

## Auditors: Administrators should be hired from outside system

A three-member team of curriculum auditors say that when positions become available the Kings Mountain District Schools should recruit and employ well-qualified administrators from outside the immediate area to infuse new ideas into the system.

"While the school system enjoys many successes, these are not often communicated to and celebrated by the entire school family and community," said Dr. Frances Jones, of Winston-Salem, lead auditor who gave recommendations to the Board of Education Friday during

an all-day workshop.

Jones said the audit team, which also included Karen Brown and Marvin Armstrong, spent three full days in Kings Mountain in November. They also reviewed board policies, memos, printed data on student populations, curriculum guides and other sources of written data which revealed information about the written, taught and tested curriculum and the linkages between them.

Jones said that conversations were held with both individuals and groups to determine the extent

to which a sound curriculum is in place and how it is delivered to students. They conducted interviews, not only with administrators, teachers and board members, but with parents, community members, high school department chairpersons and others, she said.

The auditors addressed the issue of accountability for increased student achievement by recommending that school staffs take major responsibility for assuring students make substantive academic progress. It was suggested that a mindset of high standards for the

performance of all students in the system be instilled and practiced. Additionally, school based personnel should examine the use of many different instructional strategies to deliver the curriculum in a way that connects to real world situations.

The auditors suggested that accomplishments be shared beyond the system to others throughout the state. They said there has been little opportunity for the infusion of new ideas into the school system via the recruitment and employment of well qualified administra-

tors from outside the immediate area.

The connectivity of the curriculum through building a seamless flow of learning experiences for children at kindergarten through grade twelve is recommended as a way to avoid unnecessary stops and starts in the learning process.

The auditors said that while the Kings Mountain District has a commendable reputation the recommendations in the audit can, when followed, help to move it toward a world class learning community.

"Kings Mountain Schools are doing innovative things and they need to let others know about it," said Jones, who conducted her 26th curriculum audit at Kings Mountain.

"Kings Mountain Schools have an edge on technology," said Jones, a former teacher, elementary and high school principal and a former Associate Superintendent with 23 years experience in public education in North Carolina.

The Board of Education asked for the audit, they said, to chart the future direction of the school system.

## Kings Mountain High School honor rolls

Kings Mountain High honor rolls for the second nine weeks and first semester:

### NINE WEEKS A

Ninth Grade - Allene Barron, Katie George, Katie Phommalin, Tracy Wilson.

Tenth Grade - Melissa Birdsong, C.G. Huffstickler, Erin Lovelace, Thomas Morrow II, Susan Smith,

Allen Ware.

Eleventh Grade - Haley Bridges, Richard Clary, Amy Dixon, Michael Humphries, Erika Randall, Wendy Wright.

Twelfth Grade - Margie Ball, Jayda Biddix, Ginger Blalock, Jada Brown, Shelley Dixon, Tiffany Houze, Stephanie Hutchins, Heather Perry, Chan Phanthalack, Stephanie Phillips, Jennifer Sloan, Anita Whitaker.

Jacquelyn Houston, Crystal Husky, Bethany Jimison, Kristin Koenig, Stephanie Lail, Sheldon Lynn, Brian Maxey, Kimberly Moore, Kathryn Morrow, Holly6 Mull, Crystal Murray, Hiroki Nishiyama, Riley Nolen, Namkhang Phannareth, Leslie Phifer, Saengmani Philavanh, Stephanie Ruppe, Ricky Southard, Lyndi Stone, Katie Subler, Tamra Webber.

Tenth Grade - Erin Anderson, Shannon Corley, Danielle Curry, Felicia Davis, Autumn Edsall, Christie Hughes, Dorothy Jo, C.M. Johnsonbaugh, Certina Jones, Bradley Leonard, Jennifer LePors, Stalena Long, Molly McRae, Jason Murphy, Onh Noinara, Kristina Peterson, Misty Smith, Melissa Whitson, Jennifer Yarbro.

Eleventh Grade - Albinus

Tillman, Alessandra Almeida, Heather Baker, Sarah Bridges, Jeffrey Cook, Thomas Dellinger, Alan Hagans, Carrie Hardin, Hollie Hollifield, Amy Humphries, Chameika Jackson, John Leonard, Kimberly Sparrow, Crystal Tayara, Amber Tittle, Cynthia Ware, Nicole Williams.

Twelfth Grade - Susan Burns, Melissa Carpenter, melissa Cash, Courtney Goforth, Jennifer Johnson, Allison Kiser, Cale McDaniel, Emily Melvin, Melissa Mitchell, Dennis Morrow, Roger

See Honors, 10-A

## Obituaries

### DOROTHY WELLS

Dorothy Wright Wells, 62, of Margaret St., died February 18, 1994, at Highlands Cashiers Hospital.

A native of Marietta, SC, she was the wife of William Claude Wells. She was the daughter of the late James Andy and Myrtle Pearl Cantrell Wright.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sons, Michael Wells and Ricky Wells, both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Dorothea Kiser of Bessemer City and Lolita Culberson of Siler City; one brother, John Forest of Kings Mountain; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 3 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Rev. Dick Whitener officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

### ANNIE LEE JONAS

CHERRYVILLE - Annie Lee Homesley Jonas, 82, of Route 5, died February 18, 1994, at Carolina Care Center.

A native of Gaston County, she was a homemaker and a retired seamstress for Ray Crest Mill. She was wife of Claude Stevenson Jonas of Carolina Care Center and daughter of the late Amos Pinkney and Margaret Elizabeth Farris Homesley.

She was salutatorian of her high school graduating class at Cherryville High.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are four brothers, Amos P. Homesley Jr., Robert Homesley, Bynum Homesley and Don Homesley, all of Cherryville; three sisters, Margaret Marrash of Charlotte and Mary Ruth Mundy and Nellie M. Homesley of Cherryville; and a number of nieces and nephews. Two brothers, Marvin Odell Homesley and James Homesley preceded her in death.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 2 pm. at First Baptist Church. Dr. Dan Featherstone officiated. Burial was in Cherryville City Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 301 E. First St., Cherryville, 28021.

### TOMMY DEAN ANDERSON

Tommy Dean Anderson, 25, died February 20, 1994 at his home in Elfin, Illinois.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of Claude and Patricia Baity Anderson, both of Kings Mountain.

Also surviving is one brother, Timothy Wayne Anderson of Morganton.

The graveside service will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by Rev. Elbert Mills.

### DAISY SMITH

Daisy Lee Smith, 78, of 701 West Virginia Ave., Bessemer City, died February 14, 1994 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Surviving are three sons, Odell Walker of Bessemer City, Clarence Lewis of Oxion Hill, Md., and Theodore Smith of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Elizabeth McNeil of Belmont, Janie Mae Lewis of Yonkers, NY, Shirley Smith of Bessemer City; and Betty Floyd of Gastonia; one sister, Joenell Hughes of Kings Mountain; 26 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at St. John Christian Holiness Church. Rev. Lenole Brown and Josephine Smith officiated. Burial was in Vantine Cemetery in Bessemer City.

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