

Mrs. Penland, 98, still loves to fish

Ask Evalena Elsie Nelson Penland what her favorite sport has always been and she will tell you it's fishing.

Penland, 98 on Monday, September 21, met her husband, the late Naval officer Ernest A. Penland, on a fishing trip and they spent many fishing and camping trips together in California, Texas and North Carolina until his death in 1981.

Penland, although confined to a wheelchair at Country Time Inn, Crowders Mountain, rolls herself all over the unit where she has been a resident since June 1996. Although her memories are dim and her hearing failing, she loves company. Her family held a birthday party for her Sunday with cake and all the trimmings.

Although the Penlands, who were married for 45 years had no children, Evalena has family in this area. Native of La Grange, Mo., she lived most of

her married life in the Imperial Valley of Southern California, Holtville, and moved to Gaston County, the birthplace of her husband, following his death.

Penland outlived her twin brother Herbert and older brother, Julius. She has one stepdaughter, Jean P. Hulick of Shelby; nieces Evalena Vaughn of Dallas and Ann Vokt of Supply and nephews R.D. Penland of Rock Hill, SC, Fred Penland of Gastonia and Robert Penland of Ruston, La.

Country Time's Activity Director Sandy Ewing says Penland never misses a music program at the facility, loves to eat and is in apparently good health.

She doesn't talk much, according to her friends, but Evalena loves to watch television and if anyone mentions fishing she gets her pocketbook in hand and is ready to travel.



CELEBRATES - Evalena Penland, 98, is assisted by Country Time Activity Director Sandy Ewing to the dining room for her birthday party.

KM firemen plan 'The Great Escape'

Firemen, working in conjunction with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association and fire departments throughout the United States and Canada, will implement the first ever North American fire drill, "The Great Escape" during 1998 Fire Prevention Week October 4-10.

"The Great Escape" is a concerted effort to get citizens actively involved in fire safety, specifically home escape planning and practice, says Fire Chief Frank Burns. Firemen are encouraging local residents to develop escape plans and practice them on Wednesday, October 7, at 6 p.m.

Burns says "The Great Escape" is a fun activity for entire families to participate in during Fire Prevention Week but it also could save lives.

"If a fire breaks out in your home, you and your family on-

ly have a few minutes to escape safely. Home fire escape planning and practice ensure that everyone in the household will know how to use that small window of opportunity effectively and get out alive," Burns says.

Local firemen will also sponsor a drawing contest in the fourth grades of the elementary schools. Students will be asked to draw an escape plan for their home and the winners' names will be placed in a nationwide drawing for a trip for four to Disney World. Prizes will go to local winners from the sponsoring fire department. Deadline is October 16 for students to complete the drawings.

Burns said that surveys by the National Fire Protection Association reveal that only 16 percent of respondents who had escape plans actually practiced them.

"The findings demonstrated that most people are not well prepared if a fire does occur in their home," says Burns. "Our hope is that The Great Escape motivates people to begin thinking about fire safety in a positive, practical way and to start practicing their home escape plans regularly, at least twice a year."

When you hear the term "The Great Escape" images of Houdini and disappearing acts may come to mind.

Kings Mountain Fire Department is announcing that the "Great Escape" will take place in Kings Mountain this October but they're not planning to make local residents disappear.

KMHS 9th graders are pro Clinton

It isn't unusual this week to see words like impeachment and censor on the blackboard of the Social Studies Classes at Kings Mountain High School.

High School students in Ronnie Whisnant's 9th grade have been learning about First Amendment Rights, the U. S. Constitution, the government and the functions of the Presidency.

This week ninth graders said

they were pro-Clinton and that President Bill Clinton should not be impeached and should not be censured.

"They just want to move on," says Whisnant, who said that Economics, Legal and Political Systems is a required subject for ninth and 10 graders to take at least one semester.

"Now if this had been my older group last year and this same subject came up they

would probably have given different answers to impeachment and censorship," said Whisnant.

Asked if students should wear uniforms to school, they gave a resounding "no" according to the teacher.

Whisnant, who teaches 60 students in grades 9-12, said most students take their opinions after their parents.

"But of course they have all been watching television and reading the newspapers in re-

cent weeks and are developing their own opinions," said Whisnant who said the students have not discussed perjury aspects of the Clinton case, only meanings of such words as pardon, reprieve, censor, amnesty, Cabinet and bureaucracy, among others.

Pictures of the Presidents of the United States are on the walls of the 9th grade classroom.

Democrats plan fund raiser

The Cleveland County Health Department received the Glaxo Wellcome Child Health Recognition Award last week at the North Carolina Public Health Association's annual meeting.

The department was among 11 local health departments and individuals that Glaxo Wellcome awarded for their innovative efforts and teamwork to improve child health in North Carolina.

Cleveland County Health Department received the Local Health Department Recognition Award for its leadership and development of Alliance for Health, a voluntary organization of not-for-profit health care providers and agencies designed to improve health of children in Cleveland County. Goals for the Alliance include increasing the number of check-ups for children up to five years old and services for at-risk children.

Health Department wins award

The Century Club will host a fund-raising dinner =, "Fun Night for Democrats," September 24 at 6:30 p.m. at North Lake Country Club in Shelby.

Keynote speaker is Ruth Crowder McSwain, a Cleveland County native and motivational speaker.

The cost is \$100 and includes a dinner of prime rib, chicken, vegetables, casserole, dessert, bread and drinks. There will be door prizes and drawings.

For more information call Sally Royster at 484-1931 or Betsy Wells at 739-1585.

Other upcoming activities include:

Sept. 28 - Candidate forum at Cleveland Community College.

Oct. 1 - Grand opening of Democratic headquarters.

Oct 1-10 - Booth at the Cleveland County Fair.

Oct. 3 - District Democratic women's meeting, 10:30 a.m., Cleveland Country Club, Shelby. The cost is \$10.

Oct. 22 - Walter Dalton fund raiser at Marvin Hamrick Barn.

Oct. 17 - Cleveland County Democratic rally at the Fairgrounds. Cost \$10.

CLUB

From 7A

a beautiful arrangement of dried flowers for the table.

A brief business meeting was conducted which included reminders of the Woman's Club Fall Festival to be held October 21. The Kings Mountain Garden Club will participate by decorating a table and several niches. Several themes were dis-

cussed for the niches which will be judged. Another important date to remember is the Southern Christmas Show to be held November 12-22.

Mrs. Broadwell presented the guest speaker, Cliff Laurich of CJ's landscaping. He recently installed the Broadwell's sprinkler system. He brought many beautiful plants to show as he discussed landscaping plans for the yard. Several garden club members also added great landscaping tips.

KM's Katy Rountree selected AP Scholar by College Board

Katy Amanda Rountree, 1998 graduate of Kings Mountain



ROUNTREE

High School, has been named an AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of her exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examinations. Approximately 23 percent of American's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP examinations. Only about 13 percent of the more than 635,000 students who took the examination in May 1998 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Rountree qualified for the award by completing three or more AP examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. AP Examinations, which students take after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school, are graded on a 5-point scale (with 5 the highest). Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced place-

ment, or both for grades of 3 or higher. More than 1,400 institutions award a year of credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. There are 32 AP Examinations offered in 18 subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions.

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Mountaineer volleyball team knocks off 4A state champions

Kings Mountain High's volleyball team won three more matches during the past week to run its record to 7-0 in the Southwestern 3A Conference and 19-1 overall.

Last Wednesday, the Lady Mountaineers knocked off the defending state 4A champion West Charlotte, 12-15, 15-9, 15-3, 15-10.

Christie Brinkley led the KM attack with 16 kills and 17 defensive digs. Csherian Coleman had 14 kills and 19 digs and Jacquie Hall added 12 kills and eight blocks. Renee Hall had nine blocks, Lee Putnam eight

blocks, and D Chapman 38 assists.

"This was just a great win for us," said KM Coach Diana Bridges. "West Charlotte has a very good team. They're probably the best competition we've seen. I was really pleased with the win."

Kings Mountain defeated East Mecklenburg 15-0, 15-8, 15-5 in another non-conference bout Saturday morning at the KMHS gym, and then the Mountaineers traveled to R-S Central Tuesday to knock off their closest SWC rival, 15-3, 15-7, 15-9. Brinkley had seven kills, Cole nine, and Jacquie Hall 12. Renee Hall had six blocks and Chapman had 28 assists.

"That was a big victory for us," Bridges said. "I hope it will help us seal the conference championship."

Kings Mountain travels to East Rutherford today and hosts Burns Tuesday.

YARBRO

From 8A

ty. Ethel's house also is decorated in some of the ceramics, decoupage and needlework she has enjoyed over the years as a longtime homemaker. She never stops her activity. At night she still enjoys crocheting dish towels while she watches television.

"God has been good to me and family and friends are very special to me," says Yarbrow.

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