



Travis Smith, Michael Bell, Molly Subler, Mylisa Carpenter, Nathan Champion, Sheldon Smith, Jamie Reep and Science instructor Mark Sivey are pictured in the Flatrock Outdoor Learning Area which Kings Mountain High School students have created in a wooded area behind the high school.

## Outdoor learning area at KMHS big hit with students and teachers

Flatrock Outdoor Learning Area was a dream of various classes at Kings Mountain High School but Saturday a group of seniors helped put the finishing touches on a project that began three years ago.

Earth Science and Biology students of Mark Sivy poured cement in a natural setting of trees and benches across from the track behind Kings Mountain High School and ended the day's work with a cookout.

The flatrocks are part of the massive 350 million-year-old Cherryville granite rock formation

that underlies the area. This provides the centerpiece of the newly completed Flatrock Outdoor Learning Area.

Sivy said the project began as a means to access certain natural features that could supplement the teachings of Earth Science and Biology classes. Last year the Kings Mountain District School Minigrant Foundation awarded a grant that allowed the purchase of equipment and materials that have been used to better develop the area.

The facilities now include one half mile of trails; a classroom learning area with bench seating; access to creeks and rock exposures; and benches along the trails.

Sivy said the area has become a popular resource for not only Science teachers but for many other teachers who wish to instruct in a different setting.

The construction was mainly done through the volunteer efforts of the students who worked on the project after school and on Saturdays.

## Child Health screenings set

The Cleveland County Head Start program is sponsoring free health screenings for children ages birth to five years old. Health checks will be given for vision, hearing, speech and language, height, weight, dental and blood pressure. The screenings will be provided by Head Start, all three Cleveland County school systems, the Cleveland County Health Department, Cleveland Center, and the Developmental Evaluation Center.

Screenings are slated May 21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hollyoak Park gym; May 24 from 5-7 p.m. at Lattimore Town Hall; June 4 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Patience Day Care, 1101 Holder Drive, Shelby; June 7 from 4-6 p.m. at Graham Elementary School; June 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bethware Elementary School; June 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Burns High School; June 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cleveland Community College; June 16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Crest High School; and June 17 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cleveland Mall.

For more information, call Patti Norman at 734-5660.

## KM student on ECU dean's list

Naphavady Ladara of Kings Mountain has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at East Carolina University in Greenville.

Ladara is the son of Thomas R. and Khamsaou K. Ladara of Kings Mountain.

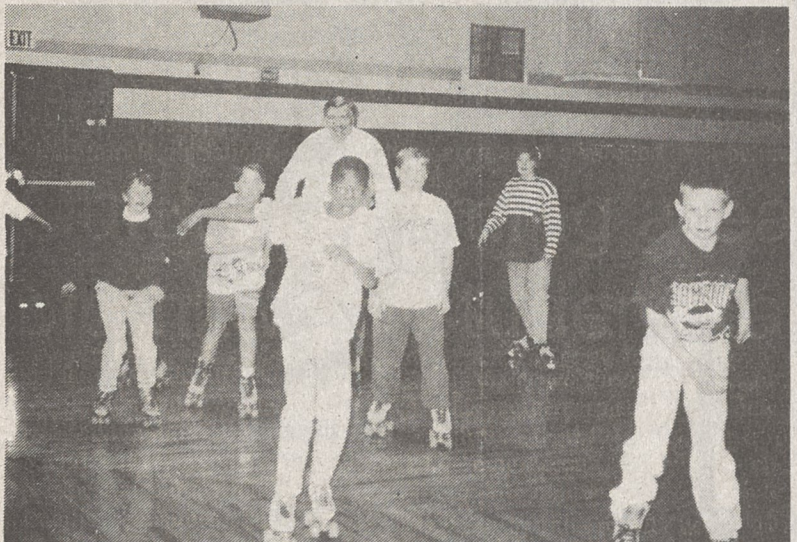
To make the dean's list, one must earn a B-plus average with no grade below a C.



EAST SCHOOL GOOD CITIZENS - Kiwanis Good Citizens at East School are pictured above. Top photo, front row, left to right, Sandy Short, Mackie Moss, Mitchell Inman, Jessica Brown, Jesse Teague, Samantha Hamrick. Second row, Stephen Mills, Stephanie Grigg, Meagan Noell, Mark Scruggs, Hayley Flynn, Samantha Bryson. Back row, Kiwanian Bo Maner, Mitchell Martin, Ryan Farmer and Principal Jerry Hoyle. Lower photo, front row, Ann Postell, Ryan Mauney, Anthony Childers, Mike Moss. Back row, Bo Maner, Gary Wade, Mickey Ramsey, Chase Jackson, Harold Bumby, Cheryl Cole.



A-B HONOR ROLL - Making the A-B honor roll for the third nine weeks grading period at East School were, front row, left to right, Meagan Noell, Michael Smith, Buddy Black and Josh Brown. Second row, Camille Larson, Shonda Cole, Chris Burch, Jor'el Caraballo, Kristin Wood. Back row, Brian Scruggs, Lenny Larson, LaDricus Gingles, Tracy Runyans and Chris Johnson. Making the A honor roll (not pictured) were Kim Whitworth and Ryan Mauney.



SKATING FUN - Members of the East School Physical Education Club recently took a trip to the skating rink. Left to right are Sherry Anderson, Lisa Wilder, Michael Marr, Principal Jerry Hoyle, LaDricus Gingles, Thomas Martin, Sheena Grigg, Daniel Mason.



VISITS EAST SCHOOL - WSOC-TV meteorologist Terry Bennett recently visited East School. After arriving in Chopper 9, Ms. Bennett presented a program on severe weather precautions to third, fourth and fifth graders. She is pictured signing autograph for students Joe Leach, left, and Joe McDaniel.

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