

Briefs

Dot's Day Care holds graduation

The fourth annual graduation program of Dot's Day Care was held recently at Christian Freedom Baptist Church. The theme was "Shakin' the Sillies Out."

The graduates, along with the two and three-year-old class and the four year olds, performed and welcomed their family and friends. Following their performance, the four and five year olds performed before the graduates went off to get dressed in their caps and gowns, and the four year olds joined their parents.

While the graduates were getting dressed, the toddlers put on their part of the "Show Time." The toddlers were seated in time for the two and three-year-old class to perform their part of the "Show Time." This class was seated in time to see the graduates enter to "Pomp and Circumstance."

Graduates were seated for a brief teacher recognition time. Special teachers Dot and Ken Smith were recognized as the owners and operators of the center. Other teachers recognized with monetary gifts were Darla Bridges, Deda Shepard, Joy Wood and Debbie Ross.

Bible School June 16-20 at First Wesleyan Church
First Wesleyan Church Vacation Bible School will be June 16-20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

There will be classes for ages 2 to adult.

VBS participants will dig into the Bible while building in fun with crafts, music, refreshments, and visits from Barnabas the Beaver. The theme is "Promise Builders for Jesus" and teachers predict this will be "the most exciting and kid-inspiring" VBS the church has ever had.

For more information or for transportation, call the church at 739-4266.

The church is located at 505 N. Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain.

Cleveland Arts Council offers grant assistance

Cleveland County Arts Council is accepting applications for the 1997-98 Regional Artist Project Grants Program. Deadline for application is Friday, August 1.

The program provides financial support for committed, accomplished artists seeking to advance their careers as professionals.

Artists working in all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Applicants must have been a resident of the area since July 1, 1996, and must apply in the county in which they reside. Funds are not available for pro-



GRADUATES OF DOT'S DAY CARE - Pictured are graduates of Dot's Day Care. Front row, Heather Black, Maci Shepard, Chad Whetstine and Krystal Ashe. Back row, Chelsea Champion, Whitney Scruggs, Austin Bridges, Kylee Ramsey and Amber Barnes.

jects already completed. Students are ineligible.

Grant awards may be used for a variety of projects, such as attendance at workshops or master classes, production of audio or video demonstration tapes or visual arts portfolios, purchase of supplies and materials needed to complete or produce a new work, or the rental of a facility for the presentation of a new work. Grant applications must outline a specific project, clearly showing the relationship to the artist's career development. Proposals must be for projects that will occur between October 1, 1997 and May 31, 1998. Funds may not be used as scholarships.

Selection criteria will include excellence of work, demonstration of exceptional talent, serious professional commitment and contribution to the artist professional growth, and the regional impact of the project. Individual grant requests should range from \$500-\$1,500. Grant awards are determined by a review panel representative of all participating arts councils.

Individual artists interested in the program may request grant application packets by contacting the Cleveland County Arts Council, 111 South Washington Street, Shelby, NC 28150; or call (704) 484-2787.

Debra Brooks selected HS Parent of the Year

Debra Brooks of the Grover Center has been selected Head Start Parent of the Year for 1996-97.

Mrs. Brooks is a former member of the Policy Council and is a student at Cleveland Community College. She received a plaque from the North

Carolina Head Start Association in March recognizing her work with the program.

Other volunteers this year were Keith Rhodes from Union, Francis Eaker from Union, Pat Mathis from Bethware, Lisa Bryant from North, Vivien Goode from North, and Lisa Jones from Washington.

Gaston College awards Cannon scholarships

Seven students were awarded the David Belk Cannon Family Scholarship at a luncheon at the City Club of Gastonia on May 27. The scholarship program was established to financially assist students who wish to attend Gaston College and to honor the memory of David Belk Cannon's two children, David Belk Cannon Jr. and Rebecca Belk Cannon. The scholarship was administered through the Community Foundation of Gaston County.

Two \$1,200 scholarships were awarded to Jennifer Lee Bronner of Shelby, a 1997 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, and Debra S. Grigg of Cherryville, a 1993 graduate of South Point High School.

Five \$650 scholarships were awarded.

The recipients were awarded the scholarships on the basis of character and academic achievement. A screening committee, including representatives from Gaston College and the Community Foundation, chose the scholarship winners from over 30 applications.

Weekend degree program planned at Gaston College

A degree program designed

for working adults will begin this fall at Gaston College. Classes for the associate degree in business administration will be held on Friday evenings and Saturdays and may be completed in under three years.

The program is innovative not only for its convenient scheduling, but also for its use of the "cohort" concept. By design, 25 to 30 students will begin the program at the same time and continue together through its completion.

The associate of applied science degree in business administration introduces students to the various aspects of the free enterprise system. Course work includes business concepts such as accounting, business law, economics, management, and marketing.

Admission requires a pre-admission interview in addition to the general college admission requirements. Students should also be ready to step into college-level courses without having to complete prerequisites or developmental courses.

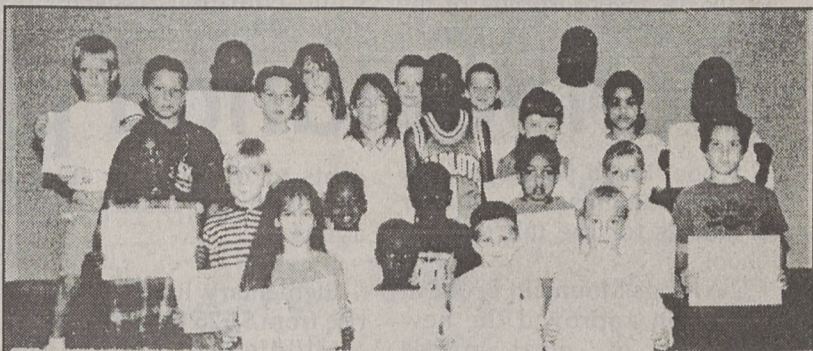
Tuition is \$278.25 per semester or summer. The program is planned so that it may be completed in seven semesters, for a total cost of \$1,947.75. Financial aid is available in the form of grants, loans and other opportunities.

Three open information sessions have been scheduled for students interested in the program, on June 18, July 2, and July 9. Each session will begin at 5:30 p.m. in room 42 of the Comer Building.

For more information call 922-6263.



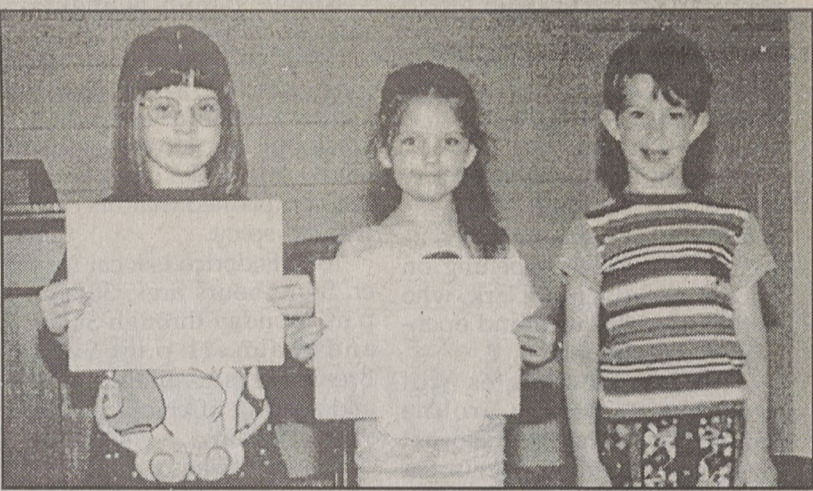
4TH GRADE A/B HONOR ROLL - Fourth graders making the A/B honor roll at Grover School included, front row, left to right, Amanda Badger, Laura Bradley, Jordan Ellis, Naomi Hansen, Beverly Harris, Elisha Cable. Second row, David McClish, Fain King, Amanda Pheagin, Alan Springs, Jessica Calhoun, Josh Murray, Daniel Ruff. Back, Matthew Faulkner, Lindsey Mullinax, Kelly Peeler, Bradley Camp, Treyvon Smith, Justin Detter, Darren Dawkins, Jamie Farris, Matt Holmes, Candice Price, Kimberlee Sanders.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE - Kristen Batchler, Eric Boakye, Kevin Jenkins, Solita Perry, Daniqua Boulware, Brian Goodwin, Treynell Smith, Marlon Whitesides, Sigourney Johnson, Daniel Humphries, David Hughes, Chris Motes, Casey Melton, Ashley Irvin, John Smith, Abigail Cameron, Sherita Curry, Mattie Matthews, Corey Watson, La'Brannon Gregory, Amanda Hughes, Corey Watson, Brad Allen and Melvin Davis were honored for perfect attendance at Grover School's Awards Day program.



FITNESS AWARDS - Students pictured above won National Physical Fitness Awards at the Grover School Awards Day program. Treyvon Smith, Brandon Yeargin, David McClish, Jay Foster, Bradley Camp, Josh Melton, Sherika Lockhart, Kelly Peeler, John Coyle, Blair Heffner, Josh Bradshaw, Laura Clark, Aldric Whitesides, Heath Walker.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE - Megan Burns, Charly Koontz and Damian Barylski, left to right, were honored for perfect attendance at Grover School's Awards Day program.



GOOD CITIZENS - Jessica Sprouse, Jasmine Bullard, Daniel Luangsay and Courtney Harris, left to right, were named Good Citizens at Grover School's Awards Day program.



5TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL - Making the fifth grade A honor roll at Grover School were Baria Adams, Amanda Arrowood, C.J. Austin, Caitlin Capps, Ashley Stinchcomb, Matt Henson, Derek Hilley, Jennifer Stroupe, Weston Taylor, Kristen Ammay, Emily Borders, Thomas Bridges, Joseph Green, Brian Styers, Chad Watson and Tiffany Williams.



CAUGHT BEING GOOD - Jessica Brown, Elisha Cable, David Philbeck, Danielle Weathers, Michael Clark, Tasha Montgomery and Heather Walker received "Caught Being Good" awards at Grover School awards day.



3RD GRADE A/B HONOR ROLL - Making the third grade A/B honor roll at Grover School were, Dwayne Hayes, Mattie Matthews, Kambrie Herier, Blake Hewitt, Shawn Kilgore, Shayla Proctor, Aaron Self, Chris Smith, Brad Allen, Michael Allen, Brooke Canter, Isaac Proctor, Stevie Simmons, Brittany Houser and Anna Grace Hughes.

Birthdays



BRENN KATES

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Brenn Elizabeth Kates, daughter of Jerry and Debbie Kates of Kings Mountain, was 11 years old May 27. She celebrated with a party with a Tweety birthday cake and ice cream.

Guests included Zachary Melton, Magan and Hannah Surber, Morgan Sheppard, Brooke Melton, Brittany White, Josh Huskins, Jason and Sherry Cabiness and Justin Detter.

Brenn has a sister, Abbey, 12; and a brother, Adam, 7.

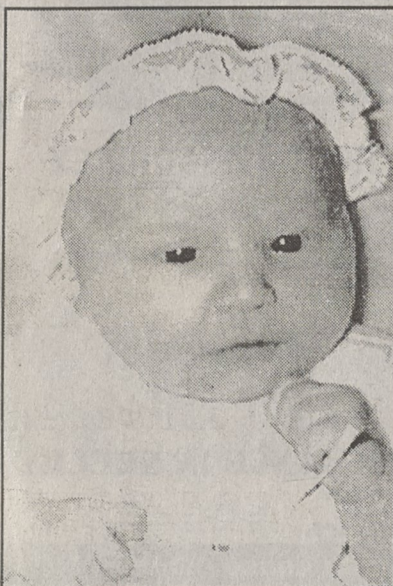
She is the granddaughter of George and Mary Melton of Kings Mountain and Henry and Atha Kates of New Kent, VA.

Emily Ruff

Emily Brianna Ruff was born May 16, 1997 at The Birthplace, Gaston Memorial Hospital. She weighed nine pounds, seven ounces and was 21 inches long.

Parents are Rodney and Regina Ruff of Kings Mountain. She has four brothers, Ricky, Eric and Deric Carroll and Devan Ruff.

Maternal grandparents are Rev. Wayne and Pat Worcester of Kings Mountain. Paternal grandparents are Glenda Ruff of Kings Mountain and Jim and Sharon Ruff of Charlotte. Great-grandparents are Eunice and Vaughn Fish of Greenville, SC.



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