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DARE Graduates Present Essays

Six Bolivia Elementary School fifth-graders presented essays at the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) graduation ceremony Jan. 22. Pictured (from left) are essayists Keith Sellers, Terrence Simpson, Chavon Davis, Scott Grady and Felicia Fullwood. Ashley Reaves is not pictured. Lt. Ronald Hewett of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, D.A.R.E. officer, taught the 17-week program.

Planning First Step in Landscaping

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The toughest aspect of designing a good landscape involves the planning. A well planned landscape is beautiful and in most cases less expensive to install and maintain than an unplanned landscape.

In addition, good planning will provide maximum benefit and enjoyment to all the residents of the home.

Most people think plants constitute the body of the landscape and, in a general way, this is true. However, the structure or backbone of a good landscape rests in the hardscape—patios, walks, lighting, gazebos and the like. Decide how hardscape features will be incorporated into your landscape before plant material is considered. The materials and architectural style used to construct hardscape features should reflect and complement those of your home. Walks and automobile drives are one of the important hardscape features to consider in landscape planning. When planning a walk or drive try to avoid an angular or blocky appearance. The rounded



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flowing curves of a walk are a more aesthetically pleasing transition from the outside environment to the home entrance. Many kinds of materials and treatments are available for walks and drives; investigate the alternatives.

Most every homeowner eventually wants to add a patio or deck. Most authorities feel that a minimum of 75 square feet of patio or deck be allowed per family member. I have found 125 square feet per family member is even better. Most patios are used for family fellowship or entertainment, but a small patio is rarely used for either. One of the enticements of a vacation cottage is the spacious patio or deck. Design your outside living area with this in mind.

Choosing the right plants for your landscape can be the most difficult part of the planning process. However, for most of us, it is the most enjoyable part of landscape design. Some of the factors that should be considered when selecting plants are these:

Form and size: Pyramidal and formally pruned evergreens create strong focal points and should be used with extreme care. Most ranch style houses require small (dwarf) evergreen plants that are less for-

mal. Know the mature height and the rate of growth of the plants you are using.

Texture: A coarse textured plant, such as magnolia, creates a stronger focal point in the landscape than a fine textured plant such as boxwood. Use transitions in plant foliage texture—coarse to medium to fine—to make visual passages within a bed and between beds in the landscape. Use fine textured plant materials along walks and near entrances.

Color: Color is the most difficult of the design elements to work with. In general use cool colors such as blues, whites and pastels in flower beds that will be viewed from close range.

Flower beds adjoining a deck or patio will "feel" cooler in the summer when flower colors are pastels, blues and whites.

Use bright reds, yellows and oranges to attract attention or for a secondary focal point. Massing these colors produces a visually "hot" area in the landscape that is sure to become a focal point.

Planning your landscape should be done with the same care and detail used to plan your home. Only nature can produce beautiful landscapes without planning.

(Send your gardening questions to The Plant Doctor, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.)



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Tremendous Turnips

Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Bernard Jr. of Cedar Grove grew these big turnips in their garden. The largest one was 28 inches in diameter. Bernard said he used 3-9-9 tobacco fertilizer and tilled sawdust into the soil. The sawdust came from a nearby hog farm.

Schools Announce Honor Rolls

County schools this week began releasing honor rolls for the third six weeks grading period. Students receiving all A's are on the A Honor Roll while students receiving all A's and B's are on the A-B Honor Roll.

Shallotte Middle

A HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade—Loretta Bell, Amanda E. Buttrely, Patrick L. Covil, Kristine Doster, Brian S. Hall, Melissa K. Immen, Courtney D. McKenzie, Elizabeth A. Milligan, Jill M. Rosenbaum, Candice L. Sommersett, Lauren A. Spencer, Lucas Wagenseil and Kristen B. Williams;

Fifth Grade—Christina Hewett, Tonia J. Jackson, Angela W. Long, Amanda M. Reinhardt, Robert N. Sealy III, Jenny L. Trest and Meredith Varnam;

Sixth Grade—Regina Britt, Caryn Marie Cross, Jennifer L. Hlastala, Kathryn H. Holcombe, Shenna L. Lancaster, Erin Austin Lee and Leah Dianne Sloane;

Seventh Grade—Steven R. Alexander, Mark Causey, Marianne Dickson, Allison Lynn Howell, Jordan L. Johnson, Felicia O. Morgan, Chad Justin Smith and Jeremie Varnam;

Eighth Grade—John Mark Branning, Gabriel P. Cooper, Brian Daniels, Elizabeth Detrie, Madonna Gause, Aaron Hawkins, Marietta D. Heustess, K. Elizabeth Howell, Melinda S. Keill, Catherine Neill, Charles A. Russ, Rachel Swain, Minde Jo Vince and Ann Marie Woodard;

Special Class—Adam B. Clemmons.

A-B HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade—Allyson A. Abbott, Brandon Bailey, Tanca N. Bernard, Meghan R. Bradsher, Edward L. Brock, David A. Candela, Clifton L. Cheek, Ginger L. Clayton, Denise Ferguson, Charles E. Foehrkolb, Jeffrey N. Grissett, James Fitzgerald Hall, Mindy Henry, William W. Hickman, Bryant P. Hogan, Tara L. Holden, James Johnson, Jason Lambertson, Leah Long, Amanda D. McKeithan, Annette Miragliotta, J. N. Quaintance, Paul J. Reeves, Joni D. Scott, A. Suzanne Seay, Tara Smigiel, Sophia L. Smith, Tekea N. Stanley, Elisha T. True, Amanda J. Varnam, Mindie R. White, F. D. Williamson, Deanthony Wilson and Hollis Woodard;

Fifth Grade—Tabitha Baines, Catherine Bellamy, Karen L. Bell-

amy, Lolita S. Bryant, Anne E. Buttrely, Cynthia L. Crumpler, Marshall R. Daniels, Matthew Darby, Tomakio S. Dennis, Westley Fenton, Bradley O. Fullwood, Daniel J. Gregory, Tracie M. Grissett, Ashley N. Hardy, Joshua A. Hewett, Matthew Howell, James O. Inman, Henry R. Johnson, Lottie Z. Johnson, Demaris M. Lance, Jason R. Mace, Kia-Lee Manlove, John A. Marshall, Melanie A. Prince, Jill Marie Rivenbark, Amanda Scoggins, Daren Sellers, Kippy D. Sellers, Carlton L. Stanley, Gary E. Tinsley, Richard A. Ward, Gary D. Woodard and Mark A. Woodard;

Sixth Grade—Diana Lee Anderson, Sarah E. Brown, Victoria D. Burris, Amanda Chestnut, Heather R. Clemmons, Barbara M. Cox, Neal A. Galloway, Marcus D. Gause, Kelly Jean Griffin, Jennifer Harrison, Heather L. Heavener, Jocelyn C. Hewett, Holly Renee Holden, Nicole R. Jeffries, Amanda J. Koser, Kerry M. Loomis, Nina Dolores McLamb, Donald A. Proctor, Caroline Sheffield, T. DeShawn Stanley, Lachella C. Stevenson, Terri Leigh Stinner, Hope Stout, Carrie E. Wemyss, Brandi C. Whitesides, Crystal Widener and Lakescia R. Williams;

Seventh Grade—Susan B. Alexander, Nicholas D. Bellamy, Heather Hope Branch, Jonathan L. Carlisle, Courtney J. Crim, Stephen Duncan, Jimmy Darrell Elmore, Cynthia Leigh Fenton, Julie A. Fort, Julie Ann Gore, Joel Tyrone Gup-ton, Zena L. Hankins, Ashley Sage Hickman, Jeremy Allen Holden, Charity R. Jones, Julie Ann Long, Kenneth McGee, Jessica Robertson, Ashley Ware, Jessica Dane Winfree and Grace T. Yearbrough;

Eighth Grade—Sarah J. Branning, Beverly Caison, Jamie Dennis, Kimberly Dowless, Jenean Fields, Darla Fox, Tamara E. Galloway, Anna Marie Gore, Alison R. Hardee, Heather L. Hardee, Shaun K. Hardee, Kathryn Harris, Derrick Hewett, Kellie Lee Hewett, Polly G. Hickman, Chasity Hinesley, Jamie Marie Hlastala, Kelly Jones, Catherine McDaniel, Amber S. Mercer, Erin E. Redwine, Demaris A. Russ, John Scorzello, Nancy Smith, Sonja Smith, Samuel Spayo, Beverly Strickland, Samantha Strickland and Neil M. Warren;

Special Class—Kelly Smith, James Tinnell and Marcia K. Todd.

Waccamaw Elementary

A HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade—Joshua Thomas;

Fifth Grade—Kevin Anderson, Aaron Gore, Leigh Milligan, Tiffany Skaggs, Tasha Thompson and Stephanie Todd;

Sixth Grade—Jamie Hewett, Shanna King and Brian Little;

Seventh Grade—Shalana King and Christian Tompkins;

Eighth Grade—Rebecca Hughes, Michael Milliken and Craig Williams.

A-B HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade—Melissa Babson, Rica Brown, Samantha Bland, Delphia Daniels, Jomondre Frink, Cody Inman, Aimee Long, Lavonda Marlow, Laurie Penny, Stacey Phillips, Rafael Rivera, Chris Russ, Joshua Simmons and Eric Simmons;

Fifth Grade—Jimmy Bowen, Jarvis Davis, Amber Inman, Terra Milliken, Eric Minton, Sam Mintz, Jason Norris, Carolina Rivera, Amanda Smith, Carisa Stanley and Michael Stanley;

Sixth Grade—Crystal Bailes, Donna Kay Bennett, Neal Hughes, Shannon McCumbee, Joyce Nelson, Joe Piver, Demetria Thomas, Shanika Thomas, Ashli Smith and Tomeka Walker;

Seventh Grade—Corey Bowens, David Bowens, Holly Clemmons, Don Gore, April Mintz, Davis Simmons and James White;

Eighth Grade—Tiffany Daniels, Sidney Long, Blair Milligan, Chris Payne, Melanie Phillips and Tavis Thompson.

Bolivia Elementary

A HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade—Terrence Bryant, Cameron Parker, Johnathan Williams, Tiffany Fiarcloth, Christopher Gore and Cortnee Willets;

Fifth Grade—Jeremy Alltop and Keven Brown.

A-B HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade—Amanda Breedlove, Tiffany McCoy, Jamie Reaves, Wayne Skipper, Michael Williams, Theresa Blackwell, Charles Mellor, Amanda Morrell, Hugo Bryant, Melissa Caton, Allison Clemmons, Shannon Fernandes, Shanna Flowers, Kevin Huddleston, Bryce Reiter, Mario Tooley and Tiffany Wescott;

Fifth Grade—Marilyn Boyssa, Katrina Davis, Denetra Franks, Felicia Fullwood, Candice Gallop, Stevie Lowery, Crystal Shaver, Veronica Bellamy, Kendra Brookins, Kim Cooper, Jenny Evans, Meghan Lancaster, Ashley Reaves, Erica Watts, Shavon Dawson, Tiffany Lewis, Sarah McMullin, Alisha Spencer, Michelle Stewart and Sara Woodring.

Seminar Looks At Problem Families

An eight-week seminar on the problems caused by dysfunctional families will be held in the teaching auditorium at Brunswick Community College starting Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The course will explore problems that occur in the lives of adults who were raised in families in which a member was emotionally unavailable as a result of physical absence or physical, emotional or mental illness.

Children raised in these families generally develop into adults who have difficulty in relationships. These and other problems will be discussed in the seminar, *Core Issues for Adult Children from Dysfunctional Families*.

For more information, call Nancy McCarter, substance abuse counselor with the Southeastern Center for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, at 253-4481.

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