



Bethware Elementary fifth-grade teacher Dianna Allen and one of her students, Bridget Barrett, help decorate the room for Halloween. Allen's fifth-grade class is known as Allen's Angels.

Allen: Teachers must love

By RENEE WALSER
of the Herald Staff

The first thing you see when you walk into Bethware Elementary School fifth grade teacher Dianna Allen's room is a sign over the door that says "All Children Can Learn."

After crossing the threshold, you don't know where to look next.

In the center of the room is Allen's desk, a round table surrounded by the children's desks, all neatly labeled with the student's name.

Every wall is covered with mottoes like "All Children Can Learn" and "Be the Best You Can Be."

And tucked away in one corner sits a rocking chair for reading or just resting after a long day.

It's a room for staying busy, but it's a comfortable room, too.

About the banner, Allen said,

"We understand all children can't learn at the same rate, but all children can learn."

Her philosophy of education is just that gentle.

"I try to get the students to see the good things about themselves," she said. "I try to treat them like I would want someone else to treat my children."

Allen said she felt a teacher should be patient, kind and understanding.

"You need to let them know that you love them and care about them," she said.

"And, of course, a teacher has to be industrious to stay up till 11:00 at night to grade papers," she said, chuckling.

Allen said Bethware was an especially good school to work at because she and the three other fifth grade teachers work so closely to-

gether. They have a team approach and communicate a great deal.

The parents are supportive, too, she said.

"The want the best for them (the children)," Allen said.

PTO meetings are usually standing room only because so many parents attend, she said.

Allen has been at Bethware for 15 years and a teacher for about 20. She is a Kings Mountain native and has three children. Her husband, Larry, is associate superintendent of Kings Mountain schools.

"I rely on him a lot for support and help," she said. "In fact, my whole family helps me."

Allen believes that there is a reason for every event in life.

"There is a divine reason why we've been put together this year," she said.

Concert at Cleveland College

The Cleveland Community College Visiting Artist Program will present Kevin Ayesh and James McLeland in a piano/violin concert, on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2:30 p.m. in the college auditorium.

Ayesh has performed widely across the United States. Originally from Wichita, Kansas, Dr. Ayesh is presently N.C. Visiting Artist for both Cleveland and Gaston Community Colleges. He begins his residency for Cleveland in January of 1992. A resident of Hendersonville, he was formerly Visiting Artist at Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock.

Originally from Wichita, Kansas, McLeland is presently master of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra while serving as Adjunct Assistant Professor of violin at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He holds a Bachelor

of Music degree from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, and a Master of Music degree from Miami University of Ohio.

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my old police siren and I put it on the floor so that I wouldn't accidentally make it sound. I could scarcely see out my closet door but I saw in the moonlight a man. That second I just knew that he was the escaped convict. First, he went into the den. Then, he came in my room. He went into the kitchen, then back in my room again. From the light from my window I could see that he had a gun. I was so scared that I accidentally set off the police siren. The man dropped his gun and ran for the door.

Then I woke up. Terrified, I got out of bed and on my floor. I felt a weird shaped object under my feet. Then I looked down and saw it was a gun. I turned on my TV and saw that the police had captured the convict. They also said that they found him on the corner of my street. To this very day I still don't know what really happened.

ONE HALLOWEEN NIGHT

By FRANKIE COLEMAN

One Halloween night I went trick or treating. I got lost. I had my watch with me. It was 12:30 at night. I saw a car light. It was Lamborghini. I tried to follow it but it was too fast. I'm glad that I had a flashlight. When I turned it on it did not come on. I went to the nearest house. I went in it but no one was there. I went in the kitchen and I saw a leg and it wasn't a chicken leg. I went to the pantry. I saw trick or treaters parts, head, hands, legs, stomachs and feet. I screamed. Doors, cabinets opening and shutting. When I went to the door, it shut. I tried to open it but it was locked. Screaming and hollering, trees scraping at the windows. I couldn't stand it any longer, I climbed out of a window. I started running. The screaming got louder and louder. Something touched me on my shoulder. I woke up and it was all a dream.

Since its establishment in 1965, Head Start has provided comprehensive health, education and social services to approximately twelve million preschool children and their families. The program

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childhood poisoning. Safety standards have served to minimize injuries caused by consumer products. Several states have enacted gun control laws. However, far too many children are still dying or suffering from severe injuries that could be prevented. "We must act together for a safer community," said Mrs. Norman.

This year the program celebrated with the annual free games of putt putt and refreshments at Putt Putt Golf and Games on Monday and Tuesday, the 28th and 29th. An exhibit of children's artwork and information about the Head Start program was on display at the Cleveland Mall through the 29th, also.

Over the last decade, the nation has taken several important steps toward preventing injuries to our children. People have begun to use smoke detectors in their homes, child safety seats, seat belts and air bags in their cars, and safety helmets when bicycling. Safety packaging for medicines and household

celebrated on October 7th) focused on prevention of childhood injuries this year. Injury is the single greatest killer of children, causing more deaths than all diseases combined. Injury (including choking) is also a leading cause of disability. An estimated 30,000 children suffer permanent disability from injury each year. The cost of injuries to the nation's children is estimated to exceed 7.5 billion dollars each year.

Most injuries are predictable and preventable. "To protect our children from these preventable injuries, we need to improve our knowledge, and make some changes in our environment and behaviors," said Mrs. Norman, local program director. "We must be dedicated to protecting children from injuries that threaten their lives or jeopardize their futures," she said.

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Head Start notes anniversary

This year marks the 26th anniversary of the Head Start program and Cleveland County's Head Start centers will join more than 13,000 Head Start centers across the country in celebrating the program's founding. . . but the local program director has decided not to join in the nationwide balloon launch this year.

For the past ten years, Cleveland County Head Start has participated in an informational balloon release in an attempt to inform the people of the country and surrounding areas of the program's services. Each of the Head Start enrollees has previously released a helium filled balloon containing a message that October is National Head Start Awareness Month with a number to call for more information.

This year the program will not release balloons and will use this opportunity to advocate against the use of balloons with young children. Balloons are a common cause of choking infants and young children. Helium filled balloons that float away to become lodged in trees or pastures are also a threat to the environment and may be deadly to animals.

Child Health Day (which was

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled By Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Oct. 23-29	Year Ago
Total precipitation	0	1.30
Maximum one day	0	1.30 (25th)
Year to date	43.42	51.36
Minimum temperature	35 (29th)	32 (26th)
Maximum temperature	84 (28th)	74 (23rd)
Average temperature	65.4	51.1

*Frost this year on Oct. 29. Last year, three frosts with a slight damage on Oct. 26.

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