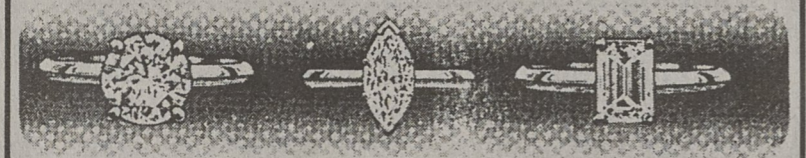


## KM students earn scholarships

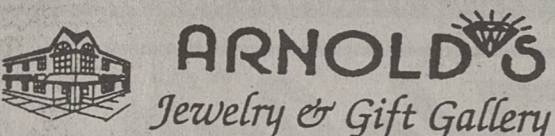
Two Kings Mountain students have received Presidential Scholarships at Elon College. Wendy Neisler received a \$3,000 scholarship and Kevin Weisman received a scholarship for \$5,000.

The scholarships are awarded to approximately the top one-fourth of freshmen entering Elon College. They are based on high school course selection, class rank, grades, and SAT/ACT scores.

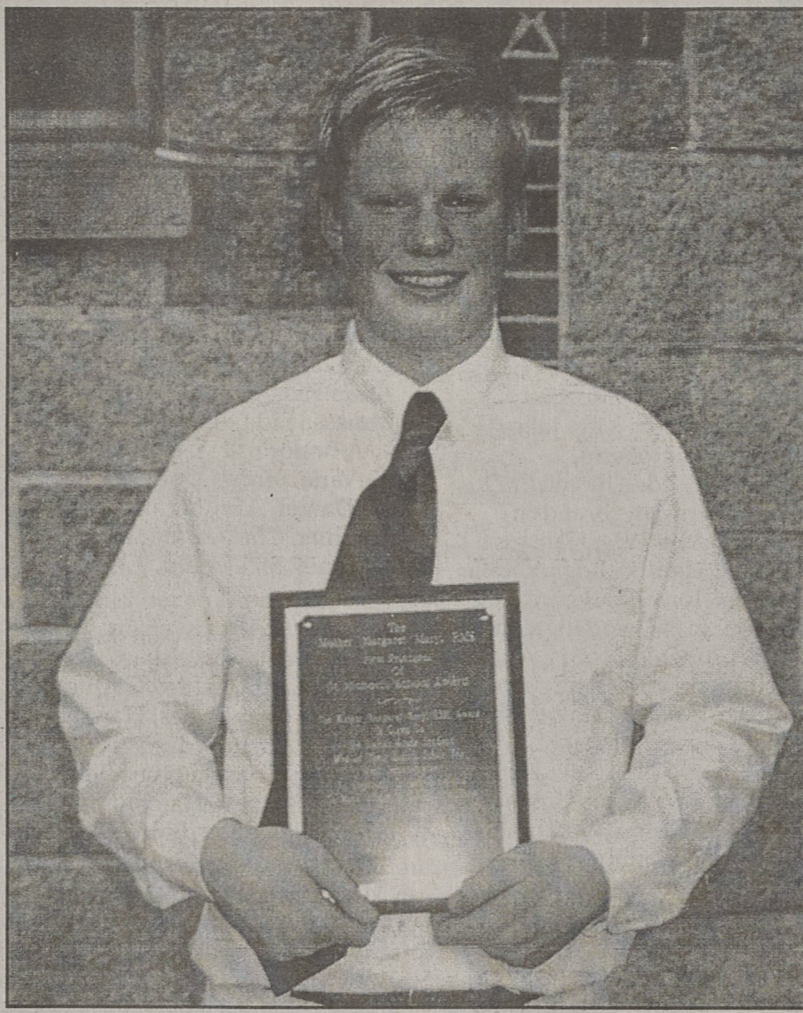
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Alex Queen of Kings Mountain recently received the Mother Margaret Mary, RMS Award at St. Michael's Catholic School in Gastonia. He is the son of Allen and Patsy Queen.

## Queen gets award at St. Michael's

Alex Queen was recently named the year 2000 recipient of the Mother Margaret Mary, RMS Award during the eighth grade graduation ceremony at St. Michael's Catholic School in Gastonia. The award, named for the first principal of the school, is given by the faculty and administration to the student who best demonstrates an eagerness to set goals and to work diligently to achieve them. In addition to receiving a plaque, Queen was given a \$100 savings bond as part of the award.

Father John Allen also presented Queen with the St. Michael's Parish Pastor's Award for achieving the highest

overall academic average. Additionally, Queen received individual awards for maintaining the highest academic performance in the subjects of Algebra I, Religion, English, Spelling, Social Studies, Science, Health and Computers. The President's Award for Academic Excellence, given by the National Association of Middle School and Secondary Principals, was presented to Queen during the ceremony by Joseph Pucenta, St. Michael's principal.

Queen is the son of Allen and Patsy Queen of Kings Mountain and will attend Charlotte Catholic High School this fall.

## Moore attends teaching seminar

Larry L. Moore of Kings Mountain, grades 7-9 French teacher at Southwest Middle School, recently attended a seminar at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

Moore was one of 13 North Carolina teachers participating in "Teacher Scholars in Residence."

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North Carolina, NCCAT provides a year-round series of residential seminars and teacher-scholar programs for teachers and professional development activities for teachers and staff in selected school systems. At the center, teachers engage in stimulating scholarly activities and professional networking to renew their vitality for teaching and learning.

## June activities at Arts Council

The month of June will see a flurry of activity at the Cleveland County Arts Council in Shelby.

On June 14, local woodcarver Steve Allen will host the monthly Brown Baggin' luncheon and lecture at the Arts Council, 111 S. Washington Street, Shelby. Allen will speak on woodcarving from 12 noon until 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and the Arts Council will provide the drink and dessert.

Thursday, June 15, the Carolina Foothills Handmade Association will host its Spring Exhibition of fine handicraft, "Our Very Best". The reception will take place from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m., and will run June 11 through 24.

Saturday, June 17, fans of film making will get a chance to learn how a small film is shot. The first workshop, "Small Movies: Shooting With Super 8" will be held 7-9 a.m. and then again at 3-5 p.m. at the Arts Center. The classes are a preview of the big "Real to Reel Film and Video Festival" which the Arts Council will sponsor July 17-22.

The Arts Council will hold its annual meeting June 20 at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The event will include updates and a multimedia presentation.

The Greater Shelby Community Theater's production of "Winnie the Pooh" will take place June 23, 24, 29, 30, and July 1 at 7:30 p.m. A matinee will be performed June 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Other Arts Council news includes announcement of last month's Cleveland County Artists Competition. First Place went to Frank Barrow for his work "A Firm Grip". Second Place was awarded to Jamie Willis for "Perpetual Perennials". Third Place was awarded to Susan Carlisle Bell for "The Trees Clap Their Hands".

Also, the Cleveland County Arts Council is accepting applications for the 2000-2001 Regional Arts Grant Scholarship Program. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, August 1. The Regional Artist Project Grants Program provides financial support for committed, accomplished artists seeking to advance their careers as professionals. Artists must be a resident of either Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Union, or York counties since July 1, 1999. They must apply in the county where they reside. Funds are not available for projects already completed. Students are ineligible for these grants.

The Regional Artist Project Grants Program is supported by a grant from the N.C. Arts Council, a state agency, and funds are provided by participating arts councils. Application packets are now available by contacting the Cleveland County Arts Council at 484-2787 or at 111 S. Washington Street, Shelby 28150.



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