

Schools Briefs

Cleveland County Head Start celebrates 30th anniversary

Cleveland County Head Start recently celebrated its 30th anniversary with a musical program and picnic at Hollyoak Park gym in Shelby.

The festivities began at 9:30 a.m. with Dr. Thomas Moore presenting a musical program for the 263 Head Start students along with little brothers and sisters, parents, staff and friends.

Dr. Moore is a former assistant professor of Early Childhood Education at the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg and former coordinator of the NC Head Start Collaboration Project. He is a nationally recognized scholar, performer, and recording artist. He is a former host of his own television show and he travels extensively throughout the world conducting, performing, recording, and speaking to adults and children of all ages.

Each Head Start child and staff member wore a T-shirt printed with the 30th anniversary message. Participants enjoyed a catered picnic lunch following the parade.

Other activities included a Reading Is Fundamental project with storytelling by Cleveland Memorial Library. Each Head Start child selected a book provided by the program to take home for the summer. Children also enjoyed pony rides and a petting zoo from Circle C farms and a clown from the American Red Cross.

Head Start was begun in 1965 to help prepare children for school. Cleveland County Head Start began operation as a summer program to give 225 disadvantaged youngsters a head start on preparation for the first grade. The eight-week program began in the Shelby City School System.

West teacher attends workshop

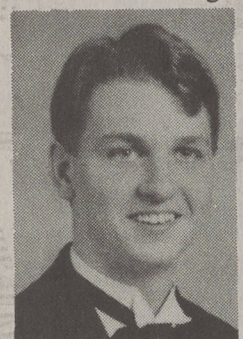
Hilda F. Leonard of Kings Mountain, a kindergarten teacher at West Elementary School, recently attended a seminar at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching at Cullowhee.

Leonard was one of 21 North Carolina teachers participating in "Birds of the Blue Ridge."

NCCAT, a unit of The University of North Carolina, provides a year-round series of interdisciplinary seminars and other programs dedicated to advancing the art and profession of teaching. Mary Jo Utley is director.

Ross Thomas graduates NCSSM

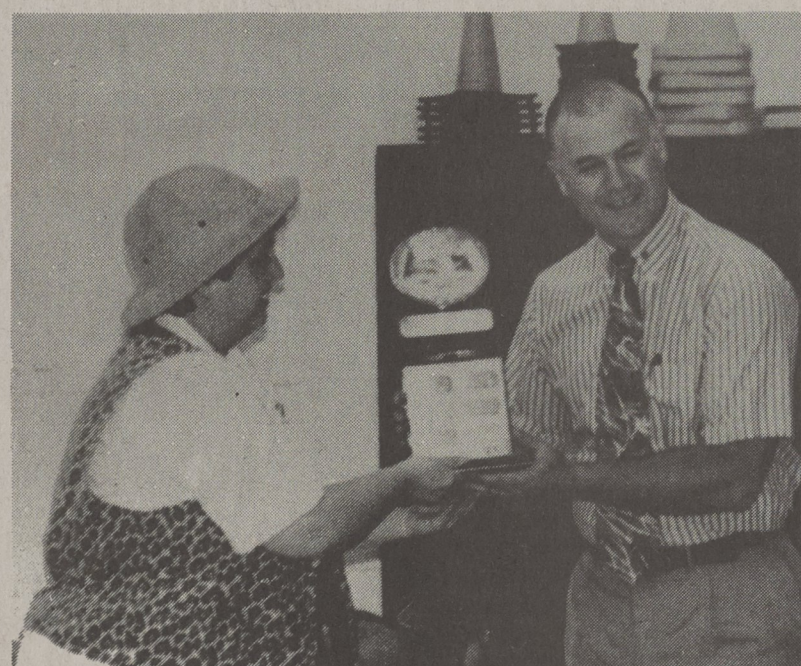
William Ross Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thomas of



Kings Mountain, was one of 270 students from 75 North Carolina counties to graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Math at Durham Saturday.

NCSSM, which opened in 1980, recruits statewide and educates academically talented 11th and 12th grade students who show promise of exceptional development and/or special interest in science and mathematics.

Over 3,000 students have completed the school's curriculum, designed to provide the state with leaders in science, mathematics and technology.



PARTNERS IN LEARNING AWARD - West School students received the first annual Partners in Learning award from Mauney Memorial Library given to the students with the highest ratio of library visits during the year. Their average was over 1 1/2 visits per student from August-April. Principal Sherrill Toney, above, accepts a box of books for the school library and a Lamp of Knowledge award, a walnut trophy, from Friends of the Library. Making the presentation is Children's Librarian Louise Sanders.

Knotts receives Jones Scholarship

Clint Knotts, son of Ray and Carol Knotts, recently received the



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Pam Jones Memorial Scholarship from East G o l d Wesleyan Church in Kings Mountain. The \$1,000 annual scholarship is offered to all graduating seniors of the church. This year, each senior composed an essay entitled "A World in Trouble, A World in Turmoil, How Can I Help?" The recipient was announced during a special graduation banquet held at the church.

The Pam Jones Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Pam Jones, a young church member, who lost her fight with leukemia on January 1, 1987.

Knotts plans to work in the State of Wyoming during the summer. Upon his return to North Carolina, he will begin his pursuit of a degree in the construction field.

County students graduate Gaston

Cleveland County students will be among those receiving degrees at commencement exercises June 1 at Gaston College. Governor Bob Scott, former president of the North Carolina system of community colleges, will be the speaker.

Cleveland County graduates include Maribeth Briscoe Bagwell, Paul Brannon, Rita Richards Cathey, Debra Clayton, Kimberly Franklin, Jennifer Green, Kimberly Huffstetler, Katina Lary, Barbara Lawson, Jonathan McLeymore, Samuel McLeymore, Pamela Moss, Tamara Reid, Matthew Rikard and Matthew Stout, all of Kings Mountain; Doneita Dixon and Ronda Peeler of Lawndale; and Sid Hahn, James Martin Jr., Michael Millsaps, Deborah Ranck, Zarek Melton, Bobby Pyron Jr., Kelly Smith, and Myron Tessier, all of Shelby.

Ford earns degree from Limestone

Judy Ford of Kings Mountain received her degree during the 150th commencement exercise at Limestone College.

The commencement address was given by the President of South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Art Bjontegard of Columbia.

Classes scheduled at Cleveland College

The Continuing Education Department of Cleveland Community College will offer an EMT Refresher Course and a Beginning Sewing class beginning in June.

EMT Refresher begins June 15 and ends August 17. The class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 7-10 p.m. in cap;us room 2001. Cost for the 51-hour class is \$35 and students can register at the first class meeting.

Beginning Sewing begins June 19 and ends August 14. The class will meet each Monday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in room 2007. Cost for the 27-hour class is \$35 and students can register at the first class meeting.

For more information, call 484-4015.

Local students earn degrees at ECU

Ten Cleveland County residents and a former resident were among 2,100 graduates receiving degrees at the spring commencement exercises at East Carolina University in Greenville.

Graduates include William Potter Gheen III of Greenville, son of the late William P. Gheen Jr. and Carolyn McDaris of Shelby; Cristi Michelle Braun, Leslie Noel Green, Alison Cole Hannah, John Russell Hoyle, Susan Lee Price, Jonathon Levon Strong, and Shawn Webster Wright, all of Shelby; Melanie Dawn Crain of Lawndale; and David Alan Copeland and Charles William Hicks of Kings Mountain.

Melanie Dixon named to Duke dean's list

Melanie Heather Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dwight Dixon of Kings Mountain, was named to the dean's list for the 1994-95 academic year at Duke University.

To make the list, a student must achieve a 3.3 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

KM students earn degrees at ASU

Four Kings Mountain students were among the more than 1,200 receiving diplomas during commencement ceremonies at Appalachian State University.

Local students included John Wade Hendricks IV, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in marketing; Thomas Ryan Hollifield, Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology, secondary education; Charity Nicole Jackson, Bachelor of Science with a major in Elementary Education (k-6); and Angela Marie Patterson, Bachelor of Science with a major in Communications/Broadcasting.

KM Class of '65 planning reunion

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1965 is planning a 30th year reunion and needs addresses of the following classmates. Anyone with information is asked to call Connie Bell at North School.

Freda E. Allison, Lyman F. Beaver, Edgar Blackburn, Peggy

Bumgardner, Sylvia Bumgardner, Diane Carter, Jo Ann Champion, Floyd Cook, Ilene Gant, Jimmy C. Griffin, Jeanette C. Henson, Lillie V. Hicks, Teresa Johnson, Sara K. Lanning, Jimmy Lovelace, Kay McSwain, Lois Moore, Ann Moore, Danny Miller, Linda Mullinax, Louise Bailey Parrish, Sandra Powell, Frances Rice, Gladys Sellars, Leonard Smith, Randall Sprouse, Carolyn Tessner, William Sutherland, Brenda Black Towery, Barbara Wright, Carolyn G. Wray.

Bruce and Friends June 15 at college

Cleveland Community College will host "Bruce and Friends in Concert" June 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the CCC auditorium.

The performance will feature Bruce Piephoff, Visiting Artist of the Foothills Visiting Artist Consortium. Piephoff is a singer, songwriter and poet from Greensboro.

The concert will also feature folk artist Scott Manring and blues guitarist Scott Ainslie. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Dr. Dottie McIntyre at 484-4025.

CCC instructor speaks to group

Maxine Romney, Instructor of Business at Cleveland Community College, recently spoke to the Cleveland County Association of Education Office Professionals.

Her topic was "Taking Care of Your Money and an Introduction to Investing." Romney teaches the course, Personal Finance and Money Management, at Cleveland.

For more information on business, accounting, or money management classes, call the Student Services Department at 484-4081.

Rev. Smith earns Doctor of Ministry

Rev. Dewey W. Smith, former pastor of Galilee and St. Paul United Methodist Churches, and now pastor of St. Stephens and Brooks Temple United Methodist Churches, recently received his Doctor of Ministry Degree at the 127th commencement exercise at Drew University, Madison, NJ.

His doctoral thesis was entitled "Equipping Senior Citizens as Mentors for Junior High Adolescents in the Community through the Church School at the Kings Mountain Charge."

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