

LOCAL

Look Who's Forty



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Bethlehem Fire Department Chief Jeff Cloninger, right, congratulates firefighter of the year John McDaniel. Jeffery Scott Dixon was also named firefighter of the year. He was not able to attend the annual dinner Saturday.

Bethlehem VFD notes anniversary

Bethlehem Fire Department celebrated its 40th anniversary Saturday night with a dinner and Christmas program.

Honored guests included the original board of directors members Bill Babb, Sidney Dixon, Dwight Ledbetter, Fred Tate and John Tria.

John McDaniel and Jeffery Scott Dixon were named 2004 firefighters of the year.

The department received 287 calls totalling 831,448 hours.

Dixon, McDaniel, Mason Dixon and Todd Hullender were recognized for achieving either fire fighter I or fire fighter II certification. Eight members of the department are now certified. Six of the members are EMTs and one is on the Hazmat team.

The 21-member department put in 1,989 hours of training this year.

"They're not getting paid. This is something they are doing on their own," Hullender said.

Members talked about the department's first trucks, a three-quarter ton weapons carrier and a 6x6 troop carrier. The department purchased its first real fire truck, a 1933 LaFrance, from the Kings Mountain Fire Department for \$1.

"We had a humble beginning. We had fun. We depended on each other like you do now," said former chief Fred Tate.

The current chief is Jeff Cloninger; assistant chief Daryl Philbeck; training officer, Todd Hullender; captains, Randy Lail and John McDaniel; lieutenants, Mike Jenkins, Mark Butler, David McDaniel and Eric Roper; treasurer, Doug Sutton and assistant treasurer, John McDaniel.

Other members include Randy Conner, Marty Lockridge, Bob Hullender, Jessie Saucier, Scott Hawkins, Ryan Pennington, Dennis Morrow, Chip Parker, Mason Dixon, David Ayscue, Jeff S. Dixon, Avery Turbyfill and Mark Butler.

Reserve firefighters include Larry McDaniel, Jeff A. Dixon, Keith Dixon, Junior Sellers, Harold Farris and Willard Yarborough Jr.

Chaplain Bob Hullender and Guyann Hullender organized the dinner which was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Other original board of director members include Andrew Brown, Boyd Howell, Jerry Morris, David Smith and James Spake. Deceased board members include Charles E. Blalock, Herman Blalock, Jake Crocker, Marion Dixon, Paul Lancaster, Floyd McDaniel, Hal Morris, Charles Spearman, Jim Yarbro and David Wise.

Some of the other honored guests included Cleveland County Fire



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Bethlehem Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary past presidents include Betty Benton, left, Frances Lail, Colleen Tate, Flora Lee Yarbro and Gladys Ledbetter.



Some of Bethlehem Fire Department's original board members attended a 40th anniversary celebration Saturday night including John Tria, left, Dwight Ledbetter, Fred Tate, Bill Babb and Sidney Dixon.

Marshall Dewey Cook, Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns, Sheriff Raymond Hamrick and Highway Patrol Sgt. David Allen.

Past auxiliary presidents attending were Betty Benton, Frances Lail, Colleen Tate, Flora Lee Yarbro and Gladys Ledbetter.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Conley 'caught' being good citizen

Stevenson Conley, a 10th grade student at Kings Mountain High School, was "Caught in the Act" of showing the November character trait of good citizenship at Kings Mountain High School.

Conley was nominated by English teacher Conrad Martin for picking up money unknowingly dropped in the hallway by another student and returning it to them. Conley did this at the risk of being tardy to class.

Tracey Walker, an 11th grade student, was runner-up for the award. She was nominated by Mrs. Jamey Croft, her Algebra II teacher, for staying after during lunch to pick up books off the floor so custodians could sweep the classroom.

Other KMHS students nominated during the month of November were Aldric Whitesides, Charles Christenbury, Keshia Womic, Jennifer Baxley and TJ Summitt.

The character trait for December is "Service to Others."

Chorus/art program at KM Intermediate

The PTO of Kings Mountain Intermediate School will host a program on Monday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium.

After a brief program by the PTO officers, the chorus

will present a musical program. Students' art work will be on display.

For more information call KMIS at 734-5658.

Many scholarships available at KMHS

There are many scholarship opportunities for 9th-12th grade students at Kings Mountain High School. Access specific and up-to-date information at the KMHS guidance web site www.schoolnotes.com/28086/bell.html.

Seniors receive a hard copy of all scholarship announcements during home room every second and fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or questions, call Leigh Bell at 734-5647 ext. 16.

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