

# Anthony Bethware Teacher of the Year

Janet Anthony's world is made up of five-year olds. And she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I prayed a lot before I changed from a fourth grade classroom to a second grade classroom and then a kindergarten class but I've found my calling," said Anthony, a 17-year veteran teacher who came home to Kings Mountain three years ago.

Anthony is Bethware School's Teacher of the Year.

Anthony taught 14 years in Henry County, Va. and returned to her hometown to teach second grade for two years before the kindergarten opening came at Bethware this school year.

A graduate of the local school

system, Anthony said she completed a month of independent study of this system's first grades as a college student. After being certified in K-4 at Lenoir-Rhyne College, she moved with her husband, Thomas Anthony Jr., to Virginia and earned a second certificate in special education and learning disabilities from the University of Virginia.

"Young children are so eager to learn but they need a lot of direction," said Anthony, who said one of her primary goals is to teach kids how to get along with other kids and how to interact in the special centers in the busy classroom. Learning the alphabet and sounds, planting seeds, and even planting a

tree in memory of a former classmate are all in a day's work in her classroom.

Anthony said she had never really decided that teaching would be her career choice until one day in Biology lab she felt queasy when she was told to do a certain project. "I decided I didn't want to be a nurse," she laughed.

Anthony follows in her mother's footsteps. Edie Bridges retired from West School after 30 years as a first grade teacher. She also formerly taught kindergarten at First Baptist Church where her daughter went to kindergarten under Mrs. R. G. Whisnant.

Anthony said she hopes to make a difference in a young child's life

by what she teaches her 27 students.

Her assistant, Dena Allen, said that Mrs. Anthony is, indeed, a role model. "My whole life has changed and I give her the credit," said Allen.

A Kings Mountain native, Anthony is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridges. She walks for fun, sews, and enjoys reading.

Anthony said her whole family is glad to be settled again in Kings Mountain. Tom works with AEP-CO in Hickory. Emily, 13, is a seventh grade middle school student. Eric, 10, is a fourth grader at Bethware School. They are all active in First Baptist Church.

Six of her 17 years as a class-

room teacher have been spent with five-year-olds.

She plans daily lessons and adjusts her methods and approaches to meet the unique needs of the individual children in her care whether their needs are academic, social or home-related.

"I am responsible for building positive self-esteem in my young students," says Anthony.

"I want them to ask questions, to feel unafraid to take risks, to learn how to get along with others and develop a healthy curiosity."

Instilling a love for books is another area Anthony stresses because she discovered at a young age the joy, pleasure and excitement of reading.



JANET ANTHONY



**CELEBRATE MUSIC WEEK** - East School recently celebrated "Music in our Schools Week." Performing groups included Kirt Hollifield, left, and Jerry Edmonson in top photo; and the Clogging Station Cloggers (bottom photo). Members of the Cloggers are, front row, left to right, Pam Randall, Shera Detter, Alex Childers, Emily Edwards and Brandi Detter. Back row, Susan Mayes, April Frady, Lindsey Hawes, Kim Whitworth, Nicole Baliles, and Stephanie Edwards.

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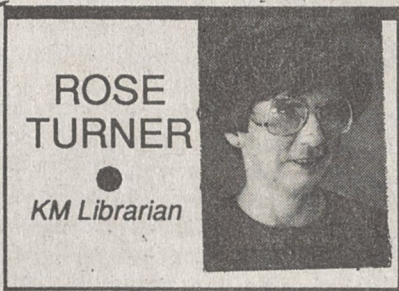
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## Board approves teacher contracts

Kings Mountain District Schools' Board of Education awarded career contracts to 18 educators at Monday night's monthly meeting at Grover School.

In addition, numerous probationary contracts were approved, as well as retirements and leaves of absence.

Supt. Bob McRae said no teachers were lost this year due to financial reasons. He said decisions have not yet been made on some interim teachers.

Teachers awarded career contracts were Marlene Bennett, Janet Anthony and Barry Webster, Bethware; Sharon Gayton, East; Susie Hughes, Ethel Crocker, Joyce Harrington and Tommy Wright, Grover; Stephanie Pasour, North; Bonnie Bryson and Grace Mitchell, West; Sherry Young, Gill Doggett and Amy Ross, Middle School; and Linda Bray, Sheila Wyont, Allen Dixon and Mike Rhoney, High School.

Teachers receiving probationary contracts included Beth McIntyre,

Jan Cogar, Larry Logan, Johnna Wye and John Voorhees, Bethware; Heather Tallent, Anne Mauney, Sharon Horne, Heidi Crawford and Janet Suber, East; Laurinda Pennington, Adriana Macchiavello and Bendatra Hart, Grover; Kim Barnette, Patricia Young, Lisa Hoffman, and Susan Lings, North; Suzanne Grayson, West; Dianna Thomas, Robin Masters, Dana Smith, Florrie Hamrick, Elizabeth Vinesett, Sara Cole and Mary Fitzpatrick, Middle School; and Rhonda Thompson, Nelson Connor, Cindy Sopher, Alfred Ash, Susan Pursley, Tim Heavner, Aubrey Hollifield, Leslie Dover, Kristi Holden and Conrad Martin, High School.

Daniel Owens was hired as a drafting teacher at the High School, and Albert Hart was employed as teacher of the Alternative Class for Exceptional Children at KM Middle School.

The Board accepted the resignation of David Walker, custodian, KMHS; and the retirement of Mary

Ellen Davis, cafeteria, East; Bill Hager, teacher, KMMS; Sara Griffin, librarian, KMHS; Mae Grigg, teacher assistant, Grover; Juanita Herron, teacher, Grover; Billy Lemons, teacher, Bethware; and Linda Dover, secretary, Bethware.

Leaves of absence were granted to Anita Grayson, guidance counselor, Bethware; and Lou Anne Davis, English teacher, KMHS.

Gary Blake, math teacher, was transferred from KMHS to KMMS; and Robin Masters, math teacher, transferred from KMMS to KMHS.

The Board approved Kimberly Franks, Esther Marie Mayse, Jerry Shull and James Thompson Jr. as substitute teachers.

In another matter, the Board released students Christopher Rhyne and Elizabeth Hayes to Gaston County and Matthew Bumgardner to Cleveland County; and accepted Misty Dawn Windon from Lincoln County and Amy Lynn Fredell and

Michael Shane Hall Jr. from Gaston County.

In other action, the board: ■ Recognized Kylie Bryant, systemwide spelling bee winner; and the KMHS Chorus and Kings Revue which won second and third place trophies at the recent Music Fest 1994 in Florida.

■ Heard an update on the multi-age classroom at Grover School which serves 72 first, second and third grade students through an original \$75,000 Foreign Language Assistance Grant and an additional grant of \$100,000 which was received last year.

■ Approved a revised Summer Teaching Assignments policy which requires giving local employees top priority.

■ Heard the results of the recent North Carolina writing rests for fourth, sixth and eighth graders. In almost all categories, local students scored comparable with others across the state and Kings Mountain showed improvement in most areas over last year.

## School Briefs

### KMHS holds Beta Club induction

Twenty-seven students who are members of the Junior class at Kings Mountain High School were inducted into the National Honor Society recently.

Membership in the National Honor Society is based on scholarship, leadership, character and service. A committee of five teachers selects the members. Membership in the National Honor Society is extended to those students who have shown outstanding achievements in scholarship, leadership, character and service.

Senior members are Michael Bell, Jayda Biddix, Ginger Blalock, Melissa Carpenter, James Depew, Aaron Ford, Courtney Goforth, Windi Goode, Jennifer Johnson, Charles Kaylor, Allison Kiser, Betty Mellan, Susan Melvin, Janey Ollis, Chan Phanthalack, Siamphone Phanthalack, Jody Putnam, Stacy Reynolds, Tracy Robertson, Jennifer Sloan, Denise Small, Travis Smith, Dee Stewart, Molly Subler and Anita Whitaker.

The new members from the Junior class are Israel Angeles, Heather Baker, Joey Bouchard, Sidney Bridges, Grant Campbell, Richard Clary, Jeffrey Cook, Amy Dixon, Michelle Fujita, Carrie Hardin, Hollie Hollifield, Michael Humphries, Clint Kale, Amanda Keen, Brian Lefevers, Shelley Leigh, John Leonard, Felita Meeks, Saeng Philavanh, Erika Randall, Jennifer Senter, Kimberly Sparrow, Sarah Tignor, Christy Walker, Cynthia Ware, Hart Wells and Nicole Williams.

### Parents' meeting set on curriculum

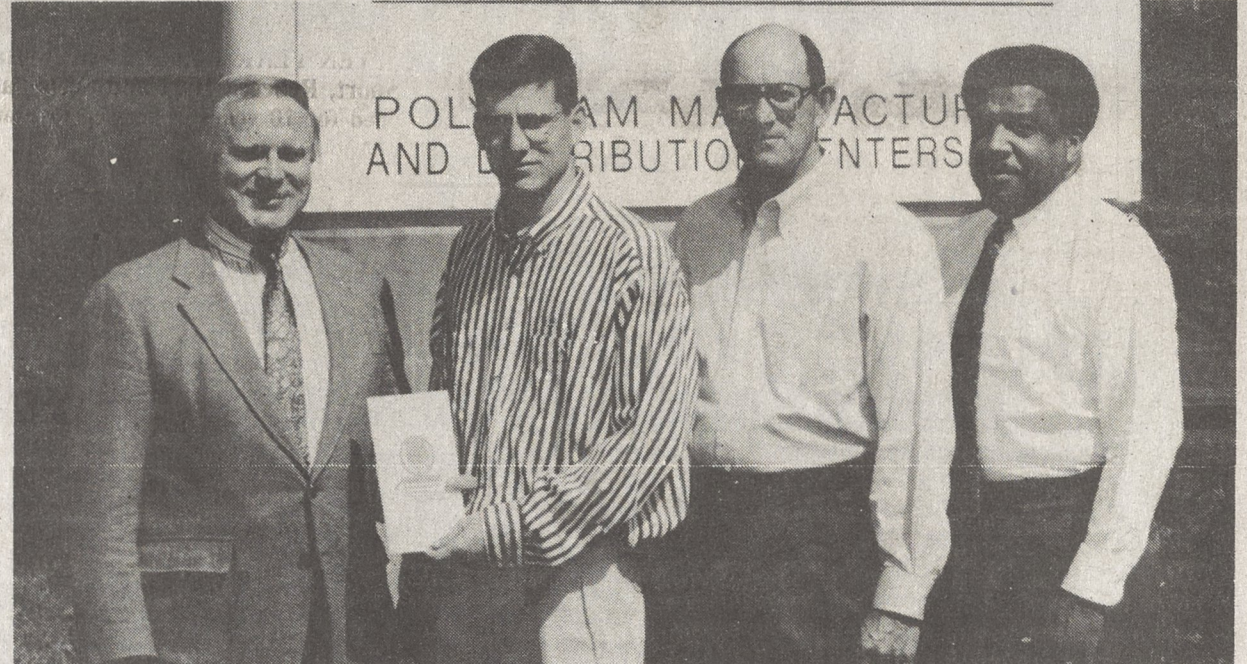
A parent meeting to discuss the Family Life curriculum for fifth graders will be held May 16 from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Grover Elementary School, and May 18 from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Bethware Elementary School.

Parents unable to attend should call Cindy Borders at 734-5637 for information.

### Kendrick inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Jewell B. Kendrick of 100 Gold Run Court, Kings Mountain, an English/Secondary Education major at UNC Charlotte, was recently inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society which recognizes and encourages superior scholarship in all academic disciplines.

To be eligible, a student must rank scholastically in the upper five percent of the junior class, the upper 10 percent of the senior class, or the upper 10 percent of graduate enrollment.



Left to right, Henning Jorgensen, PMDC President, Michael Bell, Mickey Bell, and Lewis Whiteside, H.R. Manager.

### Bell to receive \$6,000 scholarship

Kings Mountain High School senior Michael Bell has been awarded a \$6,000 scholarship from the National Association of Recording Merchandisers.

Bell's father, Mickey Bell, is employed as a technician at PolyGram Manufacturing and Distribution Centers in Grover, which is a member of PMDC.

Bell ranks in the top nine percent of his class at KMHS. He serves as Class President, and received varsity letters in wrestling and cross country.

In the summer of 1993, when floods ravaged the Midwest, Bell volunteered as a flood relief worker.

Bell plans to attend N.C. State University and pursue a career in Civil Engineering.

### Local students graduate NCSU

David Brent Bagwell, Eric Francis Hecados, Cheryl Suzette Perkins, and Christopher T. Dietel, all of Kings Mountain, will receive degrees during N.C. State University's 1994 spring commencement exercises Saturday at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh.

Elizabeth Dole, president of the American Red Cross, will deliver the address.

### Car wash Saturday at Central School

There will be a car wash Saturday morning at Kings Mountain Boys Club (Central School).

Funds raised will help toward

expenses of the 12-under AAU basketball team's trip to National Tournaments at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Orlando, Florida.

### KM bands concert set Thursday night

The Kings Mountain District School Bands will present the annual spring concert Thursday night at 7:30.

The concert will feature the Kings Mountain Middle School 7th and 8th grade bands and the Kings Mountain High School 9th grade and Blazer Bands.

The program will be conducted by Christopher Cole, Gil Doggett and ASU student teacher Bryon Graeber.

The concert is free to the public.

### Kids Etc..! program plans summer camp

Kids Etc..! plans a summer day camp June 13-August 5 at West Elementary School.

Weekly activities include outside games, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, cooking fun, drama, arts and crafts, play palace, and Water Towers Theatre. Field trips will be taken to Jigger's Restaurant, Alexander Homesite, Tweetsie Railroad, Charlotte Airport, Hollywood Zoo, Chuck and Cheese, Schiele Museum, Lake Lure and Discovery Place.

For registration and information call Patsy Walker at 734-5693.

### Adams inducted into society at GC

Antoinette L. Adams of Kings Mountain was inducted into Gamma Beta Phi Society at the spring induction ceremonies April

24 at Gaston College.

Also inducted were Patricia G. Bernard and Shelley Strout of Bessemer City, and Amy Goode, Jamie Holleman, harvetta Howell, Shirley Howell and Robbie Kiser of Cherryville.

### John Perry McDaniel is 1994 graduate

John Perry McDaniel is a member of the 1994 graduating class of Socastee High School in Myrtle Beach, SC.

After a senior trip to Orlando, Fla., John will be attending Horry Georgetown Tech in Myrtle Beach for one year, then will go on to Coastal Carolina College.

McDaniel's mother, Kathy Graham, is formerly of Kings Mountain. He is the grandson of Evelyn L. Graham of Kings Mountain, and is the son and grandson of Jerry R. McDaniel and Pauline and Perry McDaniel, all of Boiling Springs.

### Leigh Anne Newton on Kings dean's list

Leigh Anne Newton of Kings Mountain has been named to the Dean's List for the fourth straight semester at Kings College in Charlotte.

She attained a grade point average of 3.90 on a 4.0 scale. Leigh Anne is a student in the Medical Office Assisting program and will graduate in June.