

School News



Helpful instruction
James D. Chason, 16, of Lumber Bridge (center) and other participants in the U.S. Teen Safe Driving Championship get a few helpful tips from an Illinois State Trooper. Chason, along with 37 other state winners participated in the three day test and came away tied for sixth place. Chason, who was chosen for his driving skill by Driving instructor Howard Barkley, is a sophomore at Hoke High. The National finals of the Amvets-Dodge Driver Excellence Program was held May 15 in Chicago.

Chason Finishes Sixth In National Competition

James Darrin Chason, sophomore at Hoke County High School, tied for sixth place in the Driver Excellence competition in Chicago, Illinois on May 16. He was accompanied by his Drivers Education instructor, Howard Barkley.

As a finalist, he received a plaque, a windbreaker and an exclusively designed watch.

Operation Driver Excellence was established by AMVETS, a 200,000 member national veterans organization, and the Dodge Division of Chrysler Corporation to serve as a positive response to the ever-present problem of traffic accidents and fatalities on America's roads and highways.

The goal of Operation Driver Excellence is to train teenagers through competition to be this nation's superior drivers.

The three-day finals covered four phases of safe driving. A comprehensive written exam Saturday evaluated knowledge of motoring laws and theory.

The driving portions were supervised on Sunday by members of the Illinois State Police. A trooper accompanied each contestant during the competition's second phase, over-the-road driving on prescribed course.

Kevin Markham Makes UNC-W Dean's List

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington today announced the names of students who qualified for the dean's list for spring semester 1983.

To qualify for academic distinction at UNCW, students carrying 12 to 14 hours must earn a quality point average of 3.5 or better with no grade lower than a B. Students carrying 15 or more hours must earn a 3.2 average with no grade less than B.

Students on the dean's list include Kevin Wayne Markham of Raeford.

Graham Finishes Mechanic Course

Pvt. Tommy A. Graham, son of Robert L. and Mary G. Jones of 1004 N. Jackson St., Raeford, has completed a tracked-vehicle mechanic course at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

During the course, students were trained to repair engines, transmissions, and the fuel, electrical and air hydraulic systems of the Army's tracked-vehicles. They also learned to perform recovery operations for abandoned, damaged, disabled or mired vehicles.

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

Hoke Highlights

by Teresa Taylor

On Friday of last week, the Spanish Club took a trip to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia. Seventy-three members participated in the trip. Chaperones were Ms. Vicki Wiles, advisor of the Spanish Club, Ms. Faye Davis and George Drawhorne.

The group left Raeford at 3:30 a.m. Saturday and returned at 2 p.m. Sunday.

A good time was had by all who participated.

The seniors will attend their final day of high school on Friday of this week.

Seniors are exempt from final exams under the condition that they have successfully completed the requirements for graduation.

However, those unfortunate few who must take a final exam will do so at the beginning of next week.

Graduation will be held on June 10 at 8 p.m. in the Hoke High Stadium.

Marshalls are as follows: Marilyn Blake, Leigh Brock, Wanda Chason, Leslie Foster, Donna Oxendine, Rodney Powell, Andrea Shaw, Kim Smith - Chief, John Ward, Ruth Wheeler, Lisa Williams and Lisa Upchurch.

The senior dinner will be held on Tuesday of next week.



Not just clowning around

The Hoke High Chorus and Chorale under the direction of Anne Dorsey performed before a packed audience May 19. "A Night Under the Big Top" which encompasses the life of P.T. Barnum featured solos by Kent Locklear, Caroline Ansley, Adriene Kemp, Tammie Hendrix and Bobby Carter. The climax of the evening came when senior members of the chorale honored Dorsey with a surprise gift and a song.

Dyeing Plant Recognized For Safety

The Burlington Industries, Inc. Menswear Division Dyeing Plant has been recognized by the National Safety Council for its exemplary on-the-job safety performance for 1982.

The National Safety Council selected the Dyeing Plant for a second place award in its Textile Section Finishing Plants Division.

This annual on-the-job safety contest is based on the lowest incidence rates achieved by National Safety Council member organizations during 1982.

The Dyeing Plant qualified for its safety award based on having zero cases involving days away from work during 1982 and a zero incidence rate per 200,000

employee hours worked. For comparison, the average rate for all competing units in this contest category is 0.52 cases involving days away from work per 200,000 employee hours.

The award was accepted on behalf of Dyeing Plant employees by Bob Garren, Personnel Manager.

Penalty points were assessed according to how each youngster handled typical traffic and open road situations on city streets, expressways and two-lane highways. Failure to use safety equipment, such as seat belts, door locks, brakes and mirrors also cost penalty points.

The third phase used a special closed course set up on a parking lot at Soldier's Field to measure the teenagers' ability to handle a car in routine maneuvers and in tests such as keeping the wheels on the passenger side of the car between two parallel lines of balls to gauge the driver's depth perception.

The final phase simulated traffic hazards. An emergency stop was created by firing a chalk pellet from a device mounted on the front bumper of a test car traveling a narrow corridor between two rows of pylons.

The discharge sound signaled drivers to apply the brakes. Best score was for controlled stopping within the shortest distance with the fewest pylons disturbed.

An evasive maneuver forced students to react quickly when coming to a fork in a pylon-lined roadway. Overhead traffic lights signaled a last-second lane selection. Disturbed pylons cost penalty points.

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