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East Elementary students wait their turn to sit inside a helicopter Tuesday at the school. The helicopter appearance was part of the Starbase Program which focuses on math and science.

School employees honored at banquet

Retiring employees with a combined experience of 830 years were recognized at the 15th annual Kings Mountain District Schools service awards banquet Monday night at Kings Mountain High School.

Included in the list of honorees were 20 certified employees and 16 support personnel.

Marcy Hamrick, a teacher at North School, was recognized for 35 years of service; and Joe Whitesides, school food services worker at KMHS, was recognized for 34 years of service.

Other certified employees with over 30 years were Candy Albergine, KM Middle; Kathy Goforth, KMHS; Hilda Kiser, Bethware; Carol Ann Peeler, KMHS; Patsy Rountree, food service director; and Donna Russ, KMHS.

Other non-certified employees with over 30 years experience were Virginia Gibson, teacher assistant at North, and Glenda Crawford, teacher assistant at Grover.

Other certified retirees include Barbara Byers, West; Hallie Connor, social worker; Carol Dye, North; Charles Helms, KM Middle; Dan Jones, Davidson; Jackie Lavender, Grover; Steve Moffitt, Davidson; Sandra Mullinax, Bethware; Mike Rhoney, Davidson; Isabell Setzer, KM Middle; Johann Sherrill, Grover; Patti Weathers, KM Middle; and Dr. Floyd Wright, Davidson.

Other support personnel honored were Annie Mae Berry, Grover; Ada Bridges, East; Lucille Brown, Grover; Sam Caveny, Bethware; Carolyn Cobb, North; Robert Costner, mainte-



Grover School principal Jackie Lavender, left, receives the KM District Schools' Principal of the Year Award from last year's recipient, Jerry Hoyle.

nance; Beth Eubanks, workforce development; Brenda Foster, North; Dot Gantt, East; Barbara Greene, food services; Robert Scism, maintenance; Iva Towery, KMHS; and Betty White, Bethware.

Other awards given Monday include: Mentors - Susan Elmore, Grover; Dan Potter, KMHS; Doneese Owens and Marcy Hamrick, North; Nikki Jackson, West.

NCATA - Pam Turner and Dena Allen, Bethware.

Special friends - Kerns Trucking, City of Kings Mountain, and Diane and Mark Injejikian.

Office Support Employee of the Year - Barbara Greene. Food Service Employee of

the Year - Betty Clemmer, North.

Maintenance Employee of the Year - Annette Hardin, District Office.

Custodian of the Year - Carson White, KM Middle. Bus Driver of the Year - Penny Hall, KMHS.

Instructional Support Employee of the Year - Linda Humphries, Bethware.

Principal of the Year - Jackie Lavender, Grover.

Teachers of the Year - Marlene Bennett, Bethware; Dorcas Beasley, East; Sherry Grigg, Davidson; Ethel Crocker, Grover; Amy Hord, North; Judy Ford, West; Tara Rhom, KM Middle; Mercedes Humphries, KMHS.

BRIEFS

KM Class of '52 reunion Sept. 27

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1952 will hold its 50th year celebration September 27-28.

A steak cookout will be held on Friday, Sept. 27 at Lake Montonia. Afterward, classmates and their guests will attend the KMHS homecoming football game at John Gamble Stadium.

On Saturday, Sept. 28 the class will meet for its "Blast to the Past" reunion at Joyce Performance Center (the old Joy Theatre at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Mountain Street).

Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be plenty of entertainment and musical selections presented by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre. The group will also see old movies from their school days and have a class picture taken in front of Joy Performance

Center.

Early reservations are urged.

Members of the planning committee are Dot Goforth Dixon, Rachel Plonk Gladden, Tim Gladden, Dewitt Guyton, Doris Jolly Kiser, Harold Dean Spears, John Still, Pat Matheson Still, Alfred Tate, Mary Helen Logan Tate, Fred Tate, and Ann Mayes Ware.

Stephanie Ruppe receives L-R award

Stephanie Ruppe was awarded the Jean Ayres Award for academic excellence in occupational therapy at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory.

The award is presented by the faculty to a senior occupational therapy major with the highest scholastic achievement, professionalism, and potential for future contribution to the field of

occupational therapy.

Stephanie is the daughter of Vicky Szucs and Jerry Ruppe.

Confederates set Memorial Day

Walker-Gaston Camp #86, Sons of Confederate Veterans will host Confederate Memorial Day Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m.-12 noon in Chester, SC.

The observance will begin with an hour presentation at the Confederate monument on Main St. Guest speaker is Dr. Michael Hill, President of the League of the South. At 10:30 there will be a 1.5-mile walk through downtown Chester to Evergreen Cemetery for a memorial service dedicated to Confederate soldiers buried at the site.

The event is free and open to the public.

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