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Optimist Orators

West Brunswick students Erica Cumbee and Chad Smith are winners of the N.C. East District Optimist Clubs Zone Oratorical Contest held April 14 in Whiteville. They are pictured with Sara Estep, chairperson (left) and Joe Gore, club president (right). Smith finished the boys competition in second place. Cumbee was female winner and will advance to district competition in Fayetteville. She will give an oral presentation on the topic "Optimism: The Right Stuff." The district boy and girl winners each will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Cumbee will represent the South Brunswick Islands Optimist Club.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Keill To Attend Governor's School

Melinda "Mindy" Keill of Shallotte, a student at West Brunswick High School, is one of four Brunswick County high school juniors chosen to attend Governor's School.



KEILL

Keill will study June 26-Aug. 6 at Governor's School West, held on the campus of Salem College in Winston-Salem. Her academic focus will be on the natural sciences.

"I like ecology and marine biology, science in general I love," said Keill.

She is the daughter of Judy and Doug Keill of Briarwood Estates, Shallotte. At West Brunswick, Keill is a member of the Art Club and the National Honor Society and is involved with the NHS Prom Promise '94 project. Last year she studied ecology during Summer Ventures, a program at East Carolina University for gifted and talented students, and recently she participated in a Youth Legislative Assembly.

The Governor's Schools of North Carolina is the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically gifted high school students in the United States. It is held on two campuses. Governor's School West, established in 1963, is conducted at Salem College in Winston-Salem, and Governor's School East, begun in 1978, is held at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg. One of the program's main goals is to help academically gifted students achieve their full potential and to motivate them to use that potential to achieve higher goals.

The program offers 800 high school juniors a non-credit curriculum in three areas. In addition to her academic focus, Keill will also explore abstract ideas through the study of philosophy, epistemology, ethics and aesthetics, and will study self in society, learning about values, morals, thinking processes and social and personal development.

A study of 20th century theories as they relate to past and future are emphasized throughout the curriculum.

Others from county schools chosen to attend a Governor's School are Charles E. Gilbert, math, South Brunswick High, Governor's School West; and Ammaul Ali Knox, English, North Brunswick, and Martha J. Daniels, French, South Brunswick, Governor's School East.

Completes Course

Army Reserve 2nd Lt. Jonathan G. Gore has completed an infantry officer basic course at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The course was oriented toward leadership, tactical skills and combat-related skills and tasks which concentrated on practical training. The students learned by performing and demonstrating proficiency in practical, external evaluation and field tactical exercises. Course graduates qualified as both mechanized and light infantry platoon leaders.

Gore is the son of Monica L. and Ernie V. Gore of Stout Road, Ash. He is a 1990 graduate of West Brunswick High School.

One Of 13,000

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Donald W. Hair is participating in a major fleet exercise in the Western Atlantic Ocean aboard the aircraft carrier *George Washington*, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

The exercise involves more than 20 Navy ships and nearly 100 aircraft from all services. Approximately 13,000 sailors, Marines, airmen and soldiers are participating in the exercise, which is taking place

off the southeastern Atlantic coast.

Hair is the son of Johnny R. Hair Sr. of Route 1, Leland. The 1985 graduate of North Brunswick High School joined the Navy in December 1985.

Tutors Certified

The Brunswick County Literacy Council certified four new literacy tutors at a March workshop.

They are Kenneth Hewett and Mia King of Shallotte, Shayne Nott of Calabash and La Bommie Saunders of Bolivia.

The tutors are now certified in the phonics-based Laubach method of teaching reading and will be able to tutor adults and teens who wish to improve their literacy skills.

To get information on becoming a tutor or receiving reading assistance, call the literacy council at 754-7323 or 1-800-694-7323.

Scholarship Winners

West Brunswick High School students Jennifer Smith and Ellen Wemyss have been awarded Scott-Ellis scholarships to Campbell University.

Jennifer is the daughter of Roddie and Betty Smith of Calabash. She is a member of Thomasboro Freewill Baptist Church.

Ellen is the daughter of Phillip and Nancy Wemyss of Ocean Isle Beach. She is a member of Jennies

Branch Baptist Church.

Sensi In Ceremony

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Sensi participated in a decommissioning ceremony aboard the salvage ship *USS Conserver*, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Sensi is the son of Joseph and Jeanne C. Sensi of Flowering Bridge Path, Caswell Beach.

Commissioned in 1945, the ship assisted in the salvage of numerous vessels at Okinawa and Japan. In 1946, the rescue salvage ship participated in nuclear tests in and around the Marshall Islands.

During four decades of service, *USS Conserver* helped more than 80 vessels and 20 aircraft. The ship has also engaged in numerous salvage and rescue missions, earning a Battle Efficiency "E" for overall operational and material excellence.

The mission of rescue salvage ships is to provide rapid firefighting, battle damage repair and rescue towing to warships in combat, taking the ships to repair vessels or bases in safe areas.

Sensi is a 1976 graduate of Allentown High School of Allentown, N.J. He joined the Navy in June 1976. He is a 1980 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., with a B.S. degree and a 1988 graduate of Boston University with a master's degree in engineering.

Platters To Play Thalian Hall

One of the best-loved sounds from the 1950's comes to Thalian Hall tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. with a performance by The Platters.

Known for such hits as "The Great Pretender," "Only You" and "The Magic Touch," the platters were among the musical superstars of the '50s. Their first hit, "Only You," became one of the best-selling hits of all time.

The group went on to record 16 gold records, including "Twilight Time," "My Prayer," "Harbor Lights" and "You'll Never Know." In 1966 and 1967, they once again topped the charts with "I Love You 1000 Times" and "With this Ring."

The Platters have survived several changes of singers in the group since their beginnings in 1954. Lead singer Monroe Powell has been with The Platters 24 years, having joined in 1970. There have been only three lead singers with The Platters in 40 years. Other current members are Anthony Gibson, Tony Graves, Priscilla Dea and Ray Brewster.

Tickets for the concert are \$16, \$14 and \$10, and discounts are available for groups and members in Thalian Hall. For tickets or reservation, call 1-800-523-2820.

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Social Workers Help Out

Stephanie Woodard's class at Supply Elementary School is better equipped to provide therapeutic care to its six multiply-handicapped students ages 5 to 18 with donation of \$175 in supplies by the Brunswick County Chapter of the North Carolina Social Services Association. The group provided a large inflatable air tube, an ear canal thermometer, and two special toys activated by loud noise or tapping. On the front from left are Teacher Assistant Maxine Jones and Chapter President Linda McNulty; and at the rear, Sandy Jackson, vice president; Vice Principal Clifton Jones; James Miller, treasurer; and Nancy O'Brien, secretary.

Supply Students Need Help To Reach Million-Penny Goal

Supply Elementary School is one week and \$3,951.03 away from meeting its goal of raising one million pennies by May 1.

Dr. Carolyn Williams, SES principal, announced at the beginning of the school year a goal of collecting one million pennies, or \$10,000, toward playground equipment for the new school. Williams said if the students met the goal she'd "sit on top of the school building."

As of last week, students had raised \$6,048 in pennies.

"I guess when I heard about the penny collection, I just didn't think of what a group of hard-working children, their parents, teachers and community friends could do," said school spokesman Laura DeStefano. "Even people from outside the state have sent pennies to Supply Elementary."

"Cheryl Wilson from Virginia heard about our penny collection through her niece, Chandee Connor. Cheryl had a can of pennies she'd been collecting, so she decided to give them to Supply. After Chandee's first-grade class had counted and sorted them, we found that she had 2,879 pennies, or \$28.79."

DeStefano said collecting the pennies has been "fun and a learning experience" for students. "Children have collected, sorted and counted pennies. There may be

many more old jars or cans of pennies stuck back in a corner somewhere. Would you like to see Dr. Williams sit on top of the building? Maybe you could do as Mrs. Wilson from Virginia did!"

Pennies are being collected in a large glass display case in the school office.

Students Observe Media Day With Visit From Rep. Redwine

Supply Elementary School students celebrated Media Day April 20 with a visit from State Rep. David Redwine, who learned what students are doing in their school library.

Students showed how they use the computer to find books by their author, subject, series or by knowing a few key words. They also demonstrated ways to use the computer for research, including encyclopedias available on CD-ROM, or "compact disc, read-only memory."

Supply Elementary's student council uses video technology to provide a news broadcast each week. The students research current local, national and school events and broadcast their news to the school. The group interviewed Redwine for an upcoming program.



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