

Salute To KMHS's Top 10



Pictured are the KMHS students who are tops in their classes this year. Academically, ranking 4,389, are 10th graders Betsy McIntyre, Will Hula, John Heath and Ashley Champion. Ranking 4,467 Junior Bethan Faust heads her class and ranking 4,536 Bryan Jones heads the senior class. Front row, from left, Bethan Faust, Betsy McIntyre, Ashley Champion and Bryan Jones. Back row, from left, William Hula and John Heath.



KMSHS SENIORS — Pictured are KMSHS Seniors honored for academic excellence at Tuesday's 8th Annual Awards Banquet. Front row, from left, Billie Jo Presley, Randy Mark Campbell, Dana Leigh Shrum, Charity Anne Williams, and Abbie Lynn Yarbro. Second row, from left, Kathy Diane Hamrick, Forest Daniel Love, Patrick Dwayne Heavner, Wray Douglas Murray, Jr., and David Alexander Shaw. Third row, from left, Ashley Elizabeth McGinnis, Holly Rae Mercier, Margaret Justine Sherer, Tracy Max Davis, Bobby Joe Hannah, Michael Shane Farris and Kenneth Lee Wright.



ACADEMIC AWARDS TO 10TH GRADERS — Pictured are KMSHS 10th graders who were honored for academic excellence at the 8th Annual Academic Awards Banquet Tuesday night. Front row, from left, Juliet McRae, Angela Marie Subler, Amy Turner, Nancy Janelle McCoy; second row, from left, Michael Paysour, Karin Bush, Michael Shane Sessoms, Niroubonh Ouaneoudone, Charlene Lee Hardin, Cristi Glennette Putnam, Katherine Lynn Jenkins and Jennifer Lynn Gunter. Third row, from left, Theodore Kosta, William Hula, John Heath, Ashley Dover, Jonalyn Suzanne Leadbetter, and Mary Kristin Tyson. Back row, from left, David R. DiSabato, Joseph Rivers Smith, Scott Darrell Belcher, Elizabeth McIntyre, Ashley Rae Champion, Crystal Allison Barnett, and Shea Elizabeth Barber. Not pictured are Paul Chen, Peter Chen, Vilachack Ladara, and Lori A. McDaniel.



SENIORS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE — Pictured are KMSHS seniors who were honored at the 8th Annual Academic Awards Banquet. Front row, from left, Chansamone Phanthalack, Jeannie Michelle Perry, Tammy Kay Hutchins and Bryan Jeffrey Jones. Second row, from left, Rita Lynn Blanton, Nancy Denise Harry, Tanga Terrell Crosby, Suzanne Lee, Jeri Melissa Rikard, and Amy Elizabeth Robbs. Third row, from left, Kevin Bolin, Laura Dianna Allen, Heather Bradshaw, Kenney Potter, Spencer Gregory Stephens, Mary Elizabeth Ferebee, and Christopher Ray Herndon. Not pictured: Shanna Marie Bess, John Burton Cissell, Erin Lesley Joy, Cheryl Ann Sims, and Jennifer Holmes Reid.

Scruggs Principal Of Year

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system-wide Teachers of the Year [Lynda Stewart and Elizabeth Allen], last year's Region 6 Terry Sanford Award Winner [Jackie Blanton] and last year's Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator [Gail Baber].

Although Scruggs is by far the "dean" of Kings Mountain District principals, he has to take a back seat to his own fourth grade teacher Elizabeth Allen as Grover's "dean". Mrs. Allen joined the Grover faculty a year before Scruggs.

Scruggs recognizes the advantages of the 1961-62 consolidation which took the high school from Grover to Kings Mountain, but he still misses the localness of a small, rural school.

"You lose some of your local control," he noted. "We no longer have an advisory council. It used to be we had our own school board and if you had a problem you could call up one of the board members and in two minutes they'd be here and take care of it."

Scruggs recalled that he was hired as Grover principal before he ever met the superintendent of Cleveland County Schools.

"Glenn Rountree was the chairman of the Grover Board then," he recalled, "and he called me one day and asked if I'd be interested in the Grover principalship. I came down for an interview with the board and went back to Burlington. I got a call sometime later telling me I had been selected."

It was the next fall, when all the county principals had a meeting with the superintendent in Shelby, that Scruggs met the superintendent. "Back then, the local board could fire you," he said. "They had to recommend you at the end of the year to the superintendent."

Scruggs has seen many facility improvements at Grover, including a new kindergarten-first grade building, first through second and third grade building, new cafeteria and additions to the gymnasium. But Grover still has the oldest building in the county still being used. The auditorium and four adjoining classrooms were built in 1915. That taste of the past is maybe fitting because it, along with Scruggs and Mrs. Allen, is about the only thing that people who attended Grover High still recognize.

Pool Contracts Approved

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In other action Monday, the board:

*Recognized Principal of the Year Jim Scruggs of Grover, and Teachers of the Year Dianna Allen of Bethware, Mary Accor of Central, Cindy Kiser of East, Susan Beam of Grover, Rica Wright of the junior high, Carol Peeler of the senior high, Carla Bennett of West and Katherine Blanton of North.

*Approved tuition summer school if there is sufficient demand.

*Approved policies dealing with communicable diseases and revised a policy requiring administrators to live inside the school district. A grandfather clause was added to protect persons employed on July 21, 1983 when the board adopted the policy.

*Held first reading of a policy on student discipline procedures.

*Revised the mid-term exam schedule for the senior high. The exams will be given just prior to the Christmas holidays rather than after the holidays as has been the practice.

*Approved several teachers for career and probationary status.

*Held an executive session to deal with a discipline matter.

ON COMMITTEE

Ms. Betty Gamble, Vocational Education Director in the Kings Mountain District School, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Association of School Administrators. Ms. Gamble will represent the Supervisors' Commission in the Southwest District of the State. Her term in office will begin July 1.

KM Principals Promoted

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Chesterfield, S.C. Jr. High School.

Wilson is a native of Shelby and graduate of Erskine College. "I accept the new position with mixed emotions," he said. "I have been happy as a high school principal. I've enjoyed the activities and being with the students and working directly with high school teachers. The people have been real supportive of me here. But I also look forward to the new challenge of being director of personnel for the entire school system. I appreciate the confidence the board and Dr. McRae have in me."

Wilson's new duties will cover

Joyce Cashion In Run-Off

Joyce Cashion of Kings Mountain and Rev. R.E. DeVoe of Shelby made it official this week, calling for a runoff against Jack Spangler and Ralph Gilbert for the Democratic nomination for two seats on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

Cashion placed fourth and DeVoe fifth in the May 3 primary behind Gilbert and Spangler.

Voters gave a clear majority to

a wide range of areas, including recruiting and evaluating potential teachers and non-certified personnel and advising the board on hiring and carrying out personnel policies.

"It's becoming really important in recent years to have such a position," said McRae. "So much is going on in terms of changes in personnel policies and getting new personnel."

We're pleased that we have someone of Ronnie's capabilities that we can promote. He's done a fine job as principal at the high school and that's always a difficult job. He's a real people person and will bring skills that will be very valuable to us."

first-time candidate Joe Cabaniss, Shelby Banker, who was nominated for one of the three seats up for grabs in the November general election.

The three Democratic nominees will face Republicans Charlie Harry and Larry F. Greer, both of Shelby, in November. Chasion, vice chairman, and Spangler, are incumbents on the board.

Joseph Lublaneski Graduates

Navy Petty Office 2nd Class Joseph Lublaneski, son of Verta and George Lublaneski Sr. of Kings Mountain, was graduated from Field Medical Service School.

To graduate, he was required to demonstrate basic proficiency in emergency medical techniques, casualty evacuation, field sanitation and preventive medicine procedures.

Faucette Newest KM Cop

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David Faucette and one daughter, Pamela Setzer of China Grove. He has three grandchildren, Karen and Mandy Faucette and Daniel Setzer.

His hobbies all have to do with his new job. He enjoys loading shotgun shells and ammunition and shoots skeet, and pistols.

Faucette joins nine other reserve Policemen on KMPD and 31 regular officers.

"This is a happy day for me. I'm real proud to wear this badge" he beamed, unashamedly wiping tears from his eyes.



HONORED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE — Pictured are KMSHS Juniors honored at the 8th Annual Academic Awards Banquet. Front row, from left, Lisa Marie Lund, Kimberly Annette Huffstetler, Sherri Lynn Greene, Kathryn Page Wells and Barbara Ann Hawkins. Second row, from left, Kristina Leigh Anne Hine, Kendra Page Cash, Anne Elizabeth Campbell, Leigh Anne Fulton, Amanda Michele Hambricht, and Roberta Joy Van Dyke. Third row, from left, Tracy Mack Stewart, Ron Bradley Wilson, Michael Shan Conner and Jeffrey Emmett Muench. Not pictured: Betsy Jo Tessneer.