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James honored

By Sally Jamir
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Friends, family and former students of former Hoke High Band Director Jimmy James gathered by the hundreds Saturday evening to "roast" and honor him at Hoke High School.

Several old friends and well-known members of the community were on the program to honor the man who Master of Ceremonies and former school superintendent Raz Autry called the "father of the Hoke High band."

Family and guests were recognized and then a series of speakers gave brief presentations beginning with Jimmy Plummer who said that James, who was band director for over 20 years, had brought the band from "rags to riches."

Plummer thanked James for coming to Hoke County and said, "we've been close friends, you've helped all our children. We think the world of you and God bless you."

A poem written by Barbara Plummer Johnson reads: For thirty-plus years, you continued to inspire communities of people in a "spirit of fire." We can never repay you for all you've done. Many lives have been changed and many hearts have been won.

Former principal Earl Oxendine remembered James as the delegate sent by the schools system to break the ground for many desegregation actions, saying that if students of the black and Indian races could accept James, they could accept anyone.

"We stood tall and were proud of the Hoke High School band performing under the direction of Jimmy James," Oxendine said.

Sam Morris reminisced fondly about incidents in their lives involving children in the band as well as their political involvements.

"It's been real good to have you here and to see what you've done," Morris said to James. "I've seen the band before and after. Thank you."

Former student Delaine Peckham McDonald said that James "helped to raise many of us" which she said was a "dirty job" and displayed before the audience what she called a BDK or Band Director Kit; a toilet bowl brush.

McDonald said this item was for taking care of "irate parents and the shananigans of kids."

She then introduced the important band document, a "Manual to Musical Literature." The Manual includes such items as "barmudas" which McDonald defined as "those things you wear on the bottom of the torso on hot afternoons" for band practice.

Another item in the manual, she said, was a "brazzar," something not to be confused with an article of women's clothing but instead something the music booster club would hold at Christmastime.

McDonald held up the word "Major" and said that it had two meanings: "follow the major into the field of competition" and the musical reference "major number 2."

She then presented James with a banner on which the words "Band Leader" were printed and said, "You will always truly be the leader of the band to us and we love you."

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Appreciation Day

Former Hoke High School band leader Jimmy James smiles as he looks out at the crowd of over 500 people who attended a banquet in James' honor Saturday

night. James told the crowd that he was overwhelmed by the show of appreciation by his friends. The banquet was held at Hoke County High School.

Two sites in Hoke County considered for waste plant

Two state-owned tracts of land in Hoke County are being considered as potential sites for a proposed hazardous waste treatment plant, according to a letter received by County Manager William Cowan from the N.C. Hazardous Waste Treatment Commission.

The sites are 1,741 acres on the McCain Farm Unit on State Roads 1229 and 1219, just off of High-

way 211; and 228 acres at Sandhills Youth Center on State Road 1219, also just off of Highway 211. The McCain site is owned by The Department of Administration and the Sandhills site by The Department of Correction.

The tracts of land are two of the 139 sites in 42 counties across the state that have been listed as possible locations for the proposed \$20

million plant. When completed, the treatment plant would use chemical processes or incineration to render the waste essentially harmless. Residues from the waste would be shipped to an approved landfill at another location. The waste to be treated would be generated in North Carolina.

North Carolina Hazardous (See SITES, page 11)

Winter storm helps plants

Although frigid temperatures and snow flurries closed schools, made travel difficult and kept most county residents inside this week, one of Hoke County's weatherwatchers said the cold weather has actually helped some plants.

Volunteer weatherman Virgil Murphy said Monday that he doesn't like to see the cold weather, but that the county's fruit trees and ornamental plants may need it.

Murphy, who produces hay and cattle and grows fruit and vegetables, said the buds of these plants had been swelling, showing signs of blooming.

"It's been a little too warm lately," Murphy said. "The cold is needed to put the buds back for awhile."

Murphy said the cold weather would help keep the buds from starting to bloom.

Murphy records the high and low temperatures each day as well as the amount of moisture in precipitation.

He reported there was very little moisture in the snowfalls on Fri-



Snowy Monday

Snow covers the Aberdeen-Rockfish railroad tracks early Monday morning. Although the amount of the white stuff was enough to close schools, many residents wished for more accumulation.

day and Monday, January 23 and 26.

The moisture he recorded on Thursday, January 22, was almost two inches of rain. Friday brought six one-hundredths of an inch of moisture in the snowfall.

Murphy said Sunday there was 24 one-hundredths of an inch of rain. Monday, there was five-one hundredths of an inch of moisture in the snowfall.

Friday's high and low temper-

atures were 38 and 32 degrees fahrenheit, on Saturday, 54 and 22; Sunday, 48 and 37; Monday, 30 (at 1 p.m.) and 26.

On Monday, schools were closed because of the snowy conditions and icy roads. The make-up day for it will be Friday.

Road conditions also caused accidents Monday morning which blocked roads for two and one-half hours, according to the state highway patrol.

Vehicles collide in icy morning accident

Two commercial Mack trucks and a passenger vehicle were involved in an early-morning accident on Highway U.S. 401, Monday, according to State Highway Patrol records.

Records say the incident began at 4:30 a.m. when Jerome Edward King, Route 2, Laurel Hill, driving a 1977 Mack truck and traveling southwest on U.S. 401 So., four miles North of Wagram, skidded on the ice off the right side of the road. His truck then jackknifed.

The report, filed by Trooper Weston, said the jackknifing action caused \$2,000 to the tractor and trailer of the truck.

King, 32, who was charged with Driving While Impaired, was not injured.

Another driver, John Nelson Malloy, Route 1, Laurinburg, had been following King in a 1980

Mack truck as both men work for the same trucking company, Carr Transport Inc. of Lumberton.

Records say Malloy, 33, was stopped in the southwest lane facing the northeast on U.S. 401 in order to assist King.

Another driver, Andy Robert Palma, Route 1, Parkton, driving a 1986 Mack Truck, was traveling southwest on 401, came over the crest of the hill and went into a skid.

According to records, Palma's trailer struck the right front side of Malloy's truck. Palma's trailer then struck the left rear quarter of another vehicle, a 1984 Pontiac, driven by Otha Laphon Glover, Elmore Trailer Park, Laurinburg.

Records say Glover, 36, had been attempting to leave the road, after observing the King vehicle,

when he was hit. Afterward, Palma skidded off the road to the right and into a ditch bank.

There were no injuries in the accident. The 1980 Mack truck received \$6,000 worth of damage, and the Pontiac received \$300 worth of damage.

Palma, 29, drove a 1986 Mack truck owned by Ryder Truck Rental of Fayetteville. The vehicle received \$10,000 worth of damage.

Weston said no additional charges were made since it was a civil matter and there were no witnesses other than those in the accident.

According to Weston, both King and Malloy were driving gas tankers and Palma was driving a flatbed hauling steel.

Weston said the road was blocked for two and one-half hours.

Manning elected president of Turkey Festival board

Evelyn Manning was elected president of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Turkey Festival when the members met on Monday. Manning, who served as chairman in 1986, accepted the office as the board grappled with restructuring the responsibilities of board members and preparing for the growth of the Festival organization.

Other Board members who were elected to leadership slots were: Elizabeth Burgess, Mary Archie McNeill, Kay Thomas, Marvin Lynne Maxwell, Teresa Marion,

Eloise Carter, Leland Strother, Jim Knott and John Howard.

In other business, the board saw a final treasurer's report from 1986 and adopted a budget for 1987 projected from last year's expenditures.

The board also nominated several new members. The resignation of Jeannie Smith was accepted with regret.

The Third Annual North Carolina Turkey Festival planning is now underway. Its goals will be enhancing the image of the Raeford/Hoke community, em-

phasizing the importance of the turkey industry in our community and the state, and providing cultural and economic opportunities for Hoke people and our guests.

The festival had its beginnings in the annual Arts Festivals of the Hoke School System. In 1984 the schools' festival operated as the Hoke Heritage Hobnob. The North Carolina Turkey Festival was established in 1985 and is now recognized beyond our state boundaries as an important industry-related festival.

Local man arrested on cocaine charges

A Hoke County man was arrested on Saturday by county law enforcement authorities and charged with possession of cocaine, according to a Sheriff's Department spokesman.

Verzell Jacobs, 39, Route 1, Box 177, Red Springs, was arrested at his home, January 24, and charged with possession of cocaine with in-

tent to sell and deliver, and felony possession of drug paraphernalia.

The arrest was made as a result of information obtained from a confidential source by Detectives Weaver Patterson and J.R. Riley.

According to records, a warrant was obtained in order to conduct a search of Jacobs' dwelling. The detectives and Deputies D. Brewer,

J. Goza and D. Hardin along with D. Monroe of the State Highway Patrol searched Jacobs' home.

The authorities arrived at Jacobs' residence at 10:45 a.m. and searched the house as well as outbuildings, a Ford pick-up truck and a Ford Granada.

Records say the search turned up (See AUTHORITIES, page 11)



Postmaster leaves Raeford

Former Raeford Postmaster Joe Carver, right, accepts a plaque of appreciation from City Carrier Burnis McLaughlin. Carver has taken a position with the Custom Services Department of the Postal Service in Fayetteville. Greg Rhiner is acting as officer-in-charge until a new postmaster is appointed.

Around Town

By Sam Morris

The small snow that came last Wednesday night was followed by another small snow Sunday night. After the rain Sunday afternoon the roads froze and the light snow later made driving hazardous. Schools were closed Monday for the first time this year. The temperature didn't get much above 30 degrees on Monday. The sun did come out for a short time and the roads were about clear by noon.

The forecast is for clear weather for the remainder of the week and for the temperature to get up to about 50 degrees by Thursday.

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