

LOCAL

KM students increase EOG test scores

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Saturday school, remediation, high expectations and just plain hard work are credited for end of grade test scores in Kings Mountain.

Fifth and sixth graders at Kings Mountain Intermediate School brought their test scores up in both reading and math over last year's numbers. Principal Ethel Pederson is quick to praise teachers for sticking with the standard course of study. The school also hired a teacher to do remediation the entire year and added a second instructor as the testing dates approached.

Students took benchmark tests three times during the year. Teachers spent extra time on the areas where most students were weak. The school also opened on three Saturdays for additional instruction.

Fourth graders at East, North and West elementary schools scored 100 percent proficient on math. No other schools in the new Cleveland County Schools district had scores at 100 percent.

North Principal Joey Hooper said his faculty has high expectations and works all year to get the top notch results.

Overall, Kings Mountain fourth graders scored 99.4 percent in

math compared with 95.1 percent in the former Cleveland County Schools. Kings Mountain fourth grade reading scores averaged 91.1 percent compared with 86.6 percent in the county.

Third graders in the Kings Mountain area scored at 89.7 percent proficient in math compared with 92.8 percent in former Cleveland County Schools. Kings Mountain third grade reading scores averaged 90.4 percent while the county averaged 90 percent.

Kings Mountain Intermediate School fifth graders scored 97.5 percent proficient in math and 94.5 percent in reading. Fifth graders in the county scored 93.9 percent in

math and 91.5 percent in reading. KMIS sixth graders scored 97.2 percent proficient in math and 90 percent in reading. County sixth grade math scores were 90.5 while reading scores were 81.4 percent.

Seventh graders at Kings Mountain Middle School scored 94.1 percent in math and 92.2 percent in reading. County seventh graders averaged 87.9 percent in math and 86.4 percent in reading.

Eighth graders at KMMS scored 92 percent in math and 92.5 percent in reading. County eighth graders averaged 88 percent in math and 88.4 percent in reading.

Kings Mountain and Grover area scores broke down by individual schools as follows: Bethware, third,

89.4 percent in math and 88.3 percent in reading; fourth, 99.2 percent math and 92.4 percent reading.

East, third, 88.5 percent math and 96.2 percent reading; fourth, 100 percent math and 94.5 percent reading.

North, third, 84.2 percent math and 93 percent reading; fourth, 100 percent math and 91 percent reading.

West, third, 93.8 percent math and 91.7 percent reading; fourth, 100 percent math and 92.6 percent reading.

Grover, third, 93 percent math and 83.1 percent reading; fourth, 97.9 percent math and 85.1 percent reading.

Administrators receive new titles

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The merged Cleveland County Schools has taken a major step toward reorganizing, according to Superintendent Dr. Gene Moore. Many administrative office staff have received new job assignments and this week are moving to dif-

ferent locations.

The former Kings Mountain District Schools office on Ridge Street will be used for financial, personnel, child nutrition and Head Start. Dr. Larry Allen, who has been named deputy superintendent for auxiliary services, will work out of the Ridge Street location.

Ronnie Wilson has been named chief consultant for human resources. Mary Accor will be director of recruiting and personnel support. Jada Brown will direct the child nutrition program. Patti Norman will direct Head Start.

The former Shelby City Schools headquarters on Patton Drive will house 90

percent of instructional services. John Goforth has been named director of secondary schools. Carolyn Roark will be an exceptional children consultant.

Phil Weathers, who has been named director of safe schools, will work from the Cleveland County Schools' Post Road location.

REAGAN

From 1A

Wells praised Reagan's wife Nancy for her loyalty to him and for her support of stem cell research. The research, which was opposed by President George W. Bush, may lead to a cure for Alzheimer's disease.

Reagan left the public eye in 1994 after announcing he had Alzheimer's disease. He died from pneumonia Saturday at his southern California home.

An Illinois native, Reagan appeared in 53 films before running for governor of California. He was elected in 1966 and again in 1970.

Reagan defeated President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Only 69 days after his

inauguration, a mentally ill John Hinckley shot the president though he recovered quickly from the assassination attempt.

In addition to his wife Nancy, Reagan is survived by one daughter, Patricia, and two sons, Michael and Ronald. His daughter Maureen died in 2001.

The body of the former president will lie in state at the Capitol Rotunda today. A public funeral is scheduled for Friday at Washington National Cathedral.

The Associated Press is reporting President George Bush will give the eulogy. Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is expected to attend the service. A private burial will follow in Simi Valley, CA.

LAND

From 1A

There will be a meeting for Casar and Belwood June 17 at Casar Elementary. Shelby and Waco will be discussed June 21 at Cleveland Community College. Both

meetings begin at 7 p.m. To look at how the land use plan currently effects the county, visit cleveland-county.com. Click on the tax parcel listing and from there go to the GIS page. For more information, call 704-484-4979.

KM WEATHER REPORT

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	June 2-8	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.82	4.14
Maximum one day	.62 (8th)	2.21 (3rd)
Month to date	.82	4.14
Year to date	13.12	43.81
Low temperature	57 (4th)	57 (4th)
High temperature	85 (7th)	85 (8th)
Avg. temperature	73.7	70.4

POKER

From 1A

"We just don't need that here," the Sheriff said.

Hamrick's office asked Cleveland County Commissioners late last year to enforce zoning that limits video poker machines to General Business areas. The Sheriff believes the bill would keep the county from doing that. According to Hamrick, 57 of the 67 video poker locations across Cleveland are housed in utility buildings. Enforcing zoning would eliminate many of those, he said.

The Sheriff's Office has also asked the county to prohibit video poker from locations near churches and schools and require operators provide rest rooms.

Hamrick said he would like to see the state completely outlaw the machines. According to Hamrick, 22 of the county's 40 armed robberies in 2003 involved video poker due to the large


amounts of cash on hand.

North Carolina representatives William Culpepper, James Harrell, Gordon Allen, William Owens and Larry Womble, all Democrats, introduced the legislation. None represent this area.

Local representative Tim Moore said that he "would not be inclined to support it." He believes the bill will not make it to the floor during the short session because of the budget taking up so much time.

Moore, an attorney, has represented local businessman Jim Testa during his fight to have the machines inside Kings Mountain's extra territorial jurisdiction. Moore said that this would not affect the way he votes. Moore said he would make his decision based on what the majority of constituents want and on his personal beliefs.

"Most in Cleveland County probably want to be rid of the machines," Moore said.



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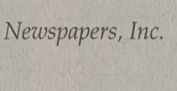
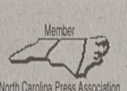
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