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190 Seniors To Graduate At Madison High

One hundred and ninety Madison County high school seniors will don caps and gowns Sunday, May 30 to receive diplomas they've spent 12 years working toward. Those years will culminate on that day, beginning at 3 p.m., with the graduation ceremony for the Class of '82.

Four student speakers will deliver commencement exercise addresses in a ceremony that will also include presentations of awards and honors to outstanding students.

Scheduled to deliver the invocation and the welcome at the ceremony are Robin Hough and Russell Lambert, both seniors.

Student speakers include Ronnie Weathers, Peggy Sexton, Lisa Anderson and Laurie Melvin, also members of the graduating class.

The graduation ceremony will be held in the O.E. Roberts stadium, weather permitting.

Serving as junior marshals for the ceremony are: David Adams, Dana Allen, Karlyn Ammons, Chris Baron, Daryn Flynn, Robin Frisby, Tim Gott, Stephen Halula, Sandra Keller, Jerry Kent, Amy Knisley, Teresa Norris, Mark Plemmons, Lynn Price, Shirley Reese, Debbie Ricker,

David Sprouse, Teddy Wells, Michael Worley and Laura Rice.

Candidates for diplomas in the 1982 graduating class are: Janet Karen Adams, Leroy Adams, Tina Joyce Adams, Derenda Kaye Allen, Rachel Lee Ammons, Lisa Annette Anderson, Mary Lisa Anderson, Robbin Ann Anderson.

Elise Baker, Charles Jeffrey Ball, Deborah Kaye Ball, Gary R. Ball, Kimberly Lynn Ball, Beverly Fay Banks, Jimmy Ray Barnett, Elizabeth E. Barrett, Hillard Dewitt Bishop, Joseph L. Blackwell, Kenneth Kyle Boles, Mary Bradley, Katrina Marie Breedlove, Donna Lavenia Briscoe, Karen Kaye Brown, Tina Diane Brown, Debbie Lynn Buckner, Judy Louise Buckner, Kyle T. Buckner, Debra Kaye Bumgarner.

Melissa Caldwell, Audrey Melise Cantrell, Marty Allen Cantrell, Robert Kenneth Carmichael, Kevin T. Carter, Pat Carver, Randy Joel Case, Charles Chandler, Chris Andrea Chandler, Paula Dannelte Chandler, Edwin Cheek, Lisa Anne Chesl, Pamela Beth Clark, Timothy Neal Clark, Cline Reagan Coates, Myron Coates, Sonny Lynn Cody, Sybil Ann Cody, Margaret May Cogdill, Jacqueline Rene Cole, Brenda Gail Coward, Kenneth Ray Crowe, William Cline Crowe, Clifford Marvin Cushman Jr., Mark R. Cutshall.

Claudia Annette Davis, Lisa Carnell Davis, Vicky Bailey Davis, Donna Karen Deal, Sandra Lynn Deitz, Randy Dixon, Kathy Jean Dodd, Jeff Duckett, William Hale DuVall, Pamela Ann English, Richard Lynn English, Marjorie Lucille Eiler.

Alexander Robinson Filliss, Jeffrey William Finley, Ethel Lea Fisher, Lisa Ann Fisher, donna Lynne Fleming, Tammy Elise Fluty, Donna Faye Flynn, Dana Ray Fox, Deanna F. Fox, Eric James Fox, Donna Lucille Franklin, Danny Henry Fritsbe.

Jackie R. Gardin, Steven Wayne Garrison, Brenda Lee George, Daren Dwight, Gilbert, Jim Golorth, Larry Dean Goforth, Sandra Rene Griffin, Connie Elaine Genter.

Cynthia Anne Hamby, Tammy Jean Henderson, Bobby Dean Hensley, Pamela Marie Hensley, Erick Herndon, Sharon Renee Hoglan, Matthew Eric Holtfield, Deborah Kaye Holt, Robin



Madison High School 1982 Graduating Class

Vail Hough, Larry Howell, Kent Douglas Hurst, Catherine Hensley Ingram, Brenda Carolyn Davis Johnson, Sandra Lynn Shelton Johnson, Stuart Lynn Jolley, Grady Douglas Justice.

Victoria Lavern Kidd, Timothy John King, Teresa L. Kirkpatrick, Russell Gregory Lambert, Robyn Lacinda Lewis.

Timothy Dale Mace, Lorie Gale Mahy, Gary Arlin Marlor, Mickey Everette Massey, Michael George Maynard, Roger Kent McMathan, Laurie Feltner Melvin, Erick Johnathan Merrill, Marie Annette Messer, Joseph Gerald Metcalf, Earl Scott Moore, Howard Ted Moore, Robert Bryan Murray.

Jessica Suzanne Newton, Crystal Thorpe Norton, Larry Joe Norton, Linda

Renee Norton, Marlious Dale Osborne Jr., Angela Kay Pangle, Cynthia Renee Payrie, Joyce Lynn Payne, Sandra Lou Peterson, David Eugene Phillips, Gary Proffitt, Steve Proffitt.

Conethia Denese Ramsey, Connie Sue Ramsey, Linda Arrington Ray, Tommy Lee Ray, Marla Lynn Reese, Jimmy Revis, Cynthia Rice, Donna Mae Rice, Larretta Lynn Rice, Randy Hugh Rice.

Sandra Gail Rice, Jeffrey Robert Ridie, Deena Catherine Rigby, Donnie Bruce Rigby, Alesia Faye Roberts, Gregory Richard Roberts, Julian Cliff Roberts, Mary Kathryn Taffer Roberts, Ronald Thad Roberts, Susan Ann Roberts, Teresa Kay Roberts, Wanda Golorth Roberts, Randall Wayne Robinson, Tina Carolee Rollins.

Richard Jay Teague, Houston Lee Thomas II, Jon Frederick Thorsen, Cynthia Jane Tomberlin, Alan Russell, Tracie

Shelton, Hugh Eldridge Shelton, Katherine Loretta Shelton, Carol Lynn Sherin, James Michael Sherry, Terry Lynn Shelley, Kellie Jean Smith, Ryan Patrick Smith, Norma Jean Snyder, Gregory Joseph Stanton, Penelope Lou Stanton, Shawn D. Steelman.

Richard Jay Teague, Houston Lee Thomas II, Jon Frederick Thorsen, Cynthia Jane Tomberlin, Alan Russell, Tracie

Louis Tweed, Richard A. Tweed, Danny Gerald Wallin, Jack Donald Wallin Jr., Tammy Lynn Wallin, Ronald Everette Weathers Jr., Lisa Joann White, Phyllis Ann Wild, Robert Christopher Wilde, Timothy Lynn Wilde, Eric R. Gregg Willis, Merita Ann Wilson, Sheila Elaine Wilson, Connie Ruth Woody.

Pool To Open June 4

The Marshall recreation swimming pool will open Friday, June 4 for the summer season, according to Betty Wild, director of pool operations.

The pool will be open from 1 to 7 p.m. seven days per week, Ms. Wild said.

Fees for swimming will be \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children, and \$4 per family on Sundays (family day).

Swimming lessons will be offered shortly after the pool opens. Cost is \$10 per person for both beginners and ad-

vanced lessons. Persons may sign up for lessons by calling Ms. Wild at 649-3070.

The pool and facilities can be rented for \$50 per night. There are special rates for churches and Scouts. Cost of lifeguards will be extra and based on an hourly rate.

The recreation building is available for dances or other activities. Cost of rental is \$75 plus a \$25 cleanup fee. The cleanup fee will be refunded if the building is cleaned by the users.



1st Annual Field Day. See Story and Photos on Page 3.

Dr. Jolley Appointed

Dr. Harley Jolley, professor of history at Mars Hill College and regional author, has been named to the N.C. Highway Historical Marker advisory committee, according to William S. Price, director of the Division of Archives and History of the state's Department of Cultural Resources.

The advisory committee has authority to review and approve applications for historical markers throughout

the state. The highway historical marker program was authorized by the General Assembly in 1935.

Jolley has been a faculty member at Mars Hill since 1949. He has authored numerous articles on history of the mountain region, and his best known book, "The Blue Ridge Parkway," is a history of the construction of the parkway.

12 Oil Leases Granted In County

By NICHOLAS HANCOCK, Editor

As of Friday, 12 applications to explore for oil and natural gas in the Pisgah National Forest in Madison County had been approved by the Bureau of Land Management, an agency of the U.S. Department of Interior.

George Olson, supervisor of the U.S. Forest Service in North Carolina, said a total of 23 applications for explorations had been filed to lease national forest land in the Hot Springs and Shelton Laurel areas of the county.

The 12 approved applications were submitted by Weaver Oil and Gas Corporation of Houston, Texas, who now has leases on 23,265 acres of forest land in the county. Eleven applications for leases on another 24,482 acres are still pending, Olson said.

"And I feel those applications will be acted upon favorably," he said.

The leases granted by the land management office are valid for 10-year periods. Oil companies receive dollar per acre per year to explore the lease, Olson said.

But, the leases are on guaranteed

oil companies will begin drilling, according to Olson. He said the companies have merely leased the land to begin seismic explorations in the mountains for areas which might contain oil or natural gas.

The results of seismic tests will have to be evaluated, and in the event oil or gas is discovered, further evaluations regarding environmental impact will be made with public participation, Olson said.

However, oil company representatives have said they do not expect exploration will begin in Madison or other areas of western North Carolina immediately. One company official has said seismic exploration may not be conducted for six months, possibly two years.

A total of 65 leases had been granted Friday for exploration in western North Carolina public forest lands. The leases cover some 170,000 acres in the Pisgah and North Carolina national forests in Madison, Macon, Transylvania, Yancey, and Swain counties.

In addition to Weaver Oil and Gas Corp., Amoco Production Co. and Atlantic Richfield Oil Co. have been granted several leases by the Bureau of Land Management.

Oil companies began seeking the leases after 1979 when the U.S. Geological Survey announced that the crystalline rock that makes up the Appalachian Mountains was actually overthrust, meaning that the crystalline formations were thrust over sedimentary rock. Oil and natural gas deposits are sometimes found in sedimentary rock formations.

Olson said the oil companies applied to the U.S. Department of Interior which serves as the agency for mineral resources. When forest lands became involved, the U.S. Forest Service had to be consulted, he said.

The U.S. Forest Service held hearings and sampled public opinion before agreeing to allow exploration in the region. Olson said opinions varied, but summed up the public comment as saying: Yes, if there is oil and gas in the area, it should be developed, but very carefully.

Forest Service Plans To Buy Max Patch

By NICHOLAS HANCOCK, Editor

One of Madison County's more scenic natural resources has apparently escaped a developer's bulldozer and will be preserved as part of national forest lands, if all goes as planned by Sept. 19.

The National Forest Service is "working full speed ahead" to purchase 444 acres surrounding Max Patch Mountain located in the western part of the county for inclusion in the Pisgah National Forest, according to George Olson, supervisor of the National Forest Service in North Carolina.

Olson said Friday the Forest Service acquired the option to buy the land on April 19 and that the option is valid until Sept. 19. "Five months is a short time in which to complete a transaction of this kind, but we're working full speed ahead to buy the property," he said.

The Forest Service has negotiated to buy the property, which is adjacent to the present route of the Appalachian Trail, for \$1,275 per acre from James Anders, a developer now living in Columbia, S.C.

Anders presented a proposal to the county planning board earlier this year seeking the board's recommendation regarding developing the Max Patch area into an exclusive residential

resort. The board made no formal recommendation and requested that Anders submit a more detailed proposal at a future date.

Several county residents voiced opposition to developing the mountain at the planning board meeting, including Joe Huff, a Marshall attorney, and Arch Nichols, a spokesman for the Appalachian Trail Conference.

Huff, responding to the Forest Service's decision to pursue purchasing the land, said, "We're tickled to death. It will belong to all the people for all time. It's our outstanding mountain in this county."

Olson said the purchase would be "an outstanding acquisition for the public," and said the Forest Service wants to re-route the Appalachian Trail over the top of the mountain. The trail is currently routed along a dirt road around the base of the mountain.

At \$1,275 per acre, the Forest Service will spend over \$566,000 for the land.

Huff said he thinks the money spent for the land is reasonable considering the natural and scenic value of the mountain.

"I feel it's worth more than that over the life of this republic. I don't object to Anders making money at all, but I did object to seeing outlanders' houses up there," he said.

Six Communities In WNC Contests

A total of 90 organized communities in 17 counties (six in Madison County) and the Cherokee Indian Reservation have entered the 1982 Western North Carolina Community Development contest, according to Morris L. (Mac) McGough, executive vice president of the WNC Development Association, and Mrs. Ruth Gregory of Marshall, area chairman of the program.

The six Madison County communities participating in the improvement and beautification program this year are Greer, Doney, Rice Hill, Rollins Road, Sleepy Valley, Upper Laurel and

Wainut-Brush Creek. Buncombe County leads in the number of entries again this year with 18 communities participating. Henderson County follows with 10 entries and the Cherokee Reservation has nine.

Eighty of the communities have also entered a special beautification competition, Western North Carolina Beautiful. The Sleepy Valley 4-H Club has entered the non-community club division of the WNC Beautiful contest.

Greeter Ivy and Mary Hill have entered the community club division of the Senior Citizens' Awards Program

along with 12 other communities in the 17 county area. The Marshall Senior Citizen Center has entered the non-community division along with 11 other groups in the Senior Citizens' Awards contest.

Now in its 33rd year, the development contest is the nation's oldest, grassroots, self-help community improvement program. The program is sponsored by the 18-county development association in cooperation with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service and other agencies and local sponsors in the various counties.

Special judging and awards will also be provided in the 1982 contest for youth programs and a mobile home improvement and safety contest.

Cash prizes will be awarded to contest winners in the community improvement categories and in local competition within the counties.

Announcement of winners and presentation of awards for the WNC Beautiful Contest will be made at an awards luncheon in September. Winners in the overall contest will be announced at the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Development Association.