

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Nawara Nominated To U.S. Naval Academy

A West Brunswick High School senior has been nominated by U.S. Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Nominee Terrence Michael Nawara is the son of Anthony and Eileen Nawara of Calabash. At West he has maintained an A average and participated in the Brunswick County Quiz Bowl, Shallotte Junior Woman's Club Student Arts Festival and the regional science fair, among other extracurricular activities.



NAWARA

"Terrence has proven himself to be an exemplary leader and scholar who truly deserves a place in a service academy," said Sanford. To be accepted to a service academy, a student generally must be nominated by a U.S. senator or congressman. Sanford typically nominates 10 students to each service academy.

Senior Enlists

Israel C. West, a senior at South Brunswick High School at Boiling Spring Lakes, has signed up for a three-year enlistment in the U.S. Army.

West, scheduled to graduate from high school in June, is the son of Marie W. Baggs of Winnabow.

He will report for basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga., in September and will remain there for infantry training.

Joins Campaign

Tom Rabon of Leland, a lobbyist and former member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, has joined The Harry Payne Committee, the group leading the campaign to elect Payne as state Commissioner of Labor.

Rabon has chaired the House Manufacturing and Labor Committee and is now a member of numerous state boards.

Payne, a member of the state House for 12 years, was ranked fifth most effective member of the House in the most recent survey of government leaders, legislative advocates

and the capital press corps.

Wins Crown

Allie McDowell, the 21-month-old daughter of Allan and Chelle McDowell of Thomasboro, was crowned Tiny Miss Sunburst Feb. 15 at Briarcliffe Mall, Myrtle Beach, S.C.



MCDOWELL

She is now eligible to compete in the N.C. State Finals to be held in Raleigh this June.

Makes List

Jeffrey Joseph Hiltz of Leland has been named to the dean's list at Western Carolina University for fall semester 1991, announced WCU vice-chancellor for academic affairs John Wakeley.

Students make the list by achieving at grade point average of at least 3.5 for not less than 12 semester

hours of coursework, he said.



MORGAN GORE

South Seniors Chosen

South Brunswick High School seniors Tina Morgan and Gladys Gore were chosen as outstanding Extended Day students for the first semester by their teachers.

Ms. Morgan was recognized for her positive attitude and school and community involvement. Ms. Gore has had perfect school attendance this year and was commended for her commitment to earning a high school diploma through "consistent, hard work".

The Extended Day program pro-

vides out-of-school youth and adults another opportunity to earn a high school diploma. More information is available from Carla Privette at South Brunswick High School.

Sweeps Contest

Justin Michael Fulford won five trophies and three crowns at the N.C. Baby Master Valentine competition held Feb. 1, including the title crown, best smile, best dressed and best personality categories.



FULFORD

Justin is the son of Steven and Bridget Hines of Holden Beach. His grandparents are L.C. and Sandy Fulford of Holden Beach and Bill and Ann Hines of Ocean Isle Beach.

Great-grandparents are A.C. and Colene Hewitt and Cecil and Zettie Fulford, all of Holden Beach, and Pearl Burnette of Troy.



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Safety Week Observed

As part of Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, Feb. 9-15, those arriving at the Brunswick County Government Center in Bolivia Feb. 11 got a carnation from Vince and Larry, Governor's Highway Safety Program dummies, if found wearing their seat belts. Brunswick County Health Department employees noted 75 percent were wearing seat belts. Pictured are (from left) Wendy Long, nurse, as Vince; Kristy Bordeaux Reeves; Brittny Krystyn Reeves (in safety seat); and Hubert Reeves, environmental health specialist, as Larry. They also gave programs for students at Union Primary, Southport Elementary and Lincoln Primary schools.

Two Group Homes To Open In Early April

BY SUSAN USHER

Two group homes for developmentally disabled/mentally retarded adults are expected to open in the Supply area around April 1.

Life, Inc., a private-for-profit corporation based in Goldsboro, is screening applicants now to select six clients for each of the two homes, said Teresa Kennedy, group home manager. "We're looking forward to coming to Brunswick County."

The intermediate care facilities (ICF) will primarily serve clients who presently live with their families in Brunswick, New Hanover or Pender counties, said Sandy Resnick, coordinator of developmental disabilities services with Southeastern Center Mental for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. Some may be residents of Caswell Center, a state institution at Kinston, who came from Southeastern's three-county service area.

"There's no hard and fast rule, but we try to bring a few people out of institutions back into the community as well as trying to serve the local families," she said.

With two other ICF/MR homes opening up in Wilmington at the same time, Ms. Resnick said there hasn't been a large number of applications as would have been expected otherwise.

"They'll be filled but we didn't have the overwhelming referrals from the community you usually expect," she said.

The three-county Interagency Council will review placement selections when it meets next in

Wilmington.

Brunswick County has two members on the council, one representing the county's Department of Social Services and another representing the Health Department. As a local service provider, Life Inc. will also be invited to participate in the Council.

Ms. Resnick said the opening of the four homes will satisfy the immediate demand for adult ICF/MR homes in the area. The state is expected to allocate six more beds or slots for the three counties, but Southeastern sees a greater need for a children's intermediate care facility than another for adults.

What is needed for adults in the area is supervised apartment living, a one step farther in independent living than the group home that operates in Shallotte.

"We have some residents at the home in Shallotte who could probably do well in a supervised apartment—with two or three roommates and an appropriate level of supervision," said Ms. Resnick. "We have a

great need for that throughout the entire three-county area."

She predicted that Life Inc.'s two group homes will be "a positive addition to Brunswick County," citing the company's excellent track record.

Ms. Kennedy said the company operates three Life Inc. group homes in New Bern and two in Chowan County. Two others in Goldsboro operate under the name Lamb's.

The two local group homes are being built on Lockwood Drive and Folly Drive in Supply and are expected to open around the first of April, said Ms. Kennedy.

Each five-bedroom home will serve six residents. They may be operated as single-sex or coed residences, depending on the outcome of the selection process, Ms. Kennedy said. "We try to select a homogenous group that fits well together socially and skillwise."

The agency is negotiating with Brunswick Interagency Program at Brunswick Community College to provide day programming for the group home residents.

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Holden Denies Zoning Change

Holden Beach's planning board last week turned down the request of a landowner who wanted a residential lot rezoned commercial.

Responding to opposition from other property owners, the board voted unanimously last Tuesday to deny the rezoning request of Rose Holden Cole.

She wanted the property at 136 Ocean Blvd. West changed from an R-2 multi-family residential zoning to C-1 commercial.

Planning Board Chairman Roger Williams said the half dozen people who spoke at a public hearing opposed the zoning change. The town also received three letters against the rezoning.

Planning Board Alternate Harold Steorts served in place of regular member Alan Holden during the discussion on rezoning.

Holden was excused from voting because he's related to Mrs. Cole and owns property near the lot in question, Williams said.

In other business, planners continued their work last week on proposed changes in an outside lighting ordinance and a new rule that would require bulkheads on canal lots.

The outside lighting ordinance, which took effect in November 1990, restricts the use of yard and security lights on private property.

The divisive ordinance, which has drawn a lot of criticism at Holden Beach, is designed to prohibit lights that bother neighbors.

"We're going to try to get something that everybody on the beach can live with, and use the good neighbor policy," said Williams.

Board members Ted Rivenbark and Steorts, who both live on a canal, are working on the bulkheading ordinance.

Williams said a rule is needed on bulkheads to cut down on erosion of canal property and water pollution.

Ocean Isle Appoints Two To Town Planning Board

BY DORI C. GURGANUS

Ocean Isle Beach commissioners filled two slots on the planning board and agreed on an emergency response plan in a special meeting last Thursday morning.

By unanimous votes the board appointed Ken Proctor as a new member of the planning board and reappointed William T. (Bill) Bullington. Bullington's term had expired last July.

Proctor was nominated by Commissioner Debbie Sloane Fox to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Commissioner Terry Barbee, who had served on the planning board for 10 years.

Ms. Fox cited Proctor's experience in city planning and public service as a former High Point city planner.

FEMA Plan Sent

Commissioners also approved a written emergency response plan that had been requested by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Ocean Isle has sent in its application for a lowered flood insurance rating, but needs to accompany the application with a written plan, said Mayor Williamson. This should qualify the town to receive "the best possible rating," she said.

The plan being sent the FEMA

office in Atlanta was taken from the town's existing emergency response plan.

Denied Variance

In a brief meeting of the Board of Adjustment, members approved an order drafted by town attorney Elva Jess denying variance to a local zoning ordinance.

Stanton and Cynthia Singletary had requested a variance to the R-2 zoning in their subdivision to allow their mobile home. The board had voted unanimously at its Feb. 11 meeting to deny the request.

Ms. Fox, chairperson of the board, said she would deliver the order to the Singletarys.

Mixed Male Dog Up For Adoption

A medium-size, reddish-blond, mixed breed male dog, about one year old, is recommended for adoption this week by the Brunswick County Animal Control Program.

He is described as "very friendly and lovable" and "good with other animals."

This animal and others can be seen at the animal shelter located off N.C. 211 south of Supply Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Ferry Service Resumes Friday

The Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry will resume operation Friday with a substitute ferry boat plying the waters of the Cape Fear River.

The ferry that transports travelers between Fort Fisher and Southport broke down Monday, suspending service for several days.

Earl Miller, operations supervisor at the Department of Transportation's Southport ferry terminal, said Tuesday that the rig had "mechanical problems".

A back-up ferry will arrive by Friday and will remain in service while the original ferry undergoes repair.

"We need to be running by Friday," Miller said, anticipating weekend activity.

Until then, travelers have the option of a longer route over the Cape Fear River to Wilmington by way of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge.

No real problems have been reported this week from the lack of ferry service across the river, he said.

His office had "put the word out pretty well," Miller added, through local newspapers and radio stations, as well as by posting signs in the area. The ferry is popular with tourists as a link between Southport and the Fort Fisher State Historic Site and the N.C. Aquarium at Kure Beach.

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