

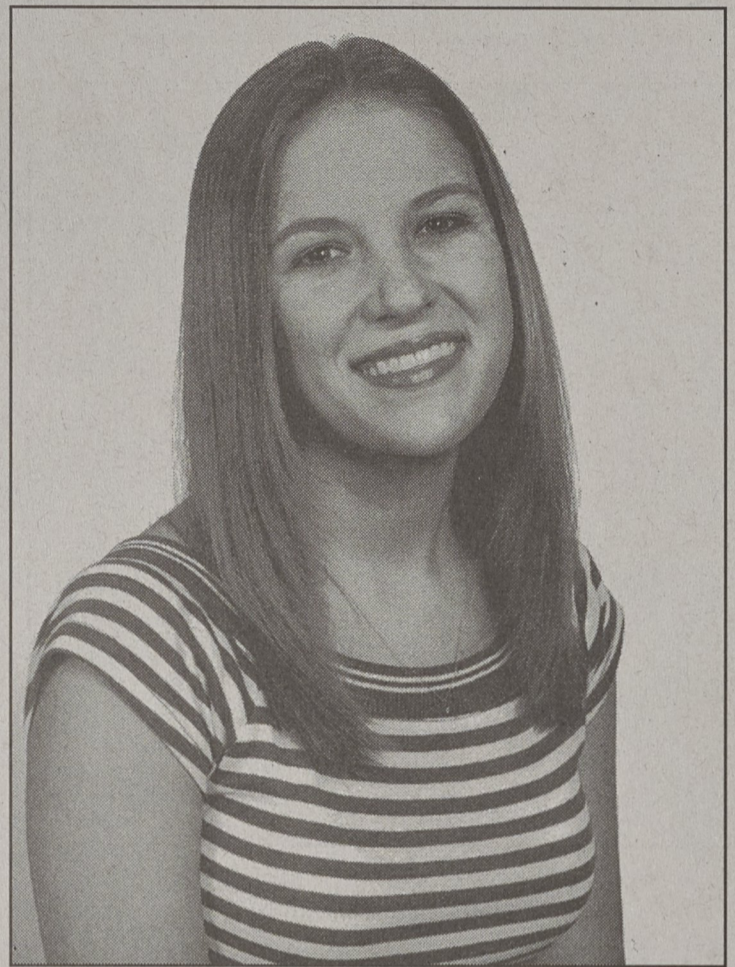
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JENA LEIGH GLADDEN



MARLOWE HIGGINBOTHAM



REGINA BELL

Local girls to participate in 57th Carrousel parade

Jena Leigh Gladden, Marlowe Higginbotham, and Regina Bell will represent area high schools in the 57th Carolinas' Carrousel parade Thanksgiving Day in Charlotte.

The parade begins at 1 p.m. and will be shown by delayed telecast at 4 p.m. on WBT Channel 3.

The Pepsi Coronation and Awards Ceremony, which features the crowning of the new Carolinas' Carrousel Queen, will be held Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7:45 p.m. at the Omni Charlotte Hotel, 132 East Trade Street. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$5 for children under 12 and are available at the Carrousel office.

Grand Marshall is Dale F. Halton, President and Chairman of the Board of Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Charlotte. He will speak at the coronation ceremony, and entertainment will be provided by the East Burke Cavalier Band, which will lead the parade as Honor Band, and the East Burke Choral Singers. The 60 Carrousel representatives will be introduced, the queen will be crowned and scholarship and grant winners announced.

Jena Leigh Gladden is a senior at Kings Mountain High School, where she ranks number five in a class of 268. She plans to attend Erskine College to obtain a bachelor's in Biology, and plans to attend graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Jena Leigh's future plans include working in Field Ecology and Research Biology. She hopes to work for the Environmental Protection Agency in Water Quality Management.

Jena Leigh is involved in numerous extra-curricular activities and clubs at

KMHS. She attended Girls State, and is a member of the Beta Club, National Honors Society, and Key Club. She sang in the All-State Choir. She received an Erskine Fellows, Wofford Scholarship, was accepted in Summer Ventures in Microbiology, attended the Gardner-Webb Choral Clinic and Cleveland County Choral Clinic, was a Junior Marshall, Academic Top Achiever, Renaissance Gold Card Holder, and had the highest English I end-of-course score in 2002.

She is a member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church, where she sings in the choir and has participated in missions trips and youth retreats. She works part-time at Chuga-Chuga Choo-Choo.

Marlowe Higginbotham is a senior at Gaston Day School, where she ranks number one in a class of 11. She plans to attend college and graduate school, and pursue a career in law, textiles or business.

She serves as Editor-in-chief of her high school yearbook. She is a member of the National Honor Society, The National Beta Club, and Mu Alpha Theta. She received The President's Student Service award for over 100 service hours, participated in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, and was voted by her peers as the "Best all around Senior." She was a Junior Marshall, has won numerous writing awards, is a member of the Duke Kimbrell Leadership Committee, and is a two-time recipient of the Highest Academic History Award.

Marlowe co-choreographed "Oliver" at Gaston Day in 2003. She served on the Sue Myrick Youth Congressional Committee, was a junior volunteer for

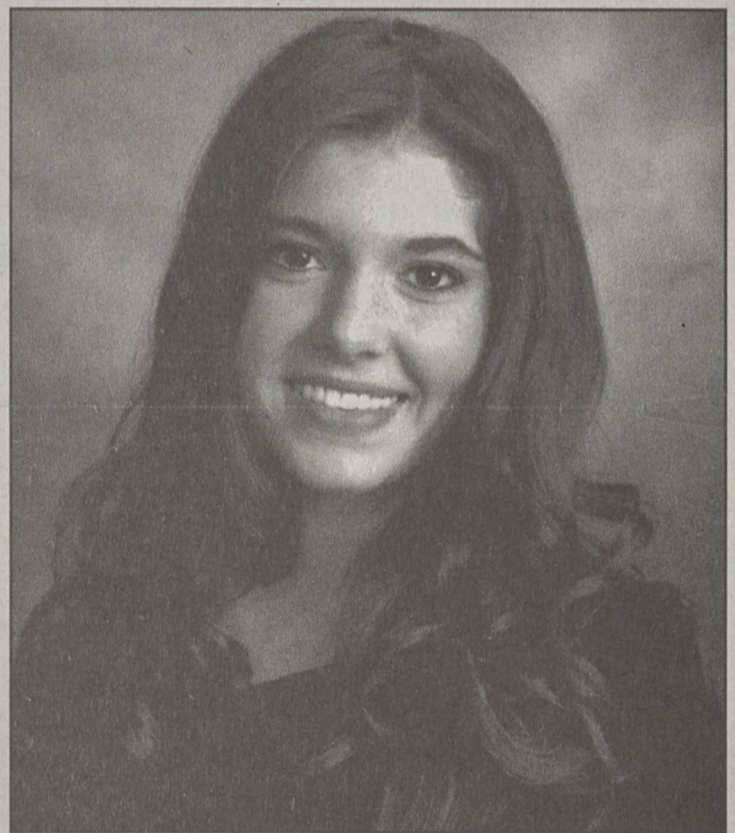
Elizabeth Dole for U.S. Senate, and is a member of the Gaston Day School varsity tennis team.

Regina Bell is a senior at Bessemer City High School and plans to attend a four-year university to receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She hopes to specialize in pediatrics and oncology and eventually be a Nurse Practitioner.

At BCHS, she has been a Junior Marshall and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and Beta Club. She was selected as Beta Club Queen. She was named Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who-Sports edition. She has been on the National Honor Roll, All-American Scholar, and A Honor Roll. She was nominated for Gaston County's Teen Volunteer of the Year Award, and has received the President's Education Award. She has had perfect attendance at school, and is a member of the ACTS High School Honor Society. She won the Algebra III/Trigonometry Award, Spanish III Award, Computer Applications II Award, Bible Award and Citizenship Award. She is captain of the volleyball team.

Her freshman year she participated in Gaston County Commissioners School of Excellence. Her sophomore year she was a North Carolina Senate Page. Last summer she attended Student Leadership University 101 in Orlando, FL, and she plans to attend 201 next summer in Washington, DC.

She is active in church and has served in the youth group and has gone on mission trips. She volunteers at the Crisis Pregnancy Center.



BEVERLY ERIN HUTCHINS

Beverly Erin Hutchins represents West Lincoln

Beverly Erin Hutchins was crowned the 2004 Carrousel Princess at West Lincoln High School during recent homecoming festivities.

She will represent her school in the Carrousel celebration events during Thanksgiving week and will participate in the Carolinas' Carrousel Parade on Thanksgiving Day.

She is the daughter of Neil and Diane Hutchins of Lincolnton and the granddaughter of Jack and Georgia Hutchins of Kings Mountain.

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