

# Summer school going strong in KM

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Just because the regular school year is over, don't think that there's not plenty of learning still going on in the Kings Mountain School District. According to Jean Thrift, director of student services for Kings Mountain Schools, summer school programs are hot as a July firecracker.

Summer school classes at Kings Mountain High School began June 2 and will run until June 29 with testing on the last day of classes. Tuition for the classes is \$160 per student for one unit. Classes were offered on the basis of student demand.

Available for students presently in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, the courses were based on an average enrollment of 15 students minimum per class.

The absentee policy for summer classes at Kings Mountain High School will be one day of summer classes equals five days of regular school. Classes will meet from 8 am until 1 pm daily.

Much summer school activity is going on at Kings Mountain Middle School. Hitting all areas where students might need help, classes are being conducted in reading, math, language arts, science, social studies, and computer skills.

In a special computer camp

that began May 31 and will run until June 11, Kings Mountain Middle School students can bone up on their skills.

"This is a remedial class that is offered to rising 8th grade students that score at achievement level IV on their 7th grade end of year reading test," said Thrift.

Cost of the computer camp is \$25 per student and classes meet from 8 am until 3 pm.

State-funded computer classes for students in grades 3 through 8 are also available this summer at Kings Mountain Middle School. These classes will begin July 6 and last until July 16. Time will be from 8 am until 1 pm with a 25 minute

lunch break. Transportation is available for these classes.

Tuition summer school at KMMS held registration and the first day of classes on June 2.

"Tuition summer school is for current 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who failed a course in math, language, or reading and who are not eligible for state-funded summer school," said Thrift.

Cost for tuition summer school is \$160 per student for one unit. Payment was due at registration. Subjects being studied are language arts, reading, and math. No credit will be given to students who miss

more than four days.

Tuition summer school for students who failed a local class in science or social studies will begin July 5 and last four days. Classes will meet from 8 am until 1 pm with a cost of \$40. No transportation or lunch will be available for these classes.

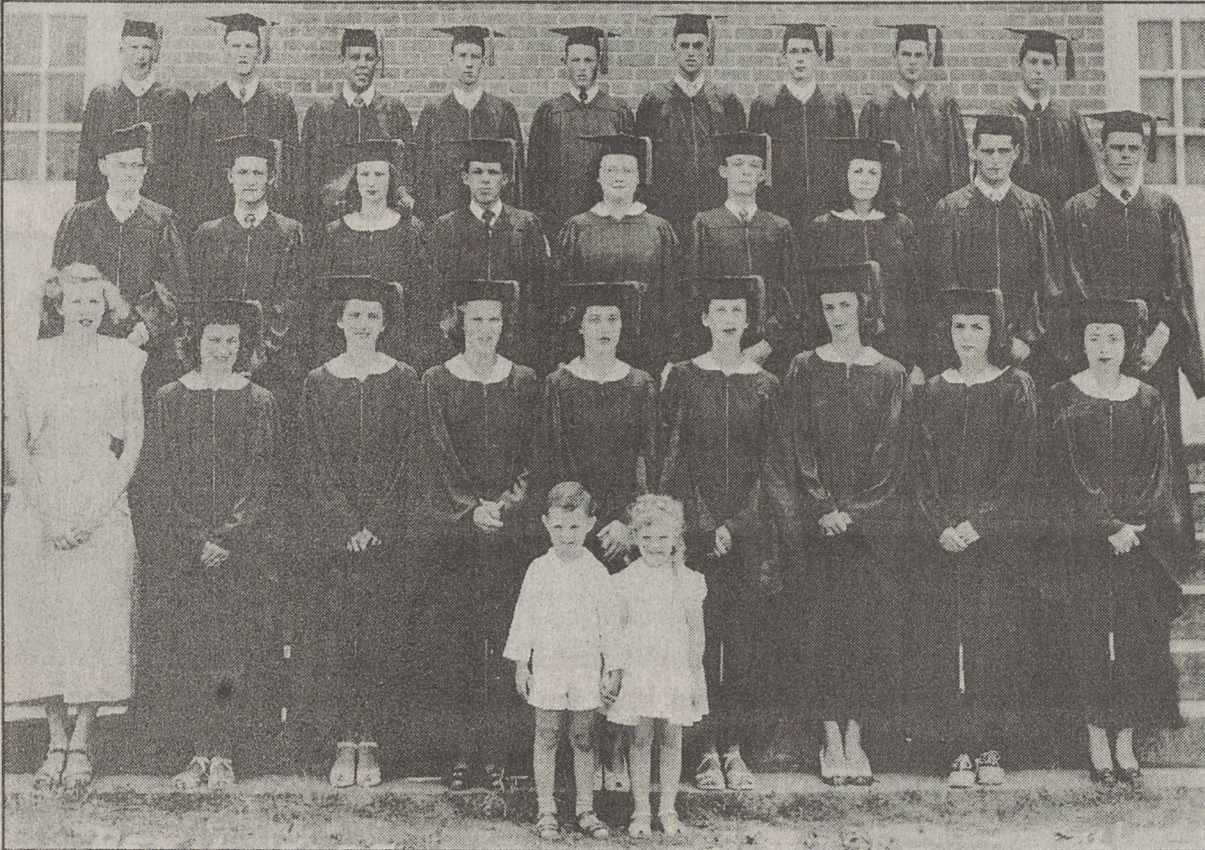
Summer will be also be a busy time for preschool kids in Kings Mountain and Grover. Preschool programs to help kids get ready for the rigors of their scholastic years include Ready, Set, Grow, Smart Start, and Headstart.

"With a grant from the Cleveland County Partnership for Children we were able to fund preschool programs at Kings Mountain Community

Center, as well as Bethware, East, and Grover elementary schools," said Dr. Jane King of the Kings Mountain School District. "We want these programs to make the children feel good about school."

Programs for preschoolers include a screening using the Birgance Inventory to determine which students might experience scholastic difficulties once they enter regular school.

"Following the Birgance Inventory testing, students with the lowest scores are invited to attend classes at one of the preschool program sites," Dr. King said. "We have been very pleased with the results from our preschool programs."



## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Eskridge graduates Art Institute May 16

Will L. Eskridge received a Bachelor of Fine Arts/Interdisciplinary degree from San Francisco Art Institute on May 16 at the school's 121st commencement exercises. Kitty Carlisle was the commencement speaker.

Will completed high school at Kings Mountain High School and North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. He then attended New York School of Visual Arts/Savannah branch for two years prior to San Francisco Art Institute. While completing his studies at SFAI, Will had work exhibited in several San Francisco galleries.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Eskridge of Kings Mountain.

### Dale McCoig named to spring dean's list

Dale McCoig of Kings Mountain has been named to the spring semester dean's list at North Greenville College. A sophomore majoring in Interdisciplinary studies, he is the son of Arthur and Bertia McClain. He is a 1996 graduate of Berea High School.

To qualify of the dean's list, one must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

### Local students named to dean's list at CCC

The following area students have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Cleveland Community College. To make the list one must be a full-time student (12 or more semester hours) and carry a grade point average of 3.5.

Grover - Crystal Nicole Cochran, Kelly Ann McDaniel.

Kings Mountain - Linda Peterson Hamrick, Julius Troy Jones, Anethia Lacher Moore, Kienethong Noinara, Kinnari Naresh Patel, Samuel Eugene Petry II, Melissa Davis Ridings, Steven Wayne Sutherland, Crystal Louise Weston, Sylvia Regina Ruff.

### Local students named to CCC president's list

The following local students have been named to the president's list for the spring semester at Cleveland Community College. To make the list one must be a full-time student (12 or more semester hours) and achieve a grade point average of 4.0.

Grover - Lorraine Muni Alexander, Susan Meek Matchie, Betty Sue Smith.

Kings Mountain - Christina Lynn Berry, Kenneth Joe Bush, Jason Boyd Falls, Christina Michelle Johnsonbaugh, Donna Biddy Myers, Riley Lien Nolen.

### John Sizemore earns Chancellor's List honor

John Cecil Sizemore, a 1996 graduate of King Mountain High School, was placed on the Chancellor's List for the '99 spring semester at UNC-Charlotte. John achieved a 4.0 grade point average, completing 16 hours, while working toward a degree in Health and Fitness.

John is the son of Sharon Gold Sizemore of Kings Mountain, and Roger Sizemore of Dallas. He is the grandson of Mrs. John Gold of Grover and Mrs. Melvena Sizemore of Logan, W. Va.

### Tracy Wilson named to President's List

Tracy D. Wilson of Kings Mountain was named to the

President's List for the spring semester at Campbell University.

To make the list one must achieve a 3.5 grade point average.

### Local students earn degrees at UNC-CH

Six Kings Mountain students received degrees at recent commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

They include Joseph Carter Bouchard, Bachelor of Arts; Sidney Sloan Bridges, Bachelor of Arts; Pamela Courtney Goforth, BS in Nursing; Clint Lawson Kale, Bachelor of Arts; Jeffrey Emmett Muench, Master of Business Administration; and Chanhmanison K. Phanthalack, BS in Nursing.

### Local students make dean's list at UNC-CH

Eight Kings Mountain/Grover students made the spring semester dean's list at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. To make the list one must earn at least a 3.2 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while taking 15 or more letter-grade credit hours, or a 3.5 grade point average while taking at least 12 letter-grade credit hours.

They include Joseph Carter Bouchard, Wesley Hudson Bridges, Sarah Kimberly Bunch, Charlene Hardin Crepps, Pamela Courtney Goforth, Joshua Steven Lowery, Kristen Heather Miller, and Micheal Scott Wilson.



The Bethware School Class of 1949 held its 50th year reunion recently at the Bethlehem Baptist Church fellowship center. They met at 5 p.m. for a time of fellowship, and at 7 p.m. they enjoyed a delicious meal of BBQ chicken and pork prepared by Jake Dixon. Twenty-one people attended with Margie Anthony Gates coming the longest distance from Luray, VA. Pictured in top photo are the classmates on graduation day June 24, 1949. Front, mascots Nelson Cooper and Alice Faye Neal. Front row, from left, Mary Louise Kidd, teacher; Mary Hovis Harmon, Betty Harmon Babb, Helen Thornburg Patterson, Margie Anthony Gates, Bobbie Spencer Page, Betty Short Mauney, Emma Hamrick Neal, Theresa McSwain Holt. Second row, Wade McSwain, Elmer Barrett, Sue Scism Hughes, Harold Shook, Helen Morris McDaniel, Earl Payne, Ruth McNeely Estes, W.L. "Bud" Goforth, Jack Ware. Third row, Troy Bridges, John Patterson, Edwin Babb, Coy Bridges, D.C. Allen, J.V. Bolin, Bill Babb, Bobby Herndon and Paul "Buster" Neal. Bottom picture, at the reunion, are front row, from left, Betty Harmon Babb of Kannapolis, Mary Frances Hovis Harmon of Gastonia, Theresa Mae McSwain Holt of Virginia Beach, Va, Margie Anthony Gates of Luray, VA, and Helen Thornburg Patterson of Kings Mountain. Back row, J.V. Bolin of Kings Mountain, Jack Ware of Shelby, Troy Bridges of Spartanburg, SC, Coy Bridges of Stanley, Earl Payne of Bessemer City, Bill Babb of Kannapolis, W.L. "Bud" Goforth of Albemarle, and Helen Morris McDaniel of Kings Mountain. Deceased members are Elmer Barrett, John Patterson and Bobby Herndon.



Supt. Bob McRae, Asst. Supt. Ronnie Wilson, and Grover Assistant Principal Lynda Stewart, left to right, are pictured at a luncheon hosted by Kids Etc. for all elementary school principals in appreciation for their support during the school year.



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