

# Mazeppa Community News

By MRS. AVERY SLOP

—Triplet Church honored their young people Sunday morning for the work they have done in the church the past year. In appreciation for 1003, the church presented them a check for \$500 to U.M.Y.F. received an appreciation certificate. Receiving these were: Missy Davis and Susan and Seth Overcash, Counselors and members Darren and Dana Davis, Jennifer Thompson, Sara and Susan Brawley, Jennifer Robinson, Lisa Edwards, Cindy Slopp, Josh Sherrill, Ben Waddington, Eric Harrison, Kim Cline, Donna Miles, Robbie Johnston, Steve Martin and Ricky Tolbert.

—Eric Harrison will receive the Eagle Scout Award this Sunday morning. The award is given to the young person who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to the community.

—Joan Belk of N.Y. spent the Thanksgiving Holidays with her parents, Pete and Betty Belk, in the Mazeppa community.

—The Robert Oliphants had as their guests during the Thanksgiving Holidays, Lena Jenkins and children Lee, Paula and Pam of Houston and Nan Jones and grandchildren Jennifer, Melanie, and Jessica of Ashboro.

—The Boy Scouts honored their parents Monday night at a Tin Foil Supper. The menu consisted of cake filled orange halves, baked apples, hamburger with vegetables, popcorn and cakes in Bamboo cups made by James and Eric Harrison.

—Eric Harrison was honored by his parents for his thirteenth birthday on Nov. 20. Refreshments of sausage balls, cake, potato chips, pickles and cakes were served to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oliphant of Lake Norman and Mr. and Mrs. David Harrison of Mt. Mourne. Also Ken, Norma Jean and Kim Cline, Judy Reid, Nell Whitman and Loretta Hager, of Shelbyville, Kathy and Danny Williams and children Danny Jr., Debbie and Christy.

## Sacrifices Pay Off For All-FAC Football Players

All season long, football players within the Foothills Athletic Conference sacrificed themselves for the sake of their team.

Now comes the time for those efforts to be rewarded. The awarding comes in the form of an all-conference acknowledgment, which the FAC made official as of late last week. The announcement of the 1987 All-FAC football team was released from the office of Bob Boyles, who has served as the league's athletic commissioner since the seven-member 3A circuit was formed three years ago.

While the tabulating of the votes was handled by the commissioner, the votes themselves were cast during a regularly planned meeting at South Iredell High School, a charter member of the FAC which this year is serving as the conference headquarters.

For the most part, the results of that voting were as expected, with the members of the FAC which this year is serving as the conference headquarters. In addition to two-time Harris, others making the all-conference defensive team include: Linebacker Brandon Walker of North Iredell, Mack Jones of Wilkes Central, and Joe Young of North Surry.

Defensive backs Sherman Boles of Wilkes Central, Derek Mintz of Statesville, Tim Keaton of North Iredell, and Eddie Oakley of North Surry.

Linebackers Redmond and Brent Gailher of North Iredell, and Mike Freeman of Wilkes Central. Ends Elliott Turner of North Iredell and Steve Slane of Wilkes Central.

All-FAC offensive players are: Linebacker Ashton Loyd of North Iredell, David Brinkley of North Surry, Mike Gentle of West Iredell, Steve Osborne of Statesville, and Brandon German of Wilkes Central.

Running backs Redmond and Michael Keaton of North Iredell, and Toji Carlton of Wilkes Central. Ends Chris Love of North Iredell, Tim Eldridge of North Surry, and Kevin Neal of West Iredell.

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Over at South Iredell, the Vikings also enjoyed their finest season ever, matching the school record in the number of wins, with eight, and making their first-ever journey into postseason play.

However, their season wasn't rewarded in quite the manner as that of North Iredell, with only a pair of Vikings earning all-conference status.

"I really thought we'd have more than just two," noted Bill Mayhew, still totaling around memories of a most unforgettable season. "When you realize that one of those made it as a specialist, that means that we

had only one player out of the top 22 in the league. Considering the kind of year we had, that's hard to believe."

The pair bringing all-FAC rights to the South Iredell campus are seniors Chuck Harris, as a defensive lineman, and Gerald Childress, one of three players selected as an all-league punter.

It is the first such all-conference honor for Childress, while Harris was one of three Vikings to earn the nod last year.

Ironically, the Vikings were better represented last year, when they missed out on the playoffs, than they did during this history-making season.

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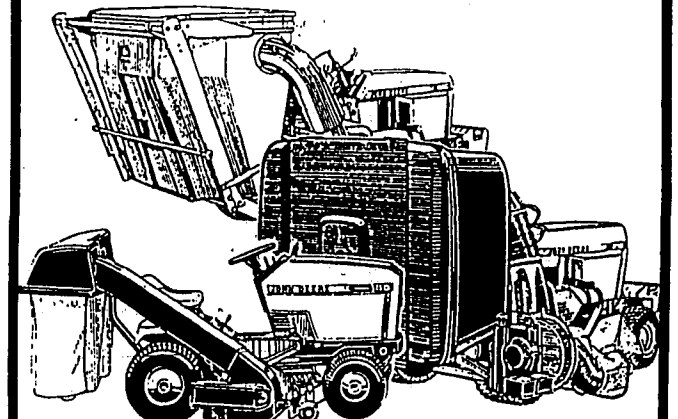
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Two Time All-FAC Vike Harris, Left, And Childress

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## SD-7 Acknowledges All-Conference Performers

Throughout the season, it was the teams that hogged the headlines and types. But now, with football having finally drawn to a close within the Southern District VII Conference, it's time to acknowledge the players behind the headlines.

And, not surprisingly, it's those most successful teams who harbor the most number of identifiable faces.

With its defeat Saturday night, Bunker Hill became the last of the three SD-7 teams — the others being regular-season champion Newton-Conover and third-place finisher Maiden — earning postseason berths to be eliminated from the playoff picture.

As a result, the all-conference roster, finalized during the week after the regular season drew to a close but kept under wraps until all teams were completely through with their seasons, becomes official with its release today (Wednesday) from Mooreville Senior High, the third-year league member.

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Besmer City is not represented on either first team all-conference squad.

Again in keeping with a long-standing league tradition, no single player is singled out more than any other, with placement on the all-conference team being based on the number of votes each player receives from the head coaches of the eight league teams.

However, via similar selection from his peers, Bunker Hill mentor Randy Faucette has been tabbed as the league's Coach of the Year.

Faucette allowed his Bears to play in the shadow of both Newton-Conover and Maiden, teams that collected the bulk of the season's attention, before guiding them to a second-place finish and into the quarterfinal round of the state high school playoffs.

Bunker Hill's season then came to a shoddy halt Saturday following a 37-0 loss to Mt. Airy.

Maiden, touted as the team to beat during pre-season, wound up third and was ousted in the playoffs' first round, while Newton-Conover, which was once listed as high as second in the state's 2A Associated Press poll, was eliminated in the second round.

Though its season wasn't nearly as successful as the league's top three, Mooreville did manage to field a pair of all-conference performers, one of them making an encore appearance after earning initial all-league honors as a junior last season.

Blue Devil defensive back Tod Alexander, a senior, is one of the players making a return visit to the all-conference team. He was named as one of the four all-conference defensive backs, and the only one among that quartet to make a repeat showing.

Joining his teammate as an all-conference performer is junior Andy Phillips, a two-way player better known throughout the league as a linebacker, where he joins five other all-conference defensive linemen from around the circuit, rather than a fullback. It is Phillips' first assignment as an all-SD-7 player.

Others earning all-conference defensive team status include: Linebacker Ed Fisher from Bandy; Alex Abernathy of Maiden; Mark Beach and Tracy Coulter of Newton-Conover; and Jason Watson of Bunker Hill.

Linebacker Terrence Powell of Alexander's former team, West Lincoln, is another player making a return visit to the all-conference team. He is currently not a member of, but also holds offices in, a pair of local running clubs.

He is the founder of the Mooreville Running Club, which is now called the Mooreville Lake Norman Shin Splinters, and he is also serving as an officer for the Statesville Road Runners Club.

When not busy covering the road running courses throughout North and South Carolina, where he spends a great deal of his spare time, Stultz works in Hickory as a chemist, laboratory manager, and assistant technical director of TSG Inc.

He also remains very much a presence in the Mooreville community, as he is presently serving as the president-elect of the Mooreville Civic Club. He is also a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Stultz is a 1978 graduate of Mooreville Senior High, and 1982 graduate of UNCC. While attending both schools, he performed well enough in running track and cross country to earn letters in both sports.

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Devils' Alexander, Left, Phillips With Patches

defensive back and receiver, and Rodney Wilson, a two-way lineman, are among those just lacking enough votes to warrant an all-SD-7 status.

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## Odd Couple Turns In Top Bowling Act

Last week, it paid to be Odd. As in a member of the Friday Night Odd Couples bowling league, that is, which housed both the top male and female top-gamers during winter league line action last week.

Odd Couple members Gene Ruhl and Rhonda Robinette topped the men and women, respectively, in game outs last week, the former doing so with a 236 10-frame total and the latter coming through on the same night with a high game of 225 for the ladies.

It marked the first time this year that the week's high rollers for both genders hailed from the same league.

Of the two, Robinette wound up as a double-winner within her own league, as she used her week-high game to finish with a three-game total of 582, also tops for the ladies in the league. Leroy Richs fashioned a set total of 588 to lead the men.

Among teams Friday night, Striking Room Only, headed by Jerry Rogers of Maiden, and Craig Sherrill of Bunker Hill.

And defensive backs Ryan Shuford and Gary Robinson of N-C; and Tyrone McDaniels of Bunker Hill.

Of those picked, three have also been named to the first-team of defense. They are Brad Fisher, named as a receiver; Bunker Hill's Watson, named also as an offensive lineman; and Newton-Conover's Coulter, also named as a receiver.

Other all-conference offensive players are: Linebacker Alken of Bunker Hill; Brad Poovey and Mike Tibbs of Maiden; and Michael Stevens, Kent Couch, and Nathan Brown of N-C; Receiver Brad Killian of N-C; Backs Paul James of Bunker Hill; Robby Holloway and Derrick Ikard of Maiden; Tim Wilhrell of Newton-Conover; Doran Catehays of Bandy; and Heath Bryon of Cherryville.

And as the all-conference specialist, N-C's Beach, the one who's also an all-conference defensive lineman, was selected. Among the 16 players receiving honorable mention nods, two hail from Mooreville.

Seniors John Alexander, a

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