



Bo Maner, left, Youth Assistance Program volunteer, Melanie McDaniel, Director, and Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns, right, also a YAP board member, are pictured with one of the newest participants in the program, nine-year-old Donnie.

YAP volunteers help troubled kids succeed

Kings Mountain insurance man Bo Maner is a YAP and loves it.

That's the Youth Assistance Program, a one-on-one program initiated by Governor Hunt in 42 counties in the state, including Cleveland.

Maner got interested in YAP as a board member but on June 7 he was matched with a nine-year-old boy and the two have become fast friends. The two include Donnie's brother, Dwayne, six, in most of their activities away from school.

Playing video games, swimming, watching baseball on television, going to the movies and an automobile race and touring the KM National Military Park and Schiele Museum are a few of the fun activities they have enjoyed this summer.

Melanie McDaniel, Executive

Red Cross bloodmobile to visit KM September 8

The Red Cross bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain September 8 for a visit at First Baptist Church on West King Street.

Donors will be processed from 1:30-6 p.m.

KMHS girls tennis team beats Crest 5-4 in opener

Kings Mountain High's girls tennis team opened its season Tuesday with a 5-4 victory over Crest.

Coach Diane Dooley's ladies will host Cherryville in a non-conference match Thursday at 3:30.

(Singles)

Jackie Houston (KM) d. Melissa Smith 6-1, 6-0; Kiley Glenn (C) d. Amber Jordan 6-1, 7-5; Amanda Keen (KM) d. Jennifer Cantrell 11-5, 6-2; Jill Scherger (C) d. Sarah Tignor 7-5, 6-1; Christy Greene (C) d. Vickie Prasonghine 6-2, 4-6, 5-7; Nikki Ormand (KM) d. Laura Wiggins 7-5, 6-1.

Director of the Cleveland County program, said volunteers like Bo and Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns, also a board member, are role models for a program which started in 1982 in which troubled young people, some of whom are referred by the courts, are matched with adults who give time and energy so that young lives can be redirected.

"Being a friend is one of the best things a volunteer can do for a child," said McDaniel.

McDaniel said that grades improve, as well as self-esteem, as children are encouraged to stay in school. The program results in a boy or girl altering delinquency patterns and leading a more productive life.

McDaniel said that six more volunteers are needed for three girls

and three boys 9, 11, 12, and 14. Positive male and female models can best serve these children by helping them learn to handle frustrations and anger, learn positive lifestyles and attitudes and respect parents.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age, have transportation, and be able to spend at least four hours per week for a year with their new friend. They are also required to complete a training session of six hours and furnish four references.

Youth Assistance Program of Cleveland County matches adult volunteers with young people between the ages of 7 to 17 years of age who are referred by juvenile court, law enforcement officers or other child oriented agencies. To find out more about the program and how to volunteer, call 482-2315.

"Due to trouble at home, in school or in the community, many youth are in need of a one-on-one relationship," said McDaniel.

"YAP works and we'd like for other caring people in the community to become involved and feel the rewards of helping a child."

Special blood collections during the month of September will also include: September 11 at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 3-7:30 p.m.; Red Cross Chapter House, 1:30-6 p.m.; Cleveland Community College, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; and Zion Baptist Church, 2:30-7 p.m.

(Practice Singles)
Sally Hamrick (C) d. Lindsey Edsall 8-4; Katie Phammalinh (KM) d. Thea Allen 10-8; Saray Cisneros (C) d. Jada Williams 8-6; Talia Gangoo (KM) d. Heather Monteith 8-3; Susan Blanton (C) d. Kimberly Belt 6-0, 6-0; Saray Cisneros (C) d. Kristen Miller 8-3.

(Doubles)
Houston-Ormand (KM) d. Smith-Cantrell 6-0, 7-5; Jordan-Tignor (M) d. Glenn-Scherger 7-5, 6-2; Keen-Prasonghine d. Hamrick-Wiggins 8-4.

(Practice Doubles)
Greene-Allen (C) d. Williams-Edsall 8-2; Blanton-Glenn (C) d. Belt-Miller 6-3.

Brooke Melton is three years old

Brooke Melton, daughter of Jeff Melton of Julie Barrett Smith, both of Kings Mountain, will celebrate her third birthday August 29 with two parties with families and friends.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Melton and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allison, all of Kings Mountain, and the late James Barrett. She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Melton, Eva Moss and the late J.D. Moss, all of Kings Mountain, and Opal Regalia of Maryland.



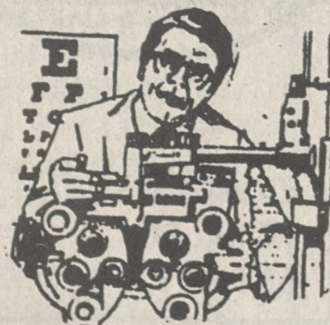
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Skinner first woman president at Gaston

Dr. Patricia Skinner of Ohio has been named Gaston College's sixth president.

When she takes office September 1, Skinner will be Gaston College's first woman president and the only woman leading a North Carolina community college.

Skinner was one of three finalists interviewed for the position and one of over 60 who applied for the job. The college began its search last February.

Gaston College has been without a president since November 1993 when Dr. Wayne Scott resigned after 13 years as the college's leader. Since that time Dr. Paul Barrier, vice-president of human resources and development, has served as interim president.

Skinner comes to Gaston with 20 years experience as a college instructor and administrator. Most recently, she was vice president of academic and student affairs at Clark State Community College in Springfield, Ohio, a position she held for seven years. She has also been a continuing education director, a cooperative education coordinator, a researcher and an instructor of business and office administration.

A community college graduate, Skinner earned an associate degree from Lake Michigan College, B.S. and M.A. degrees from Western Michigan University and a Ph.D. in



DR. PATRICIA SKINNER

higher education administration from the Ohio State University.

Gaston College at Dallas is a two-year community college and part of the North Carolina Community College System. It was founded in 1964 and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees. The college enrolls approximately 6000 students each year in the curriculum programs and over 20,000 each year in corporate and community education programs.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	August 17-23	Last Year
Total precipitation	2.57	.58
Maximum one day	1.65 (18th)	.47 (20th)
Month to date	7.08	3.53
Year to date	43.74	37.43
Minimum temperature	62 (19th)	70 (20th)
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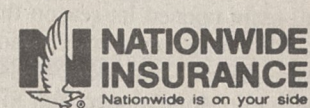
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