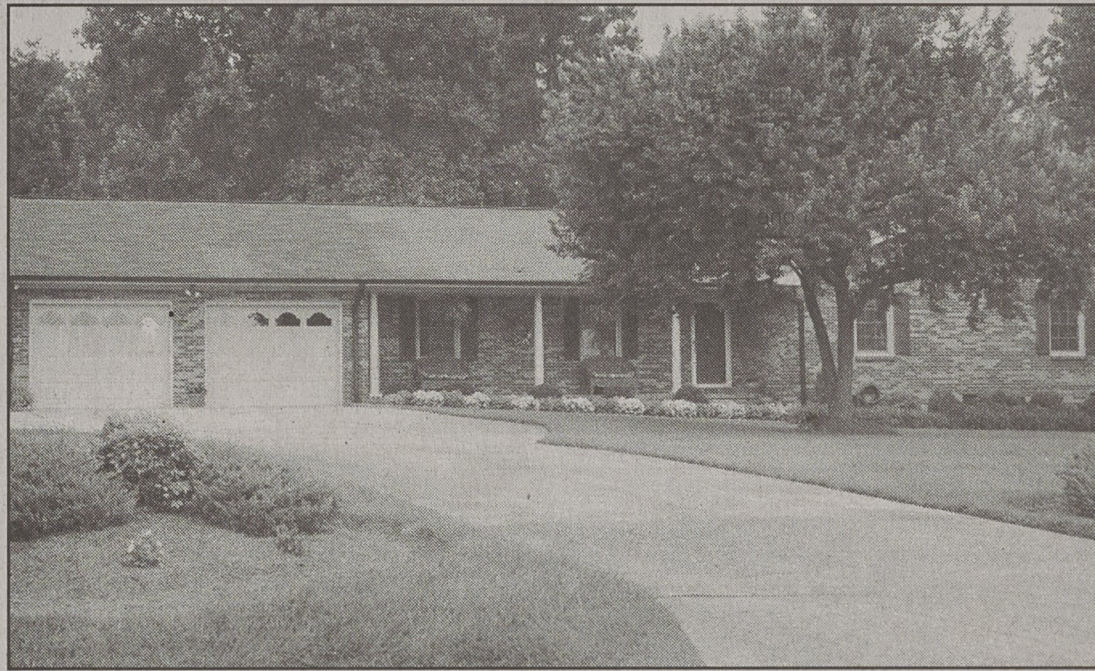


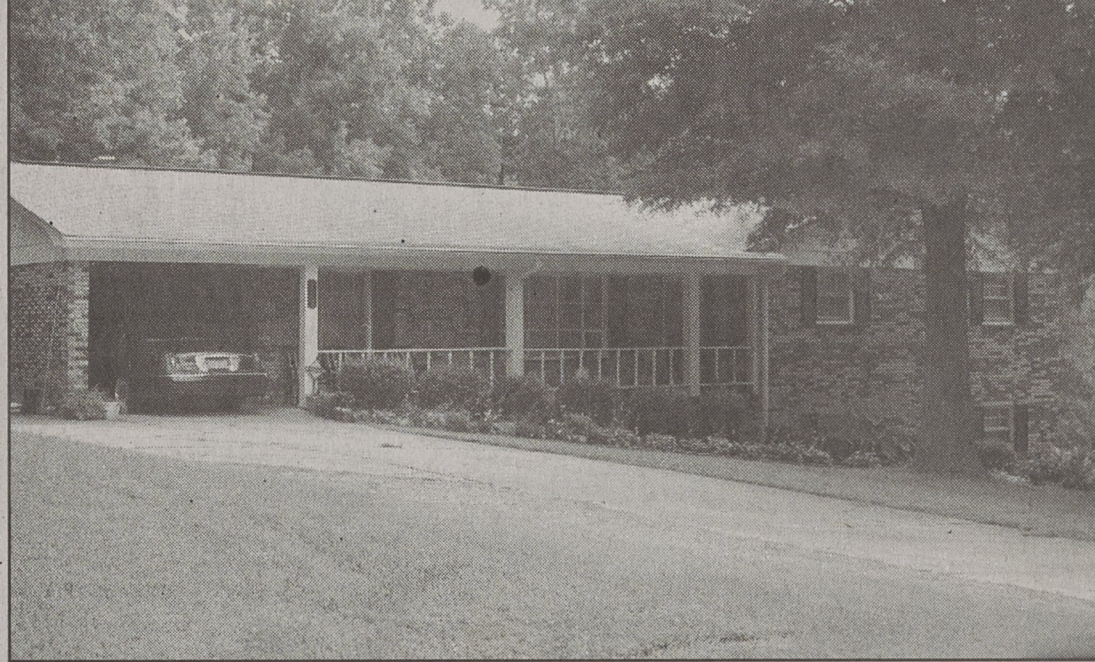
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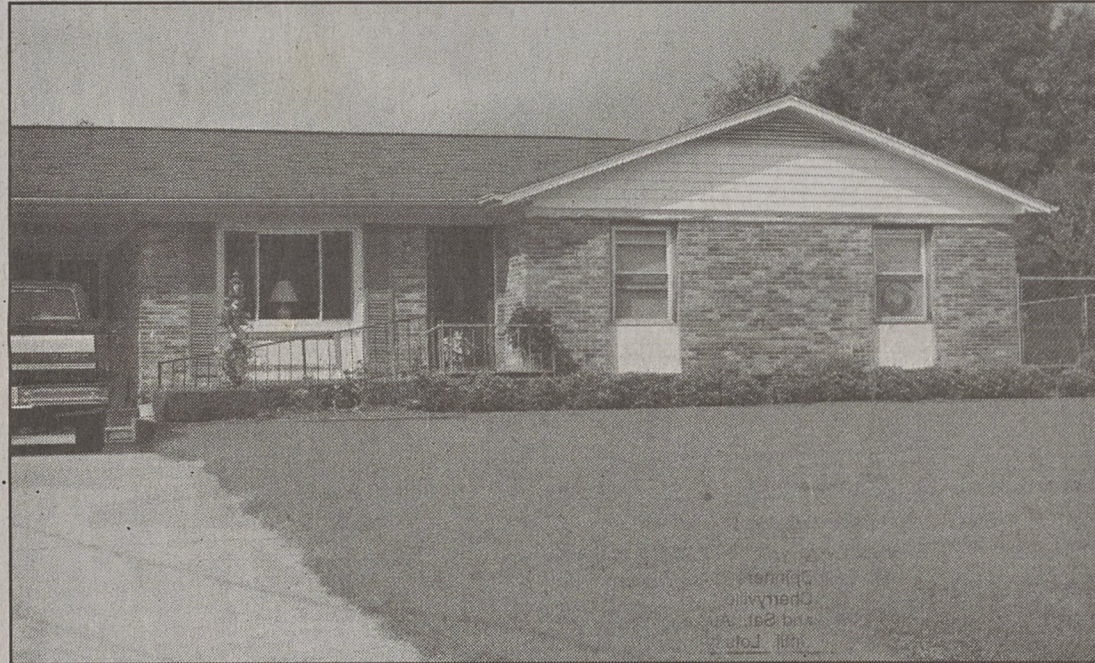
Here's a look at the 'Yard of the Week' winners in Bessemer City for the month of July. Winners are selected by members of the Bessemer City Image Committee.



July 4 - 10 • Tim and Linda Bess ~ 511 Bess Town Rd.



July 11 - 17 • Bobby and Alline Feemster ~ 703 S. Skyland Dr.



July 18 - 24 • James Underwood ~ 108 Helen Ave.



July 25 - 31 • Tracy Bumgardner ~ 705 Athenia Place

Contestants compete for Miss Gastonia 2005

The 2005 Miss Gastonia Scholarship Pageant will be held on Saturday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Myers Auditorium at Gaston College. Tickets cost \$15 and will be available at the door. The pageant's theme is 'Red Hot!' and the show features Miss Gastonia 2004 Dayna Leigh Chapman, Miss Gastonia 2002 Lesley Royster Bumgardner, the Miss Gastonia dancers from A Dancer's Place in Gastonia and the 13 contestants competing for the title of Miss Gastonia 2005. Miss Gastonia 1999 Emily McCotter Marlowe will serve as hostess. Former winners of the Miss Gastonia title are invited to attend the pageant and will be introduced on stage.

Miss North Carolina 2004 Kirstin Marie Elrod is scheduled to make a special guest appearance at the pageant. Elrod won the state title on June 26 and will compete in the Miss America pageant that airs on September 18 on ABC-TV.

The winner of the Miss Gastonia title will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship, a \$1,000 wardrobe allowance and numerous other prizes and represent Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln and Mecklenburg counties in next year's Miss North Carolina pageant. Scholarships will also be awarded to the runners-up and various competition award winners.

All contestants are guaranteed a minimum \$100 scholarship and the scholarships to be awarded total \$4,000. Additionally, in-kind scholarships totaling \$19,550 are available from Gardner-Webb University, Cleveland Community College, Gaston College, Belmont Abbey College and the Carolina Academy of Cosmetic Art and Science.

The following is an alphabetical list of the contestants, their age, hometown, parents, school, talent, community service platform and Gastonia Princess, who will serve as a little sister to the contestant during the pageant -

- Jennifer Brooke Baldwin, 20, of Gastonia, the daughter of John Baldwin and Cathy Rushing, a junior at Winthrop University majoring in music performance, will perform a flute presentation for talent, community service platform is involvement in the arts, Gastonia Princess is Hannah Baldwin.
- Victoria Lillie Kathleen Beaver, 17, of Lawndale, the daughter of Carroll and Annette Beaver, a senior at Burns High School, will perform a tap dance for talent, community service platform is blood donation, Gastonia Princess is Emily Greene.
- Jennifer Susanne Burton, 20, of Dallas, the daughter of



Baldwin Beaver Burton Butler



Floyd Grenier Groves



Hamrick Hodge Jones



Newton Simms White

Neal and Mary Anne Burton, a junior at Lees-McRae College majoring in performing arts, will perform a vocal presentation for talent, community service platform is promotion of arts in education, Gastonia Princess is Ariel Toney.

•Amy Nicole Butler, 19, of Bessemer City, the daughter of Michael and Lynda Butler, a student at Gaston College majoring in elementary education, will perform a lyrical dance for talent, community service platform is cancer awareness, Gastonia Princess is Taylor Wolfe.

•Jessica Elease Floyd, 18, of Dallas, the daughter of Pearl Burris-Floyd and Dr. Elson S. Floyd, a sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill majoring in pre-dentistry and broadcast journalism, will perform a classical piano presentation for talent, community service platform is adopt-a-grandparent, Gastonia Princess is Cheron Farley.

•Andrea Carol Grenier, 21, of Gastonia, the daughter of Ron and Coleen Grenier, a junior at Catawba College majoring in athletic training, will perform a vocal presentation for talent, community service platform is fitness among children, Gastonia Princess is Hannah Epstein.

•Lauren Elizabeth Groves, 18, of Charlotte, the daughter of Joseph and Renee Groves, a freshman at UNC Greensboro majoring in nursing, will perform a violin presentation for talent, community service platform is volunteerism, Gastonia Princess is Autume Green.

•Ashley Marie Hamrick, 20, of Kings Mountain, the daughter of Tim and Lori Hamrick, a student at Cleveland Community College majoring in nursing, will perform a vocal presentation for talent, community service platform is mentoring with Communi-

ties in Schools, Gastonia Princess is Lindsay Dills. •Megan JoAnna Hodge, 19, of Dallas, the daughter of Athena T. Hodge, a sophomore at UNC Charlotte majoring in nursing, will perform a musical theater dance for talent, community service platform is domestic violence, Gastonia Princess is Katie Comer.

•Jennifer Holly Jones, 19, of Gastonia, the daughter of Bob and Pat Jones, a sophomore at Gaston College - UNC Wilmington majoring in pre-medicine, will perform a vocal presentation for talent, community service platform is child welfare reform with a concentration on adoption, Gastonia Princess is Catherine Silva.

•Lauren Oriana Newton, 20, of Gastonia, the daughter of Candace Gardner and Ron Newton, a senior at Elon University majoring in political science and international studies, will perform a modern lyrical dance for talent, community service platform is civic engagement and political awareness, Gastonia Princess is Elaine Gregory.

•Meredith Dawn Simms, 22, of Gastonia, the daughter of Carl and Elaine Simms, a graduate of Elon University with a degree in business administration, will present a clogging routine for talent, community service platform is domestic violence awareness, Gastonia Princess is Lindsay Kemp.

•Dawn Charity White, 22, the daughter of Julie J. White, a graduate of East Carolina University with a degree in nursing, will present a tap dance for talent, community service platform is Make-A-Wish, Gastonia Princess is Laura Page.

The pageant is sponsored by the Miss Gastonia Scholarship Association, Inc.

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