

School News

Upchurch MATHCOUNTS heads to state competition

An Upchurch Junior High team is headed for state competition in MATHCOUNTS, an accelerated coaching program with a series of competitions combined to produce high levels of math achievement in junior high students across the country.

The National MATHCOUNTS Program is a cooperative project of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the CNA Insurance Companies, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the United States Department of Education.

In September students were invited to participate. 20 students began working on a series of worksheets called Skill Drills and Power Drills. Along with 300 math problems, they were responsible for 200 detailed vocabulary words and definitions and a lengthy list of geometric formulas. Probability

was the special topic chosen for emphasis this year.

In February the initial team was chosen. Donna Brock, Robert Locklear, Jennifer Brock, and Alex Garnes were chosen as team members with Kendra Dockery and Kim Colston as alternates. On March 2 the team went to Chapter Competition in Fayetteville, 41 schools from 11 counties were represented. The students went through a Written Round (40 questions in 40 minutes), a Team Round (10 questions in 20 minutes) and an Individual Round (10 questions in 20 minutes).

After these three rounds the Upchurch team had placed third in the overall competition.

The team is now headed to Raleigh on April 20 for state competition where they will meet the other 23 top schools in the state.

These students have given up much of their free time all year to prepare for this series of tests.



Solo-Ensemble winners

These Upchurch Junior High School Band members made a great showing at the North Carolina Solo-Ensemble Contest held March 16 at Pembroke State University. The six groups captured a total of three Superior and three Excellent ratings at the festival. Those receiving Superior ratings were: (Top) Percussion Trio (Kevin Booker, Damon Dockery, Chad Hodgkin), Trumpet Duet (Nissa Willis, Derrick Davis), and Clarinet Solo (Stacy Silvia and accompanist Dayne Bundy not pictured). Excellent ratings were earned by (Bottom): Clarinet Trio (Dawn Brock, Tanya Baker, Melissa Brock), Trumpet Trio (Jeff Melvin, Teicher Patterson, Greg McLeod), and Flute Trio (Lorie Smith, Kate Waldo, Julie Morris). Much activity period time, as well as many after-school hours, were spent in preparation for this event. The Upchurch Bands are under the Direction of Mr. Gil Clark.

Turlington students rock out on Saturday

On Saturday, March 23rd, the J.W. Turlington School Chorus and Ensemble will hold a "Rock-a-thon" from 9 a.m. until noon in the parking lot of Edinborough Shopping Center.

The students will rock continuously in every size and shape of rocking chair imaginable in an effort to raise money which will be used to go on their planned spring trips to Raleigh and Winston

Salem. The students will be going around the community beforehand, gathering pledges, and everyone is encouraged to make a donation.

In case of rain, the students will "rock" in the J.W. Turlington gym.

Everyone is invited to come out and join in supporting those fine young people on Saturday.

Twelve local students honored at Sandhills

Twelve students from Raeford have been named to the Dean's List at Sandhills Community College for the Winter Quarter.

The students are: Randall C. Barefoot, Laura C. Barrington, Pamela A. Carter, Lou V.

Chambers, Linda L. Daniel, Stephen C. Ellis, Linda E. Hendrix, Mary A. Huff, Jennifer L.

Manning, Christy A. Nichols, Melody H. Walters, and Cynthia J. Wilson-Banks.

Brock in 'HMS Pinafore'

Raeford resident Leigh Brock, a Peace College freshman, is a member of the chorus in Peace College's spring theatre production, "H.M.S. Pinafore" opening Wednesday, March 27.

Miss Brock is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie S. Brock Jr. of 103 S. Magnolia St. She is a 1984 graduate of Hoke County High School.

The Gilbert and Sullivan operetta is a comic spoof of love and class pride that takes place on the deck of the British Royal Navy's "Her Majesty's Ship Pinafore."

Performances will be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

and Sunday, March 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31. The March 27-30 shows begin at 8 p.m. in Peace College's Music Recital Hall on the Peace campus. The Sunday, March 31, show is at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for general admission and \$3 for area students and senior citizens.

Peace, a two-year college for women, offers associate degrees in liberal arts, music and business.

It's smart to wash your pet dog or cat's feet after taking it for a walk on salted sidewalks. Salt and other snow melting chemicals can poison your pet if it licks them off its feet. The salt can also burn the animals skin.

DECA students receive state honors last week

Three members of the Hoke County High School DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) club attended the State Career Development Conference in Asheville, March 14-16.

Those attending were Marie Blue, Dede McLean and Tuwanda Quick.

The students competed with over 1,400 other DECA students from across the state.

Marie and Tuwanda received certificates in a Marketing Math competition.

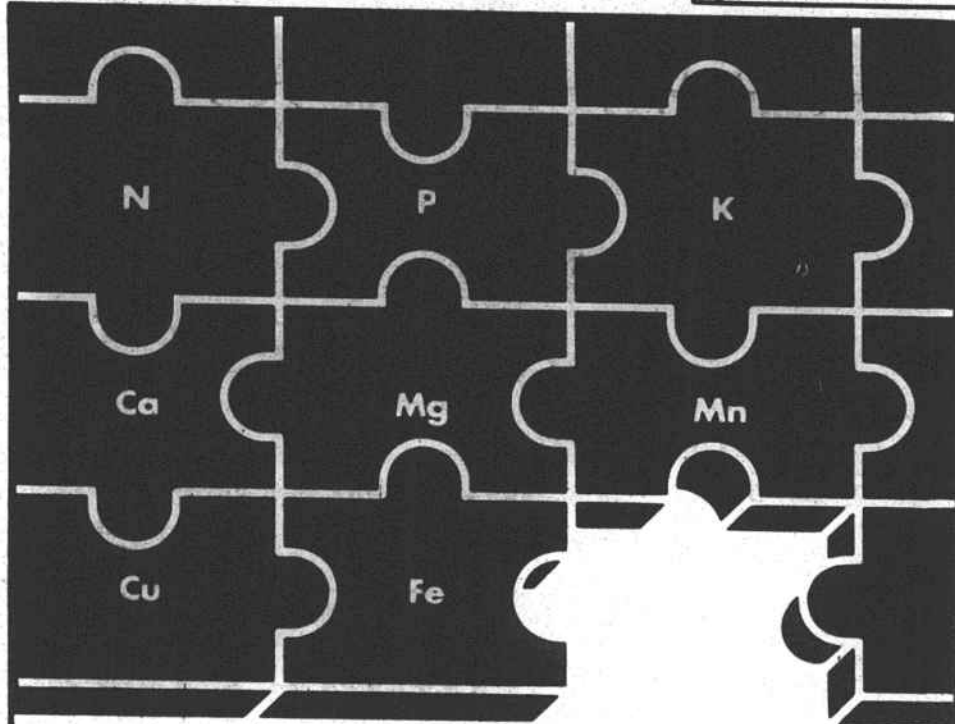
Tuwanda also received a certificate for her written test in the

General Merchandising competition.

Those qualifying will then go on to the National Career Development Conference in San Francisco, CA in May.

The DECA advisor is Mrs. Martha Fraize.

Although the anteater is officially designated as a mammal, it seems to be part bird, mammal and reptile. The beast, classified in 1884 as a mammal, has a long, skinny beak like a bird, lays eggs like a snake and has a pouch like a kangaroo. It also eats dirt.



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