

KMHS News

Warlick Finalist For Scholarship

Jennifer Jewel (J.J.) Warlick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Warlick of Kings Mountain, is one of seven high school seniors nominated from the West Central Region as finalists for competition for 1989 Morehead Awards to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The announcement was made by Charles E. Lovelace, Jr., executive director of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Two other students from Cleveland County, Chris Miller of Crest High School, and Deanna Reid of Shelby High School, were among finalists. Other finalists were Patrick Russell Burnside of Hickory, Laura Lynn Laxton of Lenoir, Ramon Robinson Plowden of Gastonia and Robert Howard Lacey, Jr. of Newland.

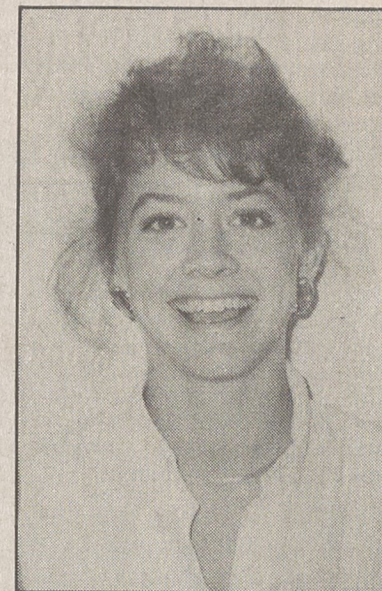
The West Central Region is made up of Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Mitchell counties.

Seven finalists and two alternates were selected from 19 nominees picked earlier by local committees. Interviews were conducted by the Regional Selection Committee in Morganton, Thurs., Dec. 8.

First alternate is Tammera Ann Sudderth of Hickory.

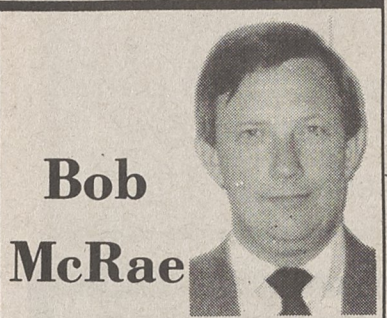
Second alternate is Allison Paige Kivett of Hickory.

Miss Warlick ranks second in her



J.J. WARLICK

class at 265 at Kings Mountain Senior High School. She is president of the student body, the first woman to serve in that position. She is vice president of the National Honor Society and a member of the Beta, Key and French clubs, FCA, the marching, concert and pep bands, and the flag squad. She attended Governor's School, Girls' State and participates in varsity tennis and track. She served as a junior marshal and was named first runner-up in the Cleveland County Junior Miss contest.



Bob McRae

Christmas Wishes . . .

The beginning of Christmas vacation in the schools is always anticipated eagerly. I hope you got a chance to enjoy some of the special programs and other events at our schools. As usual, our staffs and students did a superb job.

The approaching new year reminds me of how soon it will be June. There is much to do before that time. Parents, let me encourage you again to stay in close contact with the teachers of your children to prevent surprises at the end of the year. Good home-school cooperation can insure success.

My Christmas wish list for this year includes the following:

- a safe, enjoyable holiday for all of our students and employees.
- a good health for our school system family - 1988 has been a difficult one for several of our people, workers and children. An absence of those problems in 1989 would be the best gift ever.
- lots of presents and happiness for our employees. Regardless of the job, they are a dedicated, caring group of people who work hard every day to make school a good place for our kids to go.
- better attendance by the students who, for some reason, do not see the need to attend school regularly. Some of our students simply do not come to school and seem to receive little encouragement at home to do so.
- support from the community in 1989 as we try to take a firmer approach to the problem of student attendance.
- more respect on the part of visitors and students for the appearance of our campuses, especially at the high school. I wonder what ever made some people think that the school campus is the appropriate place to throw their trash. I bet they would be irritated if the school dumped its garbage on their front lawn.
- the rapid completion of the Neisler Natatorium and the use of that facility by a large percentage of our community.
- the successful passage in the spring of a bond issue for school construction.
- a timely beginning of construction to assure the opening of Kings Mountain Middle School in August of 1990.
- more time for us to accomplish all of the jobs for which society has given us the responsibility, many of which have been dropped by parents.
- more parents who attend to all of those responsibilities and continue to care deeply for the welfare of their children.
- NO SNOW! That ought to make me really popular with the students.
- the chance to have more opportunities to tell folks just how special this system is - a place where kids really do make the difference.

Great things lie ahead for 1989. I invite you to join us as we plan for the future. It is only with your continued support that we can achieve excellence in education. Be a part of that effort.

This week's special thank you goes to the many individuals and groups who give to make Christmas special for underprivileged children. We have several in our schools. Your gifts to them is a precious gift to me. Many, many thanks.

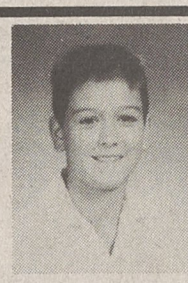


MAKING GINGERBREAD HOUSES - These Bethware third graders in Julienne Hambricht's class are making gingerbread houses with the help of parents, Mrs. Kristy Caulder and Mrs. Debbie Goforth. Left to right are Kimberly McDaniel, Mrs. Caulder, Anna Goforth, Michael Wilson, Christie Randall, Mrs. Goforth, and Paul Creasman.

New P.E. Teacher At Bethware

At Bethware Elementary School we have a new physical education teacher. His name is Paul Bolt. Mr. Bolt has wanted to be a physical education teacher ever since he was in grade school because he's always liked sports. Paul enjoys teaching here. He likes the teachers and students a lot. Mr. Bolt would like to stay at Bethware as long as they will let him, and we all hope he stays because he's number one.

Also at Bethware, the music teacher, Mrs. Lynn Echols, has organized a chorus made up of fifth graders. The group is called The Fifth Grade Chorus. The group meets every other Friday. At their first practice, the group practiced how high and low they could sing. Later on in the year Mrs. Echols



Bethware School

By CHRISTIE HUGHES AND TOMMY MORROW

will direct the group in a musical. Another service at Bethware is the library. It is opened each morning by one of the school library helpers. The helpers are Emily Jones, Erin Anderson, Jacque Frizzel, Franchester Wilson, and Christie Hughes. The duties of the library helpers are to help Mrs. Plyler, the school librarian, put up books, records, kits, and old magazines. Library helpers also put cards in order and help keep the library clean. Mrs. Plyler says the library helpers are a great deal of help to her.



GROVER PLAY - Wesley Tindall, as Santa Claus, and Rhonda Clary, as Mrs. Claus, perform in Grover School's annual Christmas PTO program in the school auditorium.

Grover Students Writing Paragraphs

The update for Grover School. Mrs. Mitchell's third grade class is learning about writing paragraphs. The class has been very interested about paragraphs. The class also read their paragraphs about "The Night Before Christmas At My House!"

Miss Blanton's class is studying about Christmas in different countries. The class will make the burst a pinata. They have discovered that the tradition of a Christmas tree comes from Germany. December 13 is Saint Lucia Day in Sweden. The class also enjoyed the food from Turkey, Italy and Holland.



Grover School

By JASON WRIGHT

Mrs. Allen's fourth graders listened to Jim Anderson, the National Park. He spoke about the battles in our area. He also showed a historian from the King Mountain

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SANTA AND FRIEND - Second grader Brandy Dimon sits on Santa's lap to give him her Christmas wish list. Santa visited West School students Monday.

North School

By SHONDEE WOOD

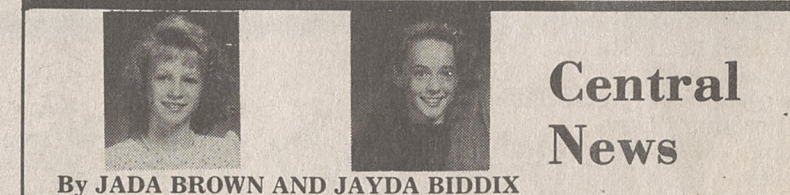
North Teachers Ready For Vacation Too!

Hi, this is Shondee Wood. It is almost Christmas, and the kids at North School want to get out of school. I bet the teachers are ready for vacation too.

The kids at North have been talking about what they want for Christmas, and what they are going to do on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Well, I know what I'm going to do. First, I am going to tear into my presents, and then I will go to my grandmother's house to get some homemade food.

Now for all of the parents out there, and especially for Santa Claus, here is a list of some of the things that the kids of North School want Santa to pack in his bag this Christmas:

Nintendo, bikes, remote control cars, Barbie, Little Miss Make-up, dance sets, computers, clothes, scooters, art sets, and Pee Wee's Playhouse.



By JADA BROWN AND JAYDA BIDDIX

Central News

Central Students Collect Canned Food For Needy

'Twas the day before the holidays, and all through the school, not a student was munching, not even the roaches. The rats were all nestled, all snug in their lockers, while visions of cookie crumbs danced in their heads. The pink slips were hung by the front desk with care, in hope that the students soon would be there. And I in my chair and Mrs. Langston in hers, had just settled down for a very short nap.

When up on the ceiling there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my desk to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like flash--tore open the blinds and threw up the lunch I had just eaten. When what to my wandering eyes should appear, but a fat repair man with all his grimy gear. As I drew in my head and was turning around, down the repair man fell with a bound. He spoke not a word, but went straight to the hospital, while he turned with a jerk. But I heard him exclaim as the ambulance drove out of sight, "Happy holidays to all and to all a good break!"

A little Christmas humor there, written by John Leonard.

On the other hand, the winner of "Kans For Kids" food drive was Mrs. Bumgardner's homeroom with 262 cans turned in. Overall, we collected 700 cans.

The cans will go to the Helping Hands Food Bank in Kings Mountain, and the Kings Mountain Baptist Association in Shelby which serves 160 KM families.

The Door Decorating Contest winner for the best Christmas display was Mrs. Jackson's homeroom. Second place was Mrs. Hovis, and third, Mrs. Arrowood. The following homerooms won honorable mention: Stroupe, Splawn, Gardner, and Langston.

Both groups received parties by the Student Council for their efforts.

Who is your favorite teacher at Central? Every month, the students vote on their favorite teacher. Last month the winner was Gary Blake, seventh grade math teacher. This month, Mrs. Cindy Wood, sixth grade math, science and health teacher, won. Congratulations to both teachers.

See you after the new year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

West School

By PENNY CALDWELL AND VICHITH MEUANGSAKSITH

West School Students Present Christmas Play

A lot of things have been happening at West School. At the PTO Monday night the fourth and fifth grades presented "Shapin' Up Santa."

Everyone has been getting ready for Christmas this week. The classes wrote things for our parent newsletter. Mrs. Rudisill's third grade class wrote a new version of "The Night Before Christmas." Mrs. McDonald's class wrote "Our Wish for the World." Mrs. Hope's class wrote "Our Christmas Alphabet."

In our classroom we have been making villages out of milk cartons and candles out of tissue rolls. In art class we have been learning how to make teddy bears and different kinds of Christmas pictures. Mrs. Hope's class made angels and paper reindeer. The other classrooms have been making ornaments for their trees also.

The fourth grades went to see "The Nutcracker" ballet in Charlotte. The second grade went on a trip to the Cleveland County Historical Museum.

Merry Christmas from the fifth grade at West School.

On Monday, December 5 all of the students at West Elementary School had the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and tell him their Christmas wishes. Photographs were taken by Park Place Photography from downtown Kings Mountain. The pictures were sold to the parents of the students by the fifth grade in order to help finance their trip to Washington, D.C. in the spring.

The class also held a raffle to help with the trip. A turkey and ham were awarded to the winners after the drawing was held at the school on December 16. The winners were Barbara Byers and Joan Nolan.

Another continuing project by the fifth grade is the collection of aluminum cans. The parents feel that this is both a service to the community as well as a fundraising endeavor for the students. If anyone has any aluminum cans or other aluminum refuse, the school will be happy to accept your donations every Friday afternoon. A box will be available in front of the school office at this time.