

Obituaries

James Alfred Miller Jr.

James Alfred Miller Jr. of North Hampton Drive at Carolina Place, Southport, died suddenly on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at his home.

Retired from USAirways, Jim served as a journalist/photographer in the U.S. Navy, at the Wilmington *Star-News* and the Norfolk *Virginian-Pilot*. He was a genealogist with a paralegal degree and a degree in aviation. He was an alumnus of Fishburne Military Academy.

Jim was active in the Robert Ruark Society of Southport and was a licensed aircraft pilot.

He was the son of James Alfred Miller and Leila Wooten Miller. His great-grandfather, Reverend Edward Wooten, had served the Episcopal church in Southport.

Jim leaves his sister, Dr. Anne Russell of Wilmington; four nieces and ten great-nieces and nephews; his wife, Deborah Potter Miller; stepdaughter Olivia Jade Potter; cousin Dr. Hugh Murray of Atlanta, Georgia; and his favorite dog, Chum.

Jim will be buried in the Bradley-Wooten family plot in Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington. Final arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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Neil Findlay Donovan

Mr. Neil Findlay Donovan, age 70, of St. James died Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at his residence.

Mr. Donovan was born June 27, 1941, in Rye, New York, son of the late John G. and Jean Findlay Donovan. He graduated from Rye High School in 1959 and Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1963.

Mr. Donovan was well known in the food service disposable industry, where he spent 34 years. He moved to St. James in December 2005 from Wheaton, Illinois, and retired from Sweetheart Paper Products in 2006. Mr. Donovan was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was an avid golfer and tennis player, and loved sailing.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Donovan of St. James; two sons, John Donovan and wife Mindy of Aurora, Illinois, and Jeff Donovan and wife Julie of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Shelly Misra and husband Sachin of Winfield, Illinois, and Susan Mickelsen and husband Dennis of Montgomery, Alabama; one sister, Sheila Perry of Boston, Massachusetts; eight grandchildren, Alyssa and Amanda Tinin, Nicholas and Alexandra Leone, Nathan, Ryan, Lauryn and Joseph Donovan.

A funeral service was held Monday morning at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Reverend Trent Watts officiating. A reception followed the service at The Members Club in St. James.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lower Cape

Fear Hospice/Brunswick County Facility, 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401 or www.hospiceandlifecarecenter.org.

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Peacock-Newnam & White Funeral and Cremation Service, Southport.

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Warren Washington Faulk

Warren Washington Faulk, 69, of Bolivia died Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

Mr. Faulk was born June 8, 1943, in Bladen County, son of the late Albert Washington Faulk and Annie Lillian Williams Faulk.

Surviving are his daughter, Brenda Lombardi and husband Michael of Bolivia; three grandchildren, Melissa, Michael and Lynn.

A graveside service was held Saturday at the Flynn Cemetery in Whiteville.

Peacock-Newnam & White Funeral and Cremation Service, Southport.

Betty Ann Mooney Clemmons

Mrs. Betty Ann Mooney Clemmons, 69, of Shallotte died March 12, 2012.

She was born in Brunswick County on August 22, 1942, daughter of the late Elmer and Glossie Phelps Mooney.

She is survived by her husband, Lavern Clemmons of the home; three children, Dean Hewett of Wilmington, Shelley Hewett of Shallotte and Timothy Hewett of Leland; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday at Shell Point Baptist Church.

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Bracyle Lewis Price

Bracyle Lewis Price, 87, of Shallotte died Thursday, March 15, 2012, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Born in Hallsboro on February 16, 1925, he was a son of Will Price and Azie Jernigan Batten. He was a member of United Vision Pentecostal Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Ruby Evelyn Price.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Alan Stewart of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and Gregory Dean Price of Nappanee, Indiana; a daughter, Donna Price Davis of Shallotte; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at United Vision Pentecostal Church.

Peacock-Newnam & White Funeral and Cremation Service, Southport.

Marcella Kathryn Sundquist

Mrs. Marcella Kathryn Sundquist, 76, of Spotsylvania, Virginia, died Friday, March 16, 2012, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Sundquist was born March 25, 1935, in Takoma Park, Maryland. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald K. Sundquist.

Surviving are two sons, Brian Sundquist of Wheaton, Illinois, and Gary Sundquist of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Kathryn Waidlich of Southport and Teresa Sundquist of Spotsylvania, Virginia; ten grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in the Quantico VA Cemetery in Quantico, Virginia.

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Brunswick Community College

Career Pathways offers job training

By Hilary Snow
Staff Writer

A new interdepartmental partnership at Brunswick Community College has created a simpler route from short-term job training to two-year degree.

The college's new Career Pathways program—a collaborative effort between the continuing education and curriculum programs—is aimed, in part, at easing the transition for non-traditional students who decide to further their education.

"This is a new concept, a new initiative for Brunswick Community College, and for community colleges across the state, really," Velve Jenkins, associate vice-president of economic workforce and development, said last week.

The partnership, Jenkins said, arose from the success of the 2009 statewide JobsNOW effort, which allowed students to earn skills in 12 career fields in six months or less.

Funding for JobsNOW ended last year.

"It went so well and was so well received, we thought, how can we keep this going?" Jenkins said.

Like JobsNOW, Brunswick Community College's (BCC's) Career Pathways offers quick job

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Velve Jenkins

training and advancement opportunities. But it also opens the door to those who want to continue with classes.

Now, a student who completes a certification course offered through the Career Pathways Institute can, if they choose, take proficiency exams to earn college credit that can then be applied to the corresponding degree track.

Jenkins said her department has worked with administrators in curriculum to ensure coursework is closely aligned so continuing education students enter credited classes already familiar with the subject and workload.

Those who decide to move from continuing education to curriculum must first take an employment readiness or career

focus course that teaches study and job placement skills.

It's an ideal way for first-time students, or those returning to school after many years, to get started, she noted.

"They can get their feet wet," she said. "These are people who maybe haven't been in college for a while. ... We are stressing preparing a person for job skills but at the same time preparing them for academia."

Another component of the partnership is Basic Skills Plus, a dual enrollment program in which students working toward their general education diplomas (GEDs) can simultaneously earn Nurse Aide I course credit.

North Carolina community colleges have, for years, offered

adult literacy programs free of charge. But BCC was approved for funding in November to expand that offering so students could also take Nurse Aide I at no additional cost.

The college began offering the option this semester.

Greg Bland, director of college and career readiness, said seven students are currently enrolled.

"It's accelerated," Bland said. "Just earning your GED is respectable. These are students who are driven, but maybe just did not get the best start in life or who made one mistake early on."

For Sharon Thompson, vice-president of academic services, Career Pathways puts the focus on students, not programs.

"It's a way to show them here is your next pathway. You know, a GED will get you minimum wage. Becoming a CNA (certified nursing assistant) will bump you up some. Going on to licensed practical nurse will get you more money. And continuing on to become a registered nurse will get you even more money," Thompson said. "It's about ensuring access and success regardless of which door students pick to enter BCC."

ST. JAMES

Appeals could go before council

By Amanda Hutcheson
Staff Writer

Appeals of decisions made by the St. James Planning Board could soon be taken to the town council instead of the town's board of adjustments.

The underlying problem, councilor Bruce Maxwell and mayor Bob Morrow explained at the council workshop Thursday, is that the board of adjustments is made up of members of the planning board.

"The mayor and I feel that there is some potential conflict of interest when the planning board is also the board of adjustments, and part of the role of the planning board is if they turn something down or have a disagreement with the zoning ad-

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Bruce Maxwell
Town councilor

ministrators, it will be sent to the board of adjustments," Maxwell said. "If they're the same people, it's sort of very uncomfortable. There could be some very real conflicts there."

Consultants originally had recommended, when the planning board was established and the town's unified development ordinance was being written, that

the two boards have the same membership, Morrow said. He described it as a way to help the planning board get going in a small community.

"As we've gone down the line, it doesn't seem appropriate that the people who make the decision also be the same people you appeal to," Morrow said.

Morrow and Maxwell suggested dissolving the board of adjustments and adding the board's duties to the responsibilities of the council, so that appeals of decisions made by the planning board and other items the board of adjustments reviews, like special use permits, variances and interpretations of zoning district boundary lines, would go to the council instead.

State statutes require that towns have an entity to conduct those functions, but the entity can be a board of adjustments, the planning board itself, or the

town council, Maxwell said. If the town council takes on the responsibilities, it cannot be called the board of adjustments.

The town could keep the board of adjustments but require that its membership be different from that of the planning board, but in the Town of St. James, the board of adjustments rarely meets.

"No one wants to sit on a committee that's going to meet once every three years or less (often)," councilor Becky Dus said.

To make the change, the town would have to amend its ordinance outlining the council's responsibilities and dissolving the board of adjustments. Ordinance amendments require a public hearing.

Councilors said they were not in a rush to make the change, and gave general consensus when town administrator Jo-sann Campanello suggested the item be placed on the council's May agenda, allowing more time to advertise the public hearing.

Brunswick County Health, sanitation grades are issued

The following health and sanitation grades were recently issued by the Brunswick County Health Department to food and lodging establishments.

Grades are based on a ten-point scale, with an "A" grade being the highest, indicating a superior rating. Code: 100-90, A; 89-80, B; 79-70, C; 69 and below, failing.

Businesses may also receive extra points if their employees attend a food server course offered by the health department that teaches proper food-handling techniques. Therefore, some scores may exceed 100 points.

March 9-15

Mexico Viejo, Leland, 96, A.
Tommy Thompson's, St. James, 99, A.

Strategic Behavioral Center, Leland, 99, A.

Cape Fear Restaurant and Lounge, Southport, 97.5, A.

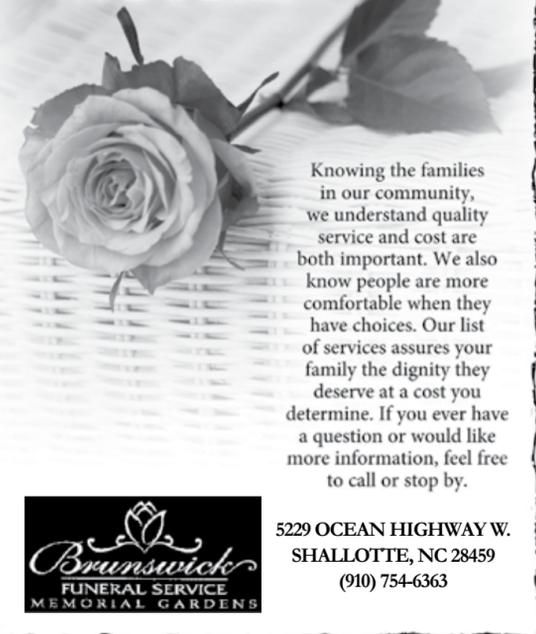
N. C. Baptist Assembly Conference Center, Caswell Beach, 99.5, A.

Plaza Garibaldi, Southport, 99, A.

Lowes Food Store, Southport, 98, A.

Senior Citizen Nutrition Site, Oak Island, 100, A.

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