

School Briefs

Dorothy Jo qualifies for AP Scholar Award

Dorothy Jo, a member of the class of 1996 at Kings Mountain High School, has qualified for the AP Scholar Award by the College Board in recognition of her exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examination.

Approximately 54 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP Examinations. Only about 12 percent of the more than 537,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 1996 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement - the AP Scholar with Distinction, the AP Scholar with Honor, and the AP Scholar. Jo qualified for the AP Scholar Award by earning grades of 3 or above on three AP Examinations.

AP Examinations, which students take in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school, are graded on a 5 point scale (5 is the highest). Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit and/or placement for grades of 3 or higher, and more than 1,300 institutions award a year of credit to students with a sufficient number of qualifying grades. There are 29 AP Examinations offered in 16 disciplines, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem solving) questions.

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West PTO to raffle Panthers game tickets

The West Elementary School PTO is holding a raffle for four tickets to the Carolinas Panthers-New York Giants game at 8 p.m. November 10. Tickets are \$5 each.

The drawing will be held Friday, November 1. Tickets can be purchased from West parents or by calling the school at 734-5693.

Fall festival Oct. 24 at Grover Elementary

The Grover School PTO will sponsor its annual fall festival at Grover School Friday, October 25 from 5-8 p.m.

The festival will have lots of games, a jumping house, and a country store with lots of crafts and baked goods for sale. There will also be hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings.

It will be held outside, but in case of rain it will be held in the gym.

The public is invited.

KMHS FHA members attend fall workshop

Five FHA members from Kings Mountain High School, along with their advisors, attended the recent N.C.



ATTEND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP - KMHS students pictured above recently attended the FHA/HERO Fall Leadership Workshop in High Point. Front row, left to right, Melissa Camp and Mychuwan Logan. Back row, Ashley Moss, Thea Creighton and Jennifer Sparks.

FHA/HERO Fall Leadership Workshop at Southwest Guilford High School in High Point.

Students attended an all-day workshop entitled "Helping Hands." The training helped prepare them for the SWA Regional Workshop they will lead at Rowan Community College in November.

Attending from KMHS were Melissa Camp, senior; Thea Creighton, freshman; Mychuwan Logan, senior; Ashley Moss, freshman; Jennifer Sparks, freshman; and advisors Ann Bennett and Kay Stowe.

College Day planned at Cleveland College

The Guidance Department of Kings Mountain High School, in cooperation with Burns, Crest and Shelby high schools, will sponsor a college day program at Cleveland Community College on Monday, October 21 from 6-8 p.m.

The program highlights post-secondary opportunities. Most North Carolina colleges will have representatives present. High school students and their parents are invited to attend.

For more information, call Anita Campbell at Kings Mountain High School (734-5647 ext. 16).

Belmont Abbey Friends to host Frye Gaillard

The Friends of the Library at Belmont Abbey College will host Frye Gaillard at its fall meeting October 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the College's Student Commons.

Over the past 30 years, Gaillard, former Southern editor for the Charlotte Observer, has written exclusively about Southern race relations, politics, religion and culture.

Gaillard's presentation is free and open to the public.

KM's Bradley earns turf scholarship

David Bradley of Raleigh, a student at North Carolina State University and son of Robert and Joan Bradley of Kings Mountain, is one of seven

North Carolina turf students awarded monetary scholarships from the Turfgrass Council of North Carolina for the 1996-97 school year totaling \$5,500.

Students were chosen by interview, from the turf schools in North Carolina.

Bradley was awarded the Charles E. Jordan Memorial Scholarship to assist him in his endeavor to earn his Associate Degree in Turf Management. Bradley currently holds a BA degree in Business Administration and plans to graduate in 1997. He is employed by Pure Seed Testing, Inc. in Rolesville.

Bradley said his goal is to enter graduate school for turfgrass breeding in the fall of 1997.

Visitation Day set at Belmont Abbey

Belmont Abbey College will host a visitation day for high school juniors and seniors on Friday, Oct. 25 at 9 a.m.

"Abbey Experience" affords visitors an opportunity to learn more about North Carolina's only Catholic college. Visitors will sample Abbey classes and tour the campus. College officials will be available to answer questions.

For more information, call 825-6665 or 1-888-222-0110.

'Blue Moves' program October 17 at CCC

Two Near the Edge and Scott Ainslie will present "Blue Moves," a program of live blues/jazz and dance, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cleveland Community College auditorium.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$3 general adult and \$2 for students/senior citizens. Sponsors are CCC, the Cleveland County Arts Council, Greater Shelby Community Theater, and Burns, Crest, Kings Mountain and Shelby High School drama departments.

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

Two Near the Edge, a duet dance company from Durham, features L.D. Burris and Carol Childs. Burris, a principal dancer with Chuck Davis' African American Dance Ensemble for 10 years, has performed extensively throughout the U.S. and Mexico.

Artists' exhibition at Cleveland College

The Shelby Art League's 22nd annual Juried Artists Exhibition will be held October 25-November 15 at the Arts Center of Cleveland Community College.

Stephen Wicks, Curator at the Knoxville Museum of Art, will serve as juror. Cash awards totaling \$4,000 will be presented to winners. Works are limited to original paintings, drawings, and sculpture completed in the past two years and not previously entered in a Shelby Art League show.

A preview reception and presentation of awards for exhibitors and Art Club members will be held October 24 at 7 p.m. in the Arts Center.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Show hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Monday-Thursday from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call Hal Bryant at 484-4023.

CCC honor society inducts 25 members

Cleveland Community College's chapter of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society recently inducted 25 new members.

The initiates were selected as a result of maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while taking 15 or more quarter hours. Guests for the induction ceremony included the families and friends of the honor students, trustees, faculty and staff. Following the program, a reception was held in honor of the initiates.

Dr. L. Steve Thornburg, President of CCC, was guest speaker for the program. Linda Cornwell, President of Cleveland's Chapter, presided at the service and introductions and announcements were presented by Vice-President Michael Mull. Cleveland student Ron Teague, North Carolina Gamma Beta Phi Secretary-Treasurer, conducted the induction ceremony and Jim McNutt, National Gamma Beta Phi Business Manager, presented credentials. Cleveland Chapter Historian Christopher Guerrero led the invocation and Advisor Barbara Taylor presented special awards and installed new officers.

Sandra A. Marshall was recognized as Gamma Beta Phi Member of the Year for receiving the highest number of points in various club activities. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to retiring officers Linda Cornwell, Michael Mull, Julie Sherrill, Ron Teague, Heather Weathers, Caroline McCraw, Christopher Guerrero, and Katie Buskill.

The honor students inducted as new members included:

Shelby - Renee Arriola, Travis Ashe, Melissa Bailey, Karen Daman, Heather Dahlen, Tiffany Greene, James Jennings, Pamela Littlejohn, Debra Morton, Lisa Owens, Gregory Pearson, Connie Richards, Daryl Sando, Dianne Walker, Carol Woodard.

Kings Mountain - Sereta Ledbetter, Rhonda Spearman.

Earl - Marcus Davis, David Morrow, Claudia Smith, Michael York.

Grover - Alyce Faye Harry. Cherryville - Carlene Brown, Caryl Hollifield.



JUDY GIBSON

Judy Gibson KMHS teacher of the month

Judy Gibson's math classroom is unique, bright and positive.

Those trademarks led to her selection as Kings Mountain High School's Teacher of the Month for September.

"If ninth graders come in here and say they know they are going to fail I tell them I know they won't if they do their best," said the 17-year veteran teacher who taught math in Fayetteville four years before she and husband Steve moved to Shelby when he joined the Agriculture Extension Service. Eighty students are enrolled in Gibson classes this fall, including a Bplus self-motivated class which excelled as ninth graders last year. Gibson said this class moves faster and is designed for the more experienced math student.

"The transition from eighth grade math to ninth grade algebra is hard," admits Gibson, who said she always loved Spanish and switched her major in college to math. She tells ninth graders that abstract concepts are more difficult because they had not matured enough in eighth grade to handle the difficult math problems.

A native of Lexington, Gibson met her husband in Fayetteville. Her landlady introduced the couple. They moved to the county in 1979 and Gibson's first job with the KM system was as an eighth grade math teacher.

"We moved to Cleveland County and love it but return to Lexington and Fayetteville for visits," she said.

Several year ago after Steve took a mission trip to help rebuild churches destroyed by Hugo in the Caribbean, the couple learned snorkeling and took up scuba diving as a hobby.

"I was apprehensive about diving at first but after we went to school and learned the sport and now we take diving excursions every year," she said. Sons Jason, 19, and Ryan, 14, often accompany them.

"It's lots of fun because we see how people live in other areas of the country and learn to appreciate Cleveland County even more," said Mrs. Gibson.

The husband-wife team up in Partnership for Americas in which Steve exchanges ideas on farming, new crops and techniques with people in Bolivia.

"Bolivia is a very poor country and Steve is suggesting alternate methods of farming," she says.

The family is active in Union Baptist Church in Polkville, like to hike and have been actively diving since 1991.

A graduate of Central Davidson High School in Lexington, Gibson graduated from East Carolina University in 1971.

"I expect kids to do their best in my class but attitude is the key to their success," she says.

Gibson stresses positive things in the class. If her students tell her they are worried they will fail a math test she counters with "I will tell you when you need to worry."

Gibson loves block scheduling. She says 90 minutes gives her more time to do individualized teaching in a class and gives her students more time to ask questions and get help with their problems.

She tells her students "it's never a stupid question if you learn from it."



CELEBRATE JOHNNY APPLESEED'S BIRTHDAY - East School kindergarten students recently celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday by taking a trip to Windy Hills Apple Orchard. Pictured while on a hayride (top photo) are Josh McAbee, Tyler Matheny, Lindsey Swafford, Caleb Hughes, Tyler West, Daniella Huskey, and Amber Willis. Pictured enjoying apple cider (bottom photo, left to right) are Taylor Cox, Justin Messick, Steven Goode, Joshua Childers, Chasity Lowery and Tyler George.



PRACTICE IN SMOKE HOUSE - Bethware students recently learned how to escape a burning building when local firemen took their smoke house to school. Pictured with the firemen, left to right, are Zac Putnam, Brittany Thornburg, Casey Burris and Sonal Patel.