family needs help, even if it is because of the parents' inability to set priorities or make good choices in using household funds," said Poulos. "The whole idea was to make sure these children all have something for

Christmas and to see that some of the kids who have been coming to school in short sleeves will have coats to wear.

"We're thankful so many people were willing to pitch in and help to meet these needs."

The school has a small sum of money left. If no more immediate needs emerge, said Poulos, the money will be used to start an emergency fund to help meet students' needs year-round.

Happy Holidays

It's always a pleasure to greet the many friends we've known through the years. May you enjoy every happy moment the Yuletide season brings and be able to share it with family and friends.

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