



TERRIFIC KIDS - These Bethware students were recently chosen as Terrific Kids. Left to right, front row, are Steven Brown, Angela Sipe, Cody Smart, Drew Gibson, Lauren Dye, Jeremy Harrelson. Second row, Misty Collins, Brooks Tate, Angela Gregory, Scotty Wiggins, Amber Homesley, Amber Kiser. Back row, Latoya Perry, Aaron Chatham, Lane Tindall, Crystal Dixon. Not pictured, Chris Evans and Janie Falls.



MORE TERRIFIC KIDS - These Bethware students were recently named Terrific Kids. Front row, left to right, Ashley Seawright, Kyle Lovelace, Monica Franks, Allen Carroll, Kellie Houser, Chirag Patel. Second row, Jason Bridge, Jennifer Towery, Katie Stowe, Ron Burton, Terrence Rainey, Melissa Caldwell. Back row, Bridget Barrett, Derek Payseur, Linda Smith, Tyler Ellis, Ben Godfrey, Andrea Lail, Brian Putnam, Heather Nichols.



GROVER TERRIFIC KIDS - Grover Elementary School recently chose its Terrific Kids for the last nine weeks grading period. Pictured (not in order) are Dymetria Bigger, Kristen Ammay, Weston Taylor, Anna Grier, Jason Dee, David Bradford, Heather Curry, Latosha Elswick, Anna Phasonghine, Jason Murray, Mindy Proctor, Milissa Winstead, Jody Black, Trent Earls, Michael Wilson, Brandy Greene, Sally Davis, Orlando Williams, Tiffany Robinson, Tara Herndon, Brian Houze, Lamika Odums, Betty Bowen, Marcus Odums, Dannyelle Turner, Chris Wall, Amanda VanDyke, Franklin Hoper, Nichole Willis and Bridget Philbeck. Absent were Baria Adams, Jeffery Carpenter, Dannielle Walker, Brandon Bowen, John Goforth and Roxanna Gunnels.

Local students earn degrees at UNCC

Seventeen Kings Mountain students, one Grover student, and one Waco student earned degrees from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte during the recent commencement.

They were:
David Larry Dellinger, a B.S. in geography.
Christopher G. Diggs, a B. A. in psychology.
Walter D. Harmon, a B.A. in geography and a B. A. in earth sciences.
Erin Lesley Joy, a B.S. in nursing.

Kevin Jenkins Plonk, an MA. in counseling and guidance.
Lee S. Sherrill Jr., a B. A. in English.

Wanda W. Wilson, a B.A. in history.
Brenda S. Wooten, a B.S. in business administration.
Mary Ruth Bridges, a B.A. in human services.
Scott D. Burns, a B.S. in business administration.
William Davis V, a B.A. in English.
Kelly Eubanks Grant, a B.S. in nursing.

Edgar B. Greene, a B.S. in mechanical engineering technology.
Amber Love Latham, a B.S. in nursing.

Janet M. Smith, an M. E.D. in counseling and guidance.
Mary Elizabeth Vernon, a B.A. in biology.
John Titus Whitaker, a B.M. E. in mechanical engineering.

Zeppora S. Roberts, a B.A. in psychology.
Amanda Annette Tuft, a B.S. in business administration.

Construction store featured in magazine

In big cities, remodeling prospects often go to showrooms, but there wasn't one in Kings Mountain or Shelby, so Mark Beach approached local suppliers with a proposal to rent space in Cleveland Mall and stock it with displays and product literature.

It all came together last August when the Construction Store showroom opened. Beach sells kitchen, bath, and sun room projects and the occasional new home to clients who've had a chance to examine what they're buying. He buys materials from the 15 participating suppliers, who pay a fee to

display. Last year, 60 percent of Beach's gross volume was sold after August 1.

Beach has trademarked The Construction Store name and plans to open a second mall showroom in Gastonia later this year.

After two years in business, the full service general contractor has a sales staff of two in the office with 20 field representatives.

Beach and The Construction Store were featured in the Remodeling Magazine in its May issue as one of Top 50 Outstanding Remodelers in its Hall of Fame.

Beach said he was contacted by

the national magazine staff several months ago for a feature story.

The Construction Store is located in Cleveland Mall, builds custom homes and also operates a design service.

Remodeling is a specialty of the Construction Store stocked with literature free to the public interested in building a dream home or remodeling an existing home. Judy Lamb is Mall showroom manager.

Beach is married to Linda Wells and they and their son reside on Stewart Road.

Westmoreland retires

Grover fourth-grade teacher Carolyn Westmoreland had an aneurysm three years ago and since then has been on disability from the Kings Mountain school system.

"I told Dr. McRae when I go into retirement I want to retire with the rest," she said recently.

And she did this year. It made her 30th year in the teaching profession and she was right up there with the rest of the retirees at the end of the year banquet.

"I'll be glad to go on retirement," said Westmoreland. "Teaching is a profession that takes so much energy. It just becomes part of your life. I really did enjoy it."

Westmoreland said it has taken the three years of disability to get the teaching routine out of her system.

She began teaching in Charlotte's Berryhill Elementary for five years. Then she taught 22 at Grover.

Her favorite part about her job was the relationships.

"I think probably the friendships I developed with the teachers. It was like a family," said Westmoreland.

The children were special, too. "I always wanted them to feel a sense of self worth and to be proud



CAROLYN WESTMORELAND of what they do," she said. "Every child was important. It didn't matter what background they came from. Every child should have dignity."

Westmoreland said that her parents and grandparents always taught her that it's not what you have, but it's what you are.

She and her husband, Dean, have been traveling a bit and plan to do more. Dean retired three years ago from teaching at the high school and spends a lot of time as chairman of the Democratic Party in Cleveland County.

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