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Kathy Holliday enters her 25th year at BC. Photo by J. Billingsley

Celebrating 25 years

by Tom Cowan
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This week Kathy Holliday celebrates 25 years of service with the BC cafeteria. Holliday was born and raised in Brevard. She graduated from high school in 1981 and started her work at the BC cafeteria on March 25, 1982. She has been diligently working each school year since.

Holliday started as a dishwasher and has since worked as a line-server, a deli worker, a prep cook, a cashier, and currently does salad prep in addition to countless other tasks that she carries out upon her arrival each morning at 6:00 am.

Holliday says the only staff members who have worked at BC longer than her are Raymond Floyd of the mail room and Paul Pearson of the of the maintenance staff, who have both been here

around 30 years. Holliday, Floyd, and Pearson have witnessed the coming and going of countless students, faculty, and coworkers, including five different college presidents. Holliday says she has worked with five different food service managers including the current manager, John Crow.

Today Holliday lives with her husband, Steve, who she met as a coworker in the 1980s. On her time off Holliday enjoys hiking, reading, sewing, and attending church. During the summer she has worked in the kitchens of camps such as Rockbrook, Illahee, and the Brevard Music Center.

Holliday says she loves serving BC's students and she plans to continue working here for years to come.

Pet food recall affects Western North Carolina

by Katie Bérubé
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More than 471 cases of kidney failure in pets have been reported since the recall of over 95 brands of "cuts and gravy" style dog and cat food announced on March 17, resulting in at least 104 deaths. Though Menu Foods, the maker of the recalled pet food, confirms only 16 deaths to date, The Veterinary Information Group projects a significantly higher number within the next several days. Scientists at the New York State Food Laboratory have identified the culprit as aminopterin, a folic acid that has served as both an abortifacient and a rodenticide, though neither use is currently legal in the United States. Menu Foods, which manufactures pet food for most national companies, has no confirmed theory as to the

source of the aminopterin or how it came in contact with the food.

Many of the brands that have been recalled are readily available in Brevard at Wal-mart, Food Lion, Sam's Club and Ingles. The 42 brands of recalled cat food and 53 brands of dog food include: Best Choice, Eukanuba, Food Lion, Iams, Laura Lynn, Mighty Dog Pouch, Ol' Roy, President's Choice, Science Diet Feline Savory Cuts Cans, and Special Kitty.

The recalled products include all wet food manufactured between December 3, 2006 and March 6, 2007. The manufacturing date is printed on individual cans and pouches, and is more reliable than the date printed on multi-pack containers. This recall applies only to the "cuts and gravy" style food. None of the traditional "loaf" style products are subject to this recall. Menu Foods encourages pet own-

ers to return any cans with the affected label dates to the place of purchase.

Consumption of the tainted food can result in renal, or kidney, failure, a possibly fatal condition. Symptoms to look for include vomiting, lethargy, increased water consumption, increased urination, and decreased appetite. Animals exhibiting any of these symptoms should receive medical care immediately.

For more information on the net, visit the Veterinary Information Group at www.vin.com, the FDA at www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/petfood.html, and Menu Foods at www.menufoods.com/recall/. Menu foods has also designated two phone numbers that pet owners can call for information: (866) 463-6738 and (866) 895-2708.

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