

Smith to attend Governor's School at Meredith College

C. Justin Smith, son of Charles and Helen Smith of Kings Mountain, will attend Governor's School this summer. Smith will attend Governor's School East at Meredith College from June 15-26.



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He will study a variety of topics with a concentration in social science. Topics covered will include political science, economics, public administration and public policy. Smith will be working with two outstanding instructors - Brian Pittman and Morris Johnson, both of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Smith is one of two Kings Mountain School District students selected to attend the school. Over 800 rising high school juniors and seniors across the state have been selected to attend the 2003 Governor's School, a program for academically or intellectually gifted students.

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Exceptional Children Director Mary Watson said Governor's School provides gifted students with a wonderful opportunity to further develop their talents.

"The school is designed to encourage them to develop their potential for contribut-

ing to society as creative leaders in their various fields of endeavor. Acceptance into Governor's School is one of the highest honors that we provide for North Carolina high school students," she said.

Students attending Governor's School are nominated by their local school superintendent, charter school director or private school headmaster. Each school system is allotted a certain number of students based on its 10th and 11th grade populations. Students are nominated in one of 11 areas including art, choral music, social science, English, French, instrumental music, mathematics, natural sciences and Spanish. The courses and activities are designed to stimulate student creativity, move students to question basic assumptions, explore unanswered questions and develop acceptance of the process of change.

The Governor's School of North Carolina is the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically or intellectually gifted high school students in the nation. The program is open to rising seniors only with exceptions for rising juniors in the performing arts and visual arts.

The campuses are located at Salem College in Winston-Salem and Meredith College in Raleigh. For more information, call Camilla Roberson at 919-807-3986.

Riddle City art project brings out creativity

Throughout the spring semester, 14 eighth grade gifted education students at Kings Mountain Middle School were involved in a project sponsored by the Cleveland County Arts Council.

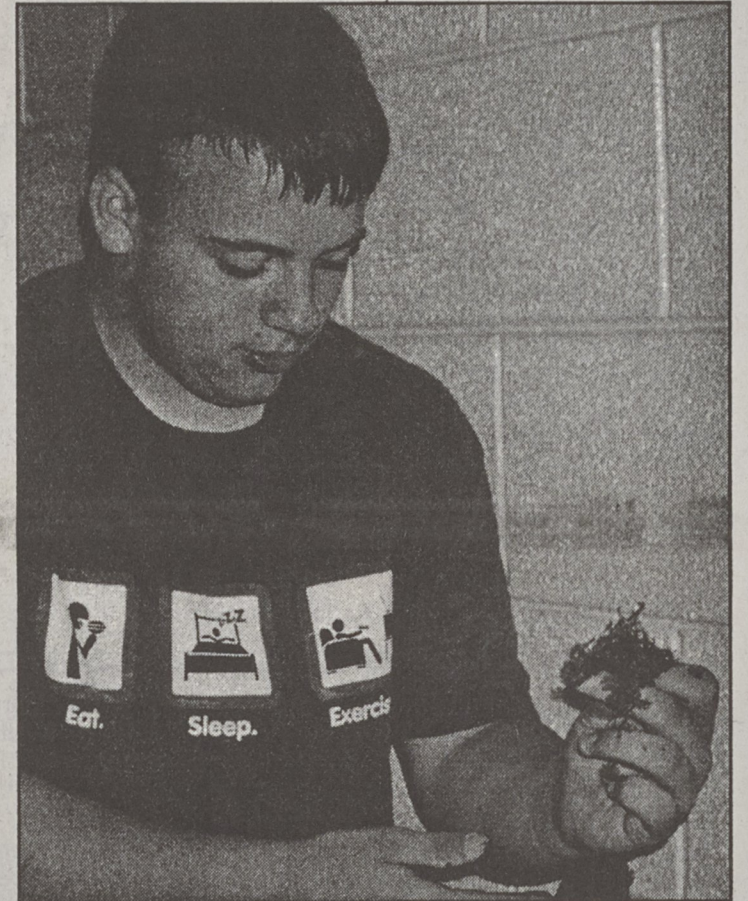
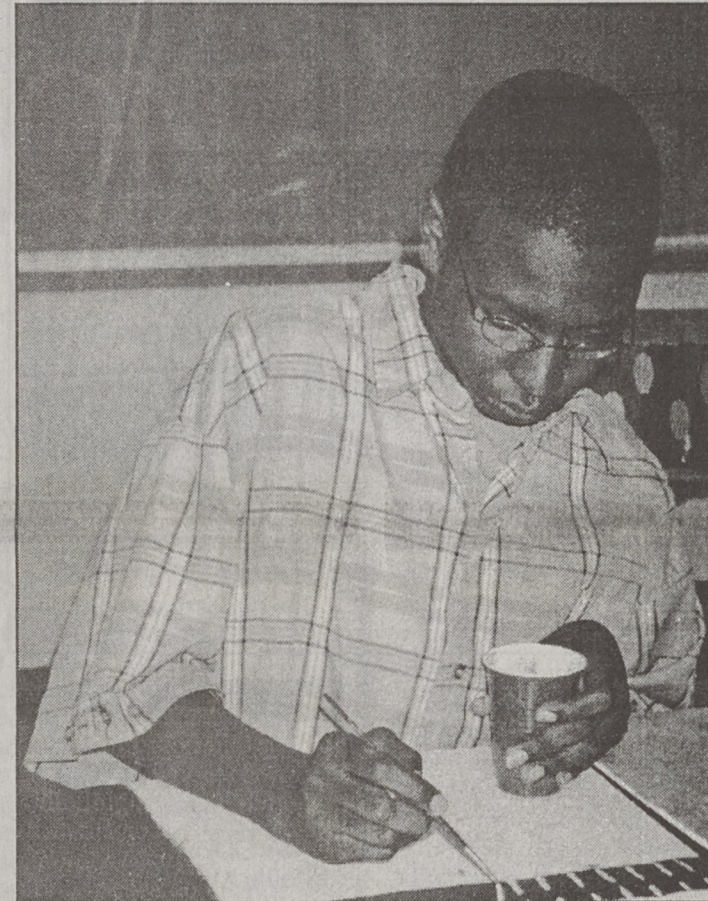
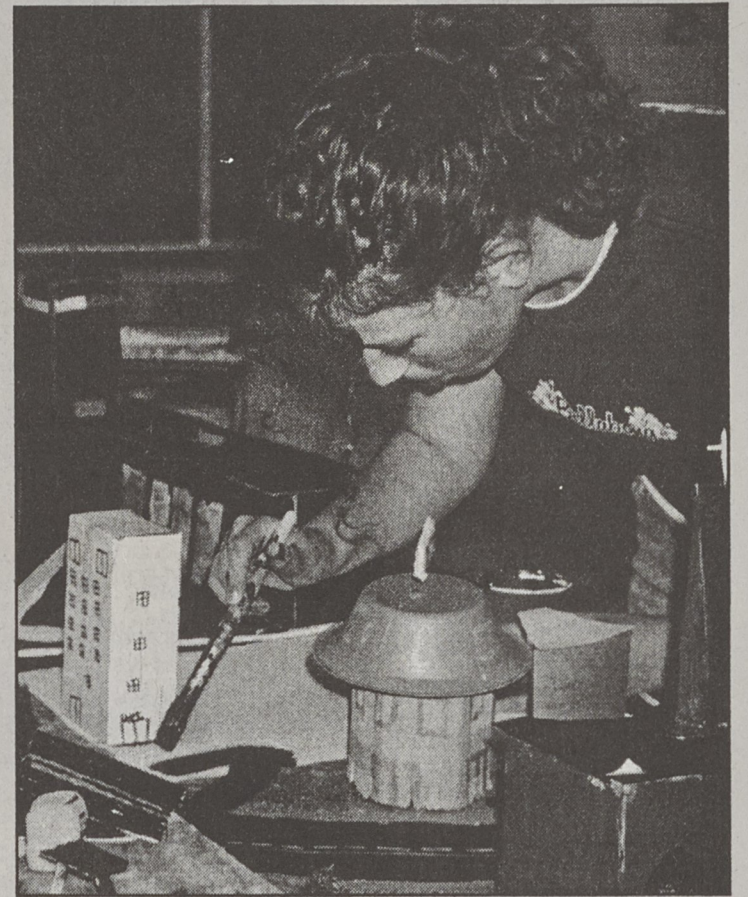
"Trouble in Riddle City" provided the students with the opportunity to build a model city by using individual, small group, and whole class problem solving skills.

Boiling Springs Manager, Greg McGinnis, talked with the students about a variety of things to be considered when planning a city. Throughout the question and answer session, discussion took place regarding the use of local, state, and federal budgeting funds, handling pollution and water treatment, recycling and trash pickup, traffic flow, and building codes for residential, business, recreation, and industrial planning.

Students were then introduced to a variety of problems and began to plan and build Riddle City. The completed model was on display at the KMMS awards assembly.

Participating the building of Riddle City were Halie Calvert, Brianna Grant, Ben Hart, Andrew Livsie, Megan Lowery, Chelsey McNeill, Edmundo Obando, Lorrin Plyler, Sara Roberts, Anthony Simpson, Josh Slycord, Telania Thomas, Angela Wall, and Laura Weigel.

"We would like to thank the Cleveland County Arts Council for funding the 'Trouble in Riddle City' project," said teacher Sarah Cole. "Not only was it a fun activity in which the students displayed their artistic ability, but it also provided an opportunity for students to work together in improving their communication and problem-solving skills."



Sara Roberts (top) works to create a hospital; Anthony Simpson, bottom left, designs a parking lot; and Josh Slycord, bottom right, gathers materials to make trees for Riddle City.

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Hughes, Neisler among scholarship recipients

Two local students were among 28 who recently received scholarships from the Rural Internet Access Authority.

They are Rachel Lynne Hughes, who will attend the

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and George Garrett Neisler, who will attend High Point University.

The Authority presented more than \$18,000 to the 28 students who volunteered with NC TechForce, which provides internet assistance and training in their communities.

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