

Kings Mountain Rotary Club presented its annual Teacher of the Year and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year awards at Thursday's meeting at Ramada Limited. Left to right are Rotary President Steve Padgett, Rotary member Jane Alexander, Teacher of the Year Danny McDowell, Law Enforcement Officer of the year Melvin Proctor, and Rotary member Paul Brintley.

KM Rotary Club recognizes teacher, officer of the year

By KAMIE CHAMPION

Two special people were honored by the Kings Mountain Rotary Club for their service and dedication to the community at Thursday's luncheon meeting at Ramada Limited.

Lieutenant Melvin Proctor with the Kings Mountain Police Department was presented a plaque for KM Rotary Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Danny McDowell, a 27 year veteran teacher, was presented a plaque for KM Rotary Teacher of the Year.

Proctor, a 12 year employee with the police department, said he was "shocked and speechless" when he was notified of the honor. Proctor accepted the award from Rotarian Paul Brintley with much appreciation and said he contributed his efforts to his belief in searching for the positive aspects in life and being a role model for young people. "I believe in baseball, hotdogs, apple pie, God, and taking time with kids because they are our future," added Proctor.

Proctor is the lieutenant of the detective division and the firearms instructor. His wife, Sergeant Lisa Proctor, is over the narcotics divi-

sion. Proctor was the US Mideast Light weight Kickboxing Champion in 1985 and a past bull rider. He spends time with his two children, training in marshal arts, and bowling.

McDowell's service and dedication to the students at Bethware Elementary was more than apparent as his list of accomplishments and activities were read by Rotarian Jane Alexander.

McDowell, who is currently KM Teacher of the Year and a two-time state math teacher of the year, is very active with PTO and with Galilee Church. He says that he is continually searching for new and better ways to make a difference with people, especially students.

When he began teaching fresh out of Appalachian State University he said he committed himself to being the best possible classroom teacher and a positive worker in the community. He added, "Service to the students does not stop in the classroom. I love what I do and I do it wholehearted-ly."

At the conclusion of the meeting the Rotarians gave these special people a standing ovation for what they do in the Kings Mountain community.

New books at KM library

New fiction at Mauney Memorial Library:

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Rose Turner

Mapson, JoAnn. Librarian
"The Wilder
Sisters" (Harper Flamingo,

1999).
Set in Floralie, NM, this novel introduces two sisters who fall in love with men when they least expect it and when they

Martin, William. "Citizen Washington" (Warner Books,

Meticulously researched, this book reveals the father of his country through the eyes of his contemporaries.

Miles, Rosalind. "Guenervere;

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year. On June 30, adults can experience North Carolina pottery with a trip to Sea Grove. The cost is \$20 per person with a minimum of 41 people.

Other adult opportunities: July 28-29, 9 a.m.- 1p.m., or 6-10 p.m., Basket Class with instructors Lynn Eskridge and Libby Harrill. \$45 includes materials.

June 22-24, 6-9 p.m., Raku Pottery with instructors Jamie Boyles and Doug Pruett. \$40 includes materials.

June 26-27 and July 17-18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Glass Fusing Basics with instructor Gene Messick. \$95 includes materials.

July 10-11 and August 7-8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Hot Glass Shaping with instructor Gene Messick. \$95 includes materials. Queen of the Summer Country" (Crown Publishers, Inc. 1998).

Camelot was a vibrant pageant of love, heartbreak, hatred, jealously, revenge and desire as seen through the eyes of its queen.

O'Rourke, Frank. "Ellen and the Barber" (St. Martin's Press, 1998).

This is a bittersweet remembrance of thing past. The author follows the lives of three strong willed young women during the great depression.

Pilcher, Robin. "An Ocean Apart" (St. Martin's Press, 1998).

By caring for another family, David becomes able to care for his own again. By loving another family, David becomes able to love again.

Rice, Luanne. "Cloud Nine" (Bantom Books, 1999).

This is a novel brimming with the beauty and fragility of life whose powerful message will resonate in your own life long after the final page is turned.

Robinson, Roxana. "This is My

Daughter" (Random House,

This is the intense, closely examined story of the second marriage of divorced parents.

Sandifer, Linda. "Raveled Ends

of Sky" (Forge, 1998).

This is an authentic tale of a woman's journey across the wild American frontier to find freedom and individuality.

Sinclair, April. "I Left My BAck Door Open" (Hyperion, 1999).

This is the author's richest, most satisfying novel yet.

Swann, E.L. "Night Gardening" (Hyperion, 1999).

Within the shadows of night, in a grand old city, in a graceful neighborhood, there was a garden where lives would be changed and hopes renewed and two hearts forever restored.

Tryzna, Tomek. "Miss Nobody" (Doubleday, 1999).

One of the most widely discussed and hotly debated international novels of the decade, this is an emotionally resonant story of friendship, sexual awakening, obsession and duplicity.



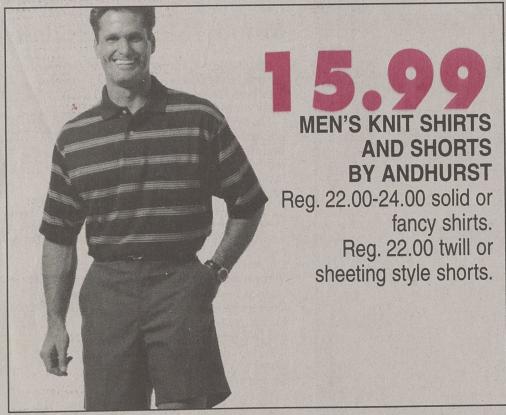
Top Buccaneers in fourth and fifth grades at Bethware School were, front row, Matt McKillop, David Clark, Alley Grant, Justin Camp and Krystal Proctor. Second row, Candace Campion, Will Franks, Chris Starr, Marquiz Norris, Hunter Yarboro, Jessica Wilson. Back row, Jessica Everson, Josh Harris.

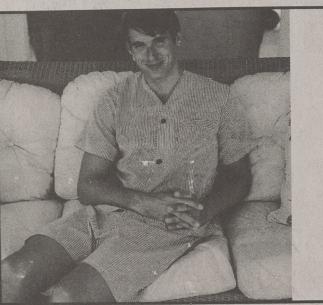
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