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of Rt. 2, Norlina. Combining athletics and scholarship, Alexander was a member of the MathCounts team in 1986 at Norlina Middle School, is a member of the Future Teachers of America and is on both the junior varsity basketball and football teams, serving as captain for the latter. He will attend the SITE program at N.C. State University this summer.

—Trezelene Kearney, daughter of Mrs. Luvenia M. Kearney of Macon. Miss Kearney was a member of the MathCounts team at Norlina Middle School in 1986 and a participant for two years in the WCHS Odyssey of the Mind team in regional and state competitions. She served as a volunteer for the Special Olympics in 1987 and 1988, and is a member of the Super Eagle Chorus.

Applicants for the school must complete a rigorous admissions process that includes screening by state leaders in scientific and educational communities and members of the NCSSM faculty and staff. Semi-finalists are interviewed personally and rated on creative potential, internal motivation, intensity of interest and intellectual ability. Finalists must meet additional criteria

that includes high scores on achievement tests, superior school performance in science and mathematics, evidence of analytic thinking and imagination.

"Preparation for admission to NCSSM begins in the elementary school," Mrs. Ardith Roddy, Warren County instructor of the gifted and talented, herself a mother of two NCSSM graduates, said. "It's a great deal of hard work, but these students are really prepared for it."

NCSSM provides a residential, rigorous and comprehensive education for academically-gifted secondary students. The state legislature approved Governor Jim Hunt's plan for the institution in 1978. The school enrolls 478 students from across the state, representing a sample of the state's finest young scholars, from 89 counties, at a cost to the state of \$10,000 per pupil. In 1986, 49 NCSSM students were declared National Merit Scholarship Program finalists, the highest number for any school in the nation. It was the third consecutive year that NCSSM has led the nation in finalists identified. Each NCSSM graduating senior typically attracts more than \$2 million in scholarship offers from post-secondary institutions.



Shown above are the Warren County High School scholars that were named at the Scholar's Banquet held last Thursday at the high school. They are, front row, left to right, Charlene Burchette, Tomeka Carter, Sabrina Coleman, Antonio Davis, Nadine Davis, Rachel Eaton, Rachel Harmon and Erika Roddy (NCSSM). On the second row, left to right, are Karen Harris, Melissa Holcomb, Ginger Meek, Laura Scott, Gregory Wilson, Angela Ballance, Dana Clary, Dena Clary, Paul Dickerson and Opherral Eaton. On the third row, left to right,

are Kimberly Fuller, Leigh Anne Perkinson, Christy Harmon, Almee Anderson, Ponchita Baker, Timothy Evans, Charlotte Myrick, Steve Odom and Sarah Pierce. On the back row, left to right, are Chris Williams, Lisa Alexander, Adrian Alston, Keara Davis, Greg Shearin, Laurie Holloway, Richard Meador, Elizabeth Pierce, Craig Sipe and Tayla Somerville. Not pictured are Timothy Carter, Wendy Little, Terry Light and Tammy Meador.

(Community Schools Photos by Mary Hunter)



Those students in grades four through eight who were honored at the Scholars Banquet last Thursday at Warren County High School are shown above. They are, front row, left to right, Carlecia Bullock, Rhonda Long, Kyiandra Somerville, Tracey Caulder and William Fuller. On the second row are, left to right, Angela Gardner, Carisa Kearsey, Angella Townes, Carlisa Alston, Lucas Reid, Pamelina Silver, Nattiki Williams, Sarah Jackson and Christopher Rathjen. On

the third row are, left to right, Crystal Cooper, Amy Copley, Chadwick Hedgepeth, Tammy Stegall, Todd Short, Amy Tant, Natalie Brayboy, Mary Parker Coleman and Leslie Copley. On the back row, left to right, are Carla Norwood, Tanya Terry, Earlene Woodard, Sallie Byrd Daniel, Lisa Simes, Calvin Jones, Craig Limer, Rhonda Kearney and Roy Pierce. Not pictured are Naomi Bushnell, Jennifer Richardson and Allyson Smiley.

Warren County High School Drama Guild Will Unveil First Offering On Friday Night

The Warren County High School Drama Guild will make its debut on Friday, May 27, with the performance of the two-act comedy, *Hey Teach!* "We have a good group of students working on the production," says Artelia Covington, the play's director. "They're enthusiastic and dedicated. I'm really pleased with what we've accomplished in such a short time."

Friday night's performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the high school theater. It is the culmination of many weeks of planning and hard work by Ms. Covington and the 21-member cast of students.

The play deals with contemporary high school students and

their reactions to the arrival of a new teacher in the middle of the school year. Key characters in the comedy include a smart-aleck, a lover, a know-it-all, and an oddball. "I hope the performers will be challenged by the material, and that they will enjoy putting their theatrical skills on display," says Ms. Covington.

The WCHS Drama Guild is the brain-child of Ms. Covington, who also teaches English. She was awarded a mini-grant by the Warren Education Fund for the project. In order to help make the event a success, the WCHS Parent-Teacher-Student Association pledged support to the program early-on. Members of the PTSA and the Drama Guild will

be selling tickets to the play. Money raised from ticket sales will be used to support special programs like the Drama Guild, the Debate Club, and other projects of the PTSA.

Tickets for the affair are still available from any cast member; Ms. Covington, the director; Sara Shearin of the PTSA Ways and Means Committee; Janice Crump, PTA President; and Bernadine Ballance of the Program Committee.



Members of the Warren County High Drama Guild who will make their debut Friday night are shown above. They are front row, left to right, Kimberly Hawkins, Jeri Gregory, Tonya Prince, Jamie Meadows, Stacy Mushaw and Cheryl

Young; standing, left to right, Carrie Hawkins, Angela Harris, Teresa Alston, Dexter King, Charles Burton, Mary Boyd, Ms. Covington, Jason Crump, Keith Jackson, Clara Powell and Brant Powell. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Arrests Made

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p.m., but was not reported until 9 p.m.

Sgt. Lawrence Harrison is the investigating officer in the case. He was assisted by Deputy J. A. McCowan, Jr.

Following investigations by Warren County law enforcement officers and two SBI agents, on Friday, May 20, Ms. Delores Cheek Bryant of Lincoln Avenue in Henderson was arrested and charged with arson in the recent fire at the residence of Mrs. Penny Arrington. Damages to the trailer and its contents have been estimated at \$4,000.

Ms. Bryant has been housed in the Warren County Jail under a \$10,000 bond pending her preliminary hearing. Sgt. Lawrence Harrison was the local investigating officer.

Cochrane

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employs 600 workers and assembles component parts manufactured in Warrenton—and Warrenton plant manager Bob Harold in February visited plants in Europe of a design which may be incorporated in the new Warrenton facility. They plan similar information-gathering trips during upcoming months in this country and Canada, Cochrane said.

Cochrane's Warrenton plant, known as the Eastern Division, is housed in a 125,000-square-foot facility built on a tract covering 40 to 45 acres. It is the company's only plant located outside Lincoln.

Labor sometimes goes at a leisurely pace in a Chinese factory, since all workers receive the same basic wage and find that earning a bonus can bring envy and wrath from co-workers.



MRS. HARRIS-LYNCH

Warrenton Native Given Promotion

Mrs. Jennifer Harris-Lynch, a native of Warrenton, has recently been promoted to director of sales at Sheraton Kinston.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris of Warrenton and is married to David Lynch, also a native of Warren County.

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