



West Craven's band adds sweet music to festival parade

## Festival Adds Color, Smiles To Vanceboro

### Salute To Strawberries Sweet Success For Town

By Greg Stroud and Terri Jamieson

The streets of Vanceboro came alive Saturday as the 7th Annual Strawberry Festival/Rescue Day got underway. The day began as exhibitors and parade participants prepared for the events ahead. As early as 7:30 a.m., people began gathering, finding good parking spaces, and mingling among each other.

The parade, which was led by new police chief, Don Greenwaldt, began promptly at 10 a.m. and lasted about an hour. Townspeople were pleased with the parade this year and felt that the community and its organizations were well represented. One observer remarked, "It was a lot of fun. It was much bigger than last year with

lots of new things. I enjoyed the big trucks. This was the first year they had them."

Children were excited to see the equine group, the big fire truck that provided a cooling mist on a hot morning, and the candy and gum being tossed into the crowd by various groups as they passed. The overall favorite of the crowd, though, was the marching band from West Craven High School.

Local merchants were happy to see the parade. Most businesses were quite busy throughout the day because of the crowd that had amassed. Gross daily sales were up 2 to 3 times their norms in most locations.

After the parade, the crowd

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## Leaf Growers Can Switch Crop

Tobacco farmers who own or operate farms in more than one location will be able to switch their tobacco between those fields for the first time this year, a federal official said today.

This change was made because of the abnormal rainfall that has prevented the planting of about half of the county's tobacco crop, according to Cliff Moore, executive director of a local Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

The ASCS is also one of two federal agencies extending the filing

deadlines for farmers who have not finished planting corn.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corp. deadline for filing late-planting forms has been extended to May 31. The ASCS will extend its prevented planting deadline to June 15, which will correspond to the agency's spring certification deadline.

The change in the tobacco-growing procedures will let a farmer switch a crop's growing sites. Although his marketing card specifies the tobacco will be grown in a particular field, he can grow

the tobacco in another field he owns or operates and sell it on the original marketing card.

Moore said if one field is too wet for planting, the farmer can switch to another field that has received less rainfall.

This will apply only to fields a farmer owns or is listed as operating.

The state's Congressional delegation and N.C. Insurance Commissioner Jim Long asked for the filing extensions because the unusually heavy rainfall has delayed planting of most major crops.

Federal guidelines require that certain crops be planted by certain dates to retain full coverage. Beyond those dates, coverage decreases 10 percent for every five days planting is delayed.

Rainfall, already eight inches above normal this year, has kept farmers out of the fields. Many are as much as a month behind normal planting schedules.

Extending the FCIC deadline will enable crops to qualify for insurance coverage even if they are

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## Singers Noteworthy Addition To Festival

Spectators stomped their feet and clapped their hands as The Valleyaires performed during the Vanceboro Strawberry Festival/Rescue Day.

The five-member group from Fremont has performed throughout eastern North Carolina and in Virginia. Their music is a blend of traditional Southern gospel styles.

Bobbi Ann Proctor, a member of the group and its mana-

ger, said, "Southern gospel is our favorite. Although we have a line up selected, we leave our list open so that we can add to our selections," she said.

The group started about 20 years ago in Alabama. When Larry and Sarah Cowper were transferred to Goldston, Ms. Proctor auditioned and was given the job of playing the piano

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## Mavretic Under Fire From Rep. Anderson

William "Bill" Hodges of Beaufort County was re-elected chairman of the First Congressional District Democratic Executive Committee at the district convention held Saturday at Beaufort County Community College.

At the convention, Rep. Gerald Anderson, D-Craven, threw several jabs at the speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives, a fellow Democrat.

Betsy Leach of Pitt County was elected first vice chairman, Cozelle Wilson of Lenoir was named second vice chairman, and Luann Whitley Joyner of Hertford County was elected third vice chairman. Tom Payne of Beaufort County was re-elected secretary, and Willie Riddick of Bertie was named treasurer.

"The Democratic party is the party of values," said Lawrence Davis, chairman of the N.C. State Democratic Executive Committee

who addressed the luncheon session prior to the opening of the convention.

"We've always been interested in the average person, and we have a real challenge today to improve education and environment," the head of the state party said. He also called upon Democrats to pay off the state party debt quickly.

At Democratic district conventions across the state Saturday, some delegations called for Davis to resign, but no such demand was heard here.

Delegates from the Second and Fourth Districts passed resolutions demanding that Davis step down from his post.

Davis has been criticized by some Democrats for saying the party should reassess its stand in support of a woman's right to an

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Chopper With A Hopper

Spring means planting and planting means fertilizer and pesticides. This helicopter does crop-dusting in a way not usually seen. Most of us think of bi-planes and antique-looking aircraft when we

think of cropdusting. But helicopters can hover, bringing fertilizer or pesticides closer to the crops. This observer in the field seems more than just a little interested. (Ric Carter photo)

## Dover Plans Project

The Dover Community Association, in conjunction with the Craven County Commissioner's Board on Aging, is drawing up a blueprint to renovate the community center.

The project will begin in approximately six weeks and will require approximately \$20,000, according to board Chairman Barbara Flynn. The idea was born when Cephus Baker and Avon Dove of the association asked the board for help after the successful renovations made at the Vanceboro Community Center.

William Whaley, the town's building inspector, has approved the project.

The project will be funded by

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## Gardner Discusses Drug War

By Michael Adams  
Special to the  
West Craven Highlights

Lt. Governor Jim Gardner and members of the N.C. drug cabinet came to eastern North Carolina Monday to hear ideas and recommendations on fighting what he calls a "massive" state drug problem.

Gardner, who visited a school and a neighborhood where drug activity is causing problems, said in an interview Monday morning the sale and use of illegal drugs in the state "is our number one problem."

"It's the most counterproductive

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## Area Students Receive Awards For Skills Learned In Classroom

Dover's Tony Fonville, a student at West Craven High School, took first place in culinary skills at the state Future Homemakers of America leadership meeting held in Raleigh. Also collecting first-place finishes were Tyrone Moore of Dover and Susan Jewell, both students at West Craven.

Moore took first place in the food service team event and Ms. Jewell took first place in the job application/interview contest in the junior division.

Fonville, Moore and Cassie Fonville each received \$1,500 scholarships to Johnson and Wales College to study culinary skills. The scholarship awards were given for the students' involvement in FHA/

HERO.

Ms. Jewell and Moore will travel to Anaheim, Calif., where they will compete at a national competition July 14-21. Ms. Gay Lea, home economics teacher, said, "I was very proud and amazed that we won because there were so many schools that were bigger and had better, more fully-equipped commercial kitchens than ours," said Ms. Lea.

Calvin Garris, a student at Craven Community College, placed second in a cosmetology competition that included cosmetology students from across the state.

The competition was held in conjunction with the 50th annual conference of the N.C.

Beautician and Cosmetology Association. The conference was held in Fayetteville.

Students were allotted a specific amount of time to perform a roll and set on thermo curl and were asked to comb out their models' hair and put on makeup during a 60-minute period. "I had a good time competing with the others. I was running a little late so when they called my name (as the second-place finisher) I was surprised," said Garris.

Garris has two more quarters at Craven Community College to complete before completing the 1,500 hours required to be eligible to become a

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## Vanceboro Resident Wins Trip To Opryland

Freshway Food Stores recently announced that Terri Jamieson of Vanceboro will be one of two area grand prize winners that will be on their way to Opryland USA in honor of Fresh Way's 19th birthday celebration.

The prize will include, in addition to lodging and airfare, two three-day passes to Opryland Showpark, two tickets to a Grand Ole Opry performance, two tickets to see Brenda Lee in "Music, Music, Music", a day cruise on the General Jackson showboat and reservations for a Grand Ole Opry sightseeing tour of Nashville.

Mrs. Jamieson, a licensed practical nurse and mother of two, is a staff writer for the West Craven Highlights.

When asked how she felt about winning the grand prize, Mrs. Ja-

mieson said, "I was shocked. I hadn't expected to win. I love country music, so I think it will be a very exciting trip." Mrs. Jamieson plans to take the trip with her husband, Greg, sometime in the fall.

Robert Malpass of La Grange also won a grand prize trip to Nashville. Other prizes given away during the contest included two Hatteras swing sets per store, and a complete set of 1989 Donruss and Fleer baseball cards.

T.L. Edwards, president of Fresh Way Food Stores, expressed his appreciation on behalf of Fresh Way Food Stores.

"We want to thank all of our customers for their support, this

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