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HAZEL FRYER

## Reception to honor Mrs. Fryer

Retired Mauney Memorial Librarian Hazel Herndon Fryer, affectionately called "Kings Mountain's walking historian" and author of her first book of poetry entitled, "One Brash Mockingbird" will be honored by the Kings Mountain Historical Museum Foundation at a reception Sunday at 3:30 p.m. where she will read from her recent published work.

The reception will be held at Weir Auditorium of Mauney Memorial Library and the public is invited.

Herndon retired two years ago but recently donated 100 copies of her book to the Foundation to sell, the proceeds to benefit the remodeling of the old Kings Mountain Post Office on East Gold Street into a permanent home for the historical museum.

Fryer started poetry classes at Blue Ridge Community College about a year ago and the love of poetry that she began 20 years ago with a homemade book of poems for her children was rekindled and she wrote "One Brash Mockingbird."

Although Fryer says she retired two years ago, she works full time as the librarian at the retirement village in Hendersonville where she has an efficiency apartment and oversees a staff of 23 who run seven satellite libraries in the complex of 350 families.

The title, "One Brash Mockingbird," comes from the first eight-line poem, "March" in the book. She dedicated the book to her grandchildren, Chad and Brodie Brown and Cheryl and Carrie Fryer. The introductory page to the book is appropriately about The Battle of Kings Mountain and she recalled on President Hoover's visit "I as a curious youngster stepped up to him and spoke to him but what I remember most was his lipstick and rouge."

Fryer calls her book of poetry her "letter to the world," basing her poems on the beauty of nature, the lessons she learned in life and her close knit family.

Fryer's interest in the Kings Mountain Historical Society is legend. She was one of the organizers and first president and is still pushing the city to renovate the old Post Office building to show off the more than 2,000 artifacts and historical pieces that are stored in the

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# Schools considering tax hike

Kings Mountain citizens may be asked to dig deeper in their wallets for schools if county commissioners don't approve the \$2.5 million funding package adopted by the school board Monday night.

The proposed budget for operating expenses represents a 14.2 percent increase over the current funding level and projects a five percent raise for teachers, a five percent supplement increase, 4 1/4

new teaching positions, \$5 per child for instructional supplies and an after-school remedial program for K-8 students. Money would also be used for fax machines for the schools, state contracted work in maintenance and for athletic insurance.

"We need to lobby the county board to approve the funds because they are badly needed and we haven't had any additional monies in two years," said Chairman

Ronald Hawkins.

The options are to raise the 18-cent supplemental tax paid by Kings Mountain property owners in the Kings Mountain school district which brings in about \$1.5 million annually in revenue or use sales tax revenue for education.

Unless the system gets money from some source Supt. Dr. Bob McRae warned that the system could be forced to cut programs.

Assuming full funding, there are

no fund balances included in the current budget but the budget proposes no increase in the current 18 cents supplemental tax.

The capital outlay budget of \$281,155 was also adopted by the board and would provide money for painting schools, mechanical upgrades, roof repairs and money to individual schools for them to use for special projects.

McRae said he would make the request to the county commission

in May and funding levels are expected to be set by the county commission by June 30.

"This is shoestring budget for what we want to do and the system is getting perilously close to doing the job without making cuts," he told the board.

McRae said the anticipated cost of \$38,000 for after school remediation is a small price to pay to help students from having to go to summer school.



The Kings Mountain High School Chapter of Students Against Violence presented free drinks to students for random acts of kindness Friday. Tym Jones, ninth grader, accepts a drink from Autumn Edsall as Katie Subler, Kimberly Belt, Tim Morrow, Misty Smith, Tim Schwantes and Allen Ware, left to right, look on.

## S.A.V.E. making difference

Keeping kids focused is the goal of Students Against Violence Everywhere, says Autumn Edsall, president of the Kings Mountain High Chapter.

Friday, Edsall and other members distributed 16 cases of soft drinks to students who had shown random acts of kindness on campus. This could mean they opened a door for someone or helped tidy up a classroom.

According to Edsall, S. A. V. E. is making a difference.

"In the past when someone yelled fight, everyone would run to see what was happening," said Edsall. The last time that scenario occurred students booed.

Edsall said the reason is because of the "Fight free" campaign underway by S. A. V. E. at the school.

"It's about pride," she says. "A few years ago no one would have cared if there was a fight. Now, fighting is not popular because kids know it's bad for our school."

Edsall says the fight-free campaign was coordinated by the S. A. V. E. Chapter in 1995 with assistance from the School Resource Officer Maurice Jamerson and the administration and encourages students to solve differences in a less violent manner. Placed throughout the school are update posters that let students know how many fight free days they have accomplished. A time frame goal is set and if the student body reaches that goal, certain incentives such as free drinks at lunch, early dismissal from school, school-wide field day and picnic or pep rallies are offered the students.

If a fight occurs, the update posters return to zero and the work for incentives begins again.

Edsall, a senior, and Sangmani Philvanh, a junior, were accompanied by advisors Diane Bridges and Suzie Hughes to the recent S.A. V. E. Summit in Raleigh which featured an address by Governor Jim Hunt.

## School Board sets hearing on sex education curriculum

Public hearing by the Kings Mountain Board of Education on a proposed revised ninth grade family life curriculum will be held May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Administrative Building at Central School.

The hearing must be held prior to the adoption of the curriculum by the board.

The curriculum, if approved by the school board, would be implemented in the fall.

Wanda Amay, chairman of the Kings Mountain Health Council, said the group had spent months reviewing the course of study. The major change is that all references to sex are included in a single unit called "self protection." Parents may opt to exclude their children from participation in this phase of the program by signing an exclusion form, also a new part of the program materials.

The nine-week abstinence-based curriculum includes the state-required teaching of AIDS education and materials on how teenagers can relate to peer pressure.

"Any touchy subjects relating to sex education have been pulled into one section only where parents can exclude their children from that period of study and yet have the full benefit of the other health materials," said Ammay.

The material is available for public review at the administration building.

Dr. Jane King, superintendent of public instruction, said teachers of the course would be involved in staff development prior to fall opening of school.

"We feel very good about this study," she said.

Patsy Rountree, a member of the Health Council and a parent, said

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## Pay date change planned by schools

Senator Dennis Davis (R-Cleveland) will introduce a bill in the State Legislature at the next session to rescind 1991 legislation that established the 15th day of each month as the pay date for ten month Kings Mountain District school employees.

Supt. Dr. Bob McRae said that since the new school calendar sets the opening of school earlier next fall that the move is necessary. Local school boards, under law, have the right to establish pay dates for each school year.

The Board heard the first reading of new policies on home and non-accredited private instruction for children who return to the KM District Schools and also a policy governing the use of an internet access by students.

McRae said Internet, the electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers, has a "great deal of promise for instructional purposes." Kings Mountain Schools has one pilot project at Kings Mountain High paying a \$25 monthly subscription cost. McRae said he had no hard costs for the system to be utilized system-wide.

McRae said that typically the system enrolls three to five students a year who come from home school situations. The new policy deals with students who return to the system from non-accredited private schools. The policy spells out that home schools must register with the public schools, operate on a full calendar, maintain attendance records and submit credentials for the teacher.

# Fourth grade added to required summer school

The addition of the fourth grade means that students in grades 3,4,6, and 9 will be attending the state-funded summer school June 19-July 18 and other students will be going to summer classes both at the high school and middle schools.

Testing Administrator Jean Thrift said that grades 3,4,6 and 8 will report to Kings Mountain Middle and Grade 9 will report to Kings Mountain High School.

Students who are not proficient in both reading and math (Level III or IV on end-of-grade tests) will

attend summer school for four weeks.

Students who are not proficient in reading only will attend summer school for two weeks and will be taught reading only.

Students who are not proficient in math only will attend summer school for two weeks and will be taught math only.

Students in grades 6,8, and 9 who fail state standards and local students in reading or math can attend state funded summer school for two weeks at no cost and tuition summer school for two weeks

at cost of \$75. With satisfactory performance, they can receive a unit of credit.

The hours for students are 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and lunch will be provided.

A tuition summer school for current 6th, 7th and 8th graders who failed local standards for math, language or reading who are not eligible for state-funded summer school will be held June 19-July 18 and cost is \$150. This class will meet at the Middle School from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. daily with lunch and transportation provided.

For current 6th, 7th and 8th graders who failed local standards for Science or Social Studies the classes will meet June 10-14 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$40 and transportation and lunch won't be provided.

For sixth and eighth graders who failed local and state standards for reading and math the classes will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. June 19-July 2 and July 3-18. Cost is \$75. Transportation will be provided.

The tuition summer school at the high school will be held June 19-July 18 with a July 4-5 holiday

break. Cost is \$150 for one unit with payment due on registration.

Class offerings are for students presently in grades 9-12 and will be based on average enrollment of 15 students per class. The class meets from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. daily.

Summer school for current 9th graders who failed the new competency test and local standards for English or Math will be held June 19-July 2 and July 3-18 with a July 4-5 holiday break. Cost is \$75 and courses will be offered on basis of student demand from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. daily.

## Morrow gets West Point appointment

Thomas Keith "Tommy" Morrow II, a senior at Kings Mountain High School, has received a fully qualified offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, for the class entering July 1996, Senator Jesse Helms announced today.

Morrow is the son of Keith and Avis Morrow of 112 Robinson Drive, Kings Mountain. He is the grandson of Charles and Virginia Owens of Kings Mountain, and T.F. and Marcella Morrow of Kings Mountain.

"Thomas has demonstrated impressive determination and ability in athletic and extracurricular pursuits, and has an outstanding academic record," said Senator Helms. "I know that his family and friends are just as proud of him as I am, and join me in wishing him the very best of success in pursuit of a career of professional military service to our country."

Morrow, 18, recently visited West Point and said he

is excited to become a Plebe in July. After graduation from West Point, he will enter the military as a Second Lieutenant and is committed to five years of military service.

"I look forward to going," he said. "It will be pretty much like regular college courses during the school year, with military training in the summer."

Over 13,000 high school seniors apply for the Academy each year, and only about 1,000 are chosen.

"I have always been interested in the service," he said. "My grandfather was in the War. I just heard that West Point was a real good school and I thought I'd try to get in."

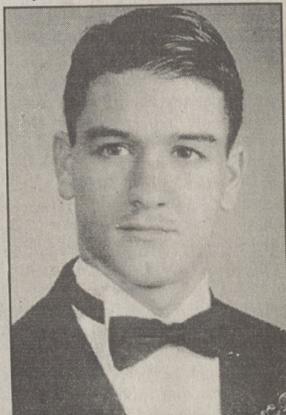
Morrow plans to pursue an engineering degree.

Morrow ranks third in the senior class of 200 at KMHS. He has ranked in the top ten each of his four years there.

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Jordan Cole and Brandon, Jessica and Chase Panther, left to right, take advantage of a day off from school to enjoy a day in the park at Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department.



TOMMY MORROW