



TALENT SHOW WINNERS - Winners in the recent Talent Show at Bethware School were, front row, left to right, Josh Bell, Krystal Weaver, Chelsie Brides and Brooke Davis. Second row, Caitlyn Suber, Bennett Suber, Lauren Suber, Zach Putnam and Kaia Buchanan.



RUNNERS-UP - Runners-up in the recent Talent Show at Bethware School were, front row, left to right, Ethan Jenkins, James Thomas Fitch, Ashley Frazier and Will Fredell. Back row, Sierra Bess, Kierra Gardner, Stephanie Ford, and Phaedra Mangan.



THIRD PLACE - Third place winners in the recent Talent Show at Bethware School were, front row, left to right, Ashley Lovelace, Katie Anthony, Johnathan Inthisarath, Joseph Chambers. Back row, Fletcher Webster, Amber Hyder, Tamra Dover, Michael Byers, Brittany Thornburg.

Kay Walker KMHS Teacher of Month

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer



KAY WALKER

Kings Mountain High School's teacher of the month for May can take her students to any place in the universe and any time in history- through books. An English teacher with a long term love of literature, Kay Walker is one of those special people passionate about her work and mission.

"I try to teach my students that what you read from any time period can be applied to life today," Walker said. "There is so much in literature that is relevant to things happening right now."

A native of Lawndale, Walker began her dreams of teaching English at an early age. After graduation from Burns High School and Gardner-Webb University, Walker embarked on her teaching career. This is the second year she's been at Kings Mountain High.

"I really enjoy working here," Walker says. "The faculty and students are like one big family."

One thing that sets Walker apart from some educators is that she is truly interested in her students as persons.

"My goal is to combine a love of English literature with a concern for my students," said Walker. "I want them to understand that I care as much about them as people as them making a perfect score on a test. I try to teach them real-world skills as well as foster a sense of creativity, and self-esteem."

Like a heroine in one of the great works of literature she teaches, Kay Walker has set high standards for herself and her students- and means to achieve them.

Head Start staff honored at appreciation luncheon

The staff of Cleveland County Head Start was recently honored at a staff appreciation luncheon at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Staff development training was provided by Glenda Manning of Touch, Inc. of Charlotte.

Special recognition was made for several staff members who have completed five years of service with Head Start: Bernadette Cannedy, Head Start teacher at Bethware Elementary; Melia Greene, Head Start teacher at Fallston Elementary; Lisa Hunt, Head Start teacher at Union Elementary; Pat Miller, teacher assistant at Shelby Middle; Gloria McClain, teacher assistant at North Elementary;

Anganette Ward, office assistant; Monica Williams, mental health/disabilities coordinator; and Stephen Wingate, Head Start teacher at Shelby Middle. All received five year service pins and dish gardens.

During the afternoon staff members received favors and a door prize from area merchants.

The Head Start program operates in all three school systems in Cleveland County, with Kings Mountain District Schools serving as the grantee and administrative unit. The program receives Smart Start funding to operate four of its 16 classes. Head Start is celebrating its 34th year of service to preschoolers in Cleveland County.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Summer registration at Cleveland College

Cleveland Community College will hold summer term registration Thursday, May 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 4-7 p.m. in the Campus Center Building.

For more information, call the Student Services Department at 484-4081.

Special courses set at Cleveland College

The following courses are available at Cleveland Community College. To preregister for more information, call 484-4015.

- Machine Applique, Beginner, each Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. May 19-June 23 at the Eagle's Nest in Shelby. \$39 plus materials fee.

- Effective Teacher Training, Tuesdays, 4-7 p.m., May 18-July 27 at campus room 1140. \$35 registration at first class meeting.

- Floral Design, Tuesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. May 18-July 27 at the Eagle's Nest in Shelby. Registration \$40 plus materials at first class meeting.

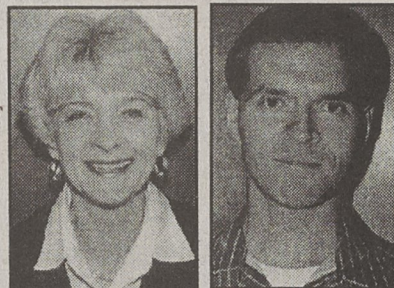
Summer Reading program to begin

Rounds & Rounds of Stories at the Library will be held June 1-July 24 at Mauney Memorial Library auditorium.

The program begins each morning at 10 a.m. and is available to children ages 3-12. The annual Summer Reading program consists of stories, activities, and crafts on a weekly basis. It is free.

The kickoff will be May 28 at 10 a.m. Midyette Magic will present "She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain."

For more information, call Christy Key, Youth Services Coordinator, at 734-4486.



GREENE DEDMON
Greene, Dedmon promoted at CCC

Cleveland Community College has promoted Barbara Greene to Director of Occupational Extension and Danny Dedmon to GED Examiner/Basic Skills Recruiter.

Greene has worked at CCC for 10 years. She previously served as Director of the College's Small Business Center. She holds a bachelor and master's degree from Gardner-Webb College. She and her husband, John, live in Boiling springs and have one son and one grandchild.

Dedmon has worked at CCC for 13 years. He previously served as Print Shop Technician. He holds an Associate in Arts from CCC, a BA from Limestone College, and a Master's in Science from North Carolina A&T. He resides in Grover.

Carlisle to speak at GWU graduation

Rick Carlisle, North Carolina secretary of commerce, will address graduating MBA students at Gardner-Webb on Thursday evening, May 13. This is the first in a series of special activities that will conclude with commencement exercises on Saturday, May 15, at 10 am in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on campus.

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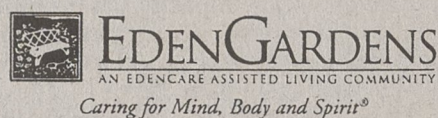


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a 13 inch screen, and 32 megabytes of memory. some popular brands are Toshiba and Compaq.

The prices of computers vary widely. In years past, a computer was out of the reach of many people because of their price. Now, computer prices have dropped drastically. A basic desktop model can be had for around \$700.

"A top of the line desktop computer with printer and scanner setup will run anywhere from \$1,700 to \$2,400," said Smith. "A good laptop will be in the \$1,300 dollar range

and up, depending on power and features. The main thing to think about when you buy a computer is the use it will be put to and how much power you actually need for the job."

A new twist on the computer theme are handheld models that act as organizers. Some handhelds can synchronize information with larger computers, sort e-mail, and send faxes. Popular models of handhelds include Casio Cassiopeia, and the IBM Workpad.

For most students, computers are not a luxury but a necessity. More and more colleges are making PC ownership a requirement. Western Carolina University in Cullowhee was one of the first colleges to make computers a dorm room requirement. In Cleveland County, Gardner-Webb University does not require personal ownership of a computer, but as with most schools, the increasingly technical nature of study and communication makes owning a computer an unwritten rule.

With recent figures showing that the number of American workers who utilize a computer in their jobs tripling since 1990 to more than 11 million, the need for students to be computer proficient is obvious. With the future in mind, purchasing a computer for your student to use is an investment in success.

HOYLE

From 1B

Custodian of the Year - Bob Morris, East.

Bus Driver of the Year - Delores Littlejohn KM Middle.

Instructional Support Employee of the Year - Marie Ballard, East.

Teachers of the Year - Danny McDowell, Bethware; Jenny Hollifield, East; Elaine Stewart, Davidson; Anita Phifer, Grover; Mark Bryson, North; Amy Bailey, West; Pat Baker, Middle School; Judy Gibson, High School.

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