

Dedication proves rewarding

Years of dedication by the many Hoke High students who have participated in the school band are displayed in a window showcase on Raeford's Main Street. According to Hoke Band Director Jimmy James, the over 80 trophies displayed in the case are from five years of

band field competition. Fifteen of the trophies displayed were garnered this year as the band brought home first, second and third place trophies as well as superior rating awards.

Raeford Man Passes Uniform CPA Exam

A Raeford man was among per-sons who successfully completed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination held last November in Charlotte.

James Edwin Baker Jr. of East Donaldson Avenue in Raeford successfully passed the examination.

According to Chuck Bunn, Executive Director for the State Board of CPA Examiners, 1,182 people sat for the exam last November, including 301 who sat for the first time and 881 who were returning to complete previously

Of the 301 who sat for the first

of the examination and 39 passed all four parts.

Successful examination candidates must complete experience requirements before being award-ed Certified Public Accountant Certificate by the State Board of CPA Examiners.

Based upon preliminary review, Bunn feels that the percentage of people passing any given part and completing all parts of the ex-amination appear to be comparable with previous examina-tions. North Carolina is a consistent honor role state.

SCOUTARAMA On Tap For Laurinburg March 3

Over 100 adult Scouting volunteers met in Laurinburg Thursday to plan details of the 1984 SCOUTARAMA in March.

Unit leaders of Scout troops, Cub packs, and Explorer posts from Scotland, Hoke and Robeson counties were represented.

Western District SCOUT-ARAMA chairman Fred Fox, of Laurinburg, said his committee had received a commitment from almost all units to have a display in

SCOUTARAMA '84 will be

held at the Laurinburg National Guard Armory on Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Tickets for SCOUTARAMA '84 are available from any Scout, Cub or Explorer.

"The project is designed to help the units raise money for their own use," said Fox. "So the key to the success of SCOUTARAMA '84 is how active every boy is in selling

Each boy has special prize incentives to sell tickets to the SCOUTARAMA.

Animals Alter Their Schedule While Wintering At

It was 4:45 p.m. In the lion habitat at the North Carolina Zoological Park. The lions were getting restless.

They stood on their hind legs and impatiently swiped at the door to their night quarters where, they knew from experience, dinner

The zoo's lions are creatures of habit -- of a daily zoo routine that rarely changes during the 365 days a year the zoo is open.

Every night, the animals are taken inside for feeding, observation and to ensure their safety. Every morning, conditions per-

mitting, they're put on exhibit. Each change of season, however, brings special considerations which may affect whether

animals will go out on a given day,

said Les Schobert, general curator. Winter is no exception.

The only animal exhibit not affected by the weather is the R.J. Reynolds Forest Aviary, where temperatures remain around 78° throughout the winter.

Animals in outdoor habitats aren't accustomed to lower temperatures and degree fluctuations that occur during North Carolina winters.
Colder weather brings about

some changes in the animals as well as in the zoo regime.

Many animals, especially carnivores, gain a few pounds in the

"We want them to put on a little extra weight," Schobert said. More fat means more insulation for animals like lions, which stay

For some animals, food intake may increase up to 25%.

Of the primates, baboons are most adaptable to the temperature change, he said, and are usually on exhibit year round.

While baboons' fur may thicken, that of chimpanzees usually doesn't. Thus, on days the baboons are out, the chimps may

Zebras can handle the chill fairly well, Schobert said, but they illustrate another winter problem -turf management. Because zebras' hoofs are destructive to habitat terrain during winter months when ; grass is at a minimum anyway, they're moved to a paddock off exhibit till spring.

will be out?

The daily decision whether to exhibit an animal depends on a lot of variables, according to Schobert. Generally, barring health pro-blems, if the temperature is above 45 degrees and the sun is shining, most of the animals will be out. If the mercury drops below that level, or if there is precipitation, many animals stay inside.

Even a slightly damp surface can be treacherous for animals like the giraffes, which are susceptible to slipping and sliding. And just because an animal is

large, doesn't mean he's winterized, Schobert said.

Elephants, for example, are very On a winter day, then, how do sensitive to cold. If one of the zoo's five elephants gets chilled, it takes a while to warm it up because of its body mass. Meanwhile, pneumonia or hypothermia can set in -- either of which could be fatal.

The zoo's three rhinoceros, on the other hand, are hardy, and may be exhibited on days when the elephants stay inside.

Frostbite is a potential threat to ears of animals like the elephant and rhino and toes of birds like the crowned crane and marabou stork. which are taken in only in the most extreme winter weather.

When in doubt about animals on exhibit, Schobert said, call the zoo at (919) 879-5606 before coming for a visit.

every day, and is located six miles southeast of Asheboro.

McLaurin Completes **Basic Training**

Pvt. George A. McLaurin, son of Clorena C. McLaurin of Rural Route 3, Raeford, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ken-

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1983 graduate of Hoke County High School, Raeford.





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