

# COMMUNITY



Lisa and Clarence Cowan pictured with gifts they won from Summit Cable that include the color television.

## Cowan Family Wins Holiday Sweepstakes

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Lisa Cowan had not entered any sweepstakes before. But when she saw the advertisement from Summit Cable for "A Picture Perfect Christmas" sweepstakes, she decided to take a chance.

Taking that one chance resulted in the Cowan family becoming the winner in the sweepstakes that awarded them with more than \$2,500 in gifts for them and their two daughters.

"We were really surprised," said Clarence Cowan. "It's a blessing and we thank the Lord for it." The gifts included a new color television, a camera, coats for the entire family, shoes and a bicycle.

Larry Anthony, who works with direct sales at Summit Cable, said this is the first year for the sweepstakes. The company decided they wanted to do something for the community and help at least one needy family have a more joyous holiday.

People could enter other families into the contest or families may have entered them-

selves, which Lois Cowan did. Her name was pulled on Dec. 21 from more than 100 that had entered.

Anthony said when he called Lois Cowan to tell her that her family had won and asked her what they needed, he didn't get an immediate reply.

Cowan said she was just so excited she didn't know what to say. But her daughters Sierra, 3, and Samone, 17 months, had already given their Christmas wish lists to their parents.

That made Cowan's decision much easier. Sierra got her bicycle and they both received clothes, which their mother said they needed, and an abundance of other goodies.

Summit Cable employees arrived at the Cowan's home the next morning in a vehicle packed with gifts. They were placed under the tree, which at the time was empty.

Cowan said she and her husband were not quite finished Christmas shopping and the gifts from Summit Cable came right on time.

## Local Girl to Perform in Peach Bowl



Christel Harvey, daughter of William and Phyllis Harvey, a varsity Titanide from West Forsyth High School, will be among 108 dancers of 500 NCA Performance Team members to perform in the 27th annual Peach Bowl on New Year's Day. The game will be nationally televised on ESPN at 8:00 p.m. EST.

This will be Christel's first time participating in an NCA Special Event. She will participate in the Peach Bowl and perform during the pre-game and half-time festivities of the Peach Bowl. The choreographed routines that will be presented culminate five days of rehearsals in Atlanta, where the participants meet for the first time as a group.

This will be the Performance Team's second appearance in this premier colle-

giate football bowl game. The NCA Performance Team, which includes members from 38 states and Canada, is under the direction of Kevin Jones, executive director of NCA Special Events and choreographers Cheryl Carter and Sheila Lambert.

NCA Special Events is an operating division of the National Cheerleaders Association. The NCA conducts summer camp throughout the nation, where instructors teach the latest cheerleading, dance routines and techniques to junior high, high school and college-level students. This past summer more than 150,000 students participated in camps conducted in 48 states, Mexico and Japan.

## Support Our Students Program Kicks Off

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Chrissy Starkes, a student at Petree Middle School, and her fellow classmates Jarvis Coleman and Regemaine Ross said sports and art are some of the activities they would like to see in a middle school after-school program.

With Forsyth County's Save Our Students grant, they may get some of those requests.

The Central YMCA on Glade Street was the site for the kickoff of the SOS grant which awarded Forsyth County with \$200,000 to develop after-school programs for middle school students.

"It's a lot of money but small money when it comes to our children," said State SOS Director Joseph Canty.

Grants awarded in September at a news conference by Governor James B. Hunt went to

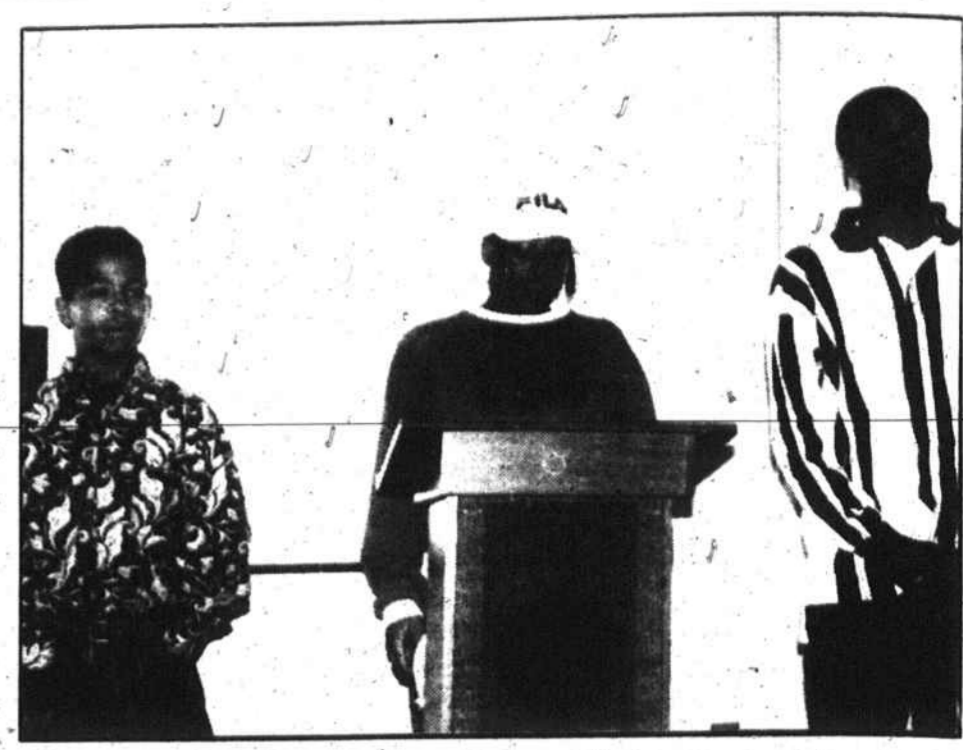
52 counties. Forsyth and five other counties received county grants of up to \$200,000 designed to encourage them to develop a systematic county-wide approach to after-school issues.

Hunt will be volunteering for the program himself beginning next month.

Studies show that good after-school programs can make a real difference in the lives of middle-school aged children.

The programs give youth something to do and help deter crime which is rising. The latest crime figures show arrests for children 15 and under are up 10 percent. Other studies show that most teenage girls get pregnant between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

Carol Yardley, the local SOS director, said the plan for Forsyth County is to have two programs in place by 1995 that will serve 125 youth. An advi-



Petree Middle School students Chrissy Starkes, Jarvis Coleman and Regemaine Ross discuss their hopes for an after-school program.

sory board is already in place to begin looking at types of programs that will be beneficial to middle school students.

Supporting the program is a collaboration of non-profit, corporate and governmental organizations. David Hinton, president of YMCA of Greater Winston-Salem Metro Board, said it's important for the community to stick together and support the program and the students.

Canty pledged the state's support to local programs and encouraged youth to get involved.

"You can achieve anything that you want," he said. "Work hard, be obedient, be grateful and take advantage of opportunity."

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