

Weaverville Native Stars In Play

Weaverville native Jason-David Edwards has recently completed a four-week run as one of the stars of "Pump Boys and Dinettes," a musical celebration of Southern life. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Edwards of Weaverville, played the role of Jim in the recent production of the Tony-nominated play at Barter Theater, the state theater of Virginia, in Abingdon, Va.

A 1972 graduate of North Buncombe High School and an alumni of Mars Hill College's theater arts department, he joined the case of "Pump

Boys and Dinettes" in 1985 at the American Stage Festival in New Hampshire. He later that year played in the record-breaking production of the play at the Pennsylvania Stage Co.

Edwards has since appeared in major productions of "Pump Boys and Dinettes" across the country, including the San Francisco, Chicago and Cleveland productions.

He also appeared in rock musician Lou Reed's video for the song "Red Joy Stick." Edwards, 33, currently resides in New York City.



Jason David Edwards
...Stars in play

Vocational Group Taps Norris Gentry

Norris Gentry, vocational student services/industry education coordinator at Madison High School, was recently selected vice president/president elect of the Guidance Division of the North Carolina Vocational Association.

The Guidance Division of the NCVA represents more than 1,200 career development and industry education coordinators across North Carolina, and is the North Carolina chapter of

the American Vocational Association. The AVA is the largest national organization representing vocational educators.

Gentry was elected president elect by his fellow educators at the annual vocational summer workshop at Greensboro last week. He has served as secretary of the GOI Division of the NCVA, and is the past president of Madison County NCAE, and is currently treasurer of the Madison County NCAE.



Norris Gentry
...President-elect

Town Employees Attend Water Seminar

Three municipal employees from Madison County were among a group of town employees who recently attended a state conference on water works operation.

L. Roger Swan and Melanie Willis of Mars Hill and Linda Dodson of Marshall attended the 48th Annual Water Works Operator's School, held

July 27-31 at the Jane S. McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

This school is conducted by the North Carolina Water Works Operators Association and the Division of Lifelong Education of North Carolina State University.

The purpose of this school is to provide instruction on the fundamentals

of water treatment as well as to present the latest developments in water treatment and water supply regulations.

At the completion of this school, a written examination was given for certification as a water treatment facility operator in accordance with North Carolina Statutes.



John L. Chandler
...to fill vacancy

EMC Picks Chandler

John L. Chandler of Mars Hill has been elected to fill a vacancy on the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors that was created by the death of Novile C. Hawkins.

This action was taken at the regular July Board of Directors meeting.

Chandler is owner and operator of

Chandler's Gulf in Mars Hill. He is a member of the Mars Hill Board of Aldermen and serves as vice mayor. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Mars Hill Community Center.

Chandler has previously served on the Nominating Committee as well as the Credentials and Election Committee for French Broad EMC.

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