

## SCHOOLS

### School board takes no action on bids for KMHS project

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The Cleveland County School Board met Monday night, April 24th, to discuss possible budget adjustments and bids for the renovation of property on Phifer Road, which could be used for Kings Mountain High School technical classes. The building across the street from the high school could move many classes like Welding, Architecture, and Computer Technology into the new facility allowing 10 or 11 of the 17 classes, now in mobile units, to move into the main building.

The bids for renovation and construction were opened on April 20th and are good for 30 days. Architect Roger Holland said that the combination of the lowest bids (for construction, plumbing, etc.) came out to about \$1.9 million, a \$600,000 increase of the first estimated price.

"There is little that is needed to be done to the existing space for utilization," Holland told the members.

School Board Member Dr. Gene Moore said, "\$600,000 is more than we anticipated and that will be a pretty big factor."

"We are closer to the goal now than we were five years ago," Holland said.

Other board members expressed concerns for students having to cross the street for classes. Holland assured them, "It'll be another area we'll have to monitor. But we will make it safe during class changes."

The school board will rule on the bids and make the final decisions of this long sought-after career technology building on a later date.

The members hope to have a final budget for 2006-2007 put together by July. The lottery funds appear to be a gamble for the budget.

### Tyler Dixon, Ryan Leach named KMHS students of month

Tyler Dixon and Ryan Leach have been selected Career-Technical Students of the Month at Kings Mountain High School.

Dixon, a freshman in the Welding I class, was nominated by teachers Ed Herndon and Eric Price. His hobbies including baseball, college basketball and spending time with friends. After high school he hopes to continue his education at a college or university.

Leach, a junior in the Computer Engineering Technology II class, was nominated by teacher Alfred Ash. His favorite subjects are chemistry and weightlifting. His after-school activities include playing baseball and basketball, snowboarding, skiing and traveling. He plans to attend college and hopes to play baseball either in the ACC or in the minor leagues.



The date is set and so is their preparations. Standing left to right: Juniors Claudia Arc, Brittany Beard, Kristen Long, Oriana Valero, and Senior Krystal Proctor are ready for the big night.

## KMHS prom Saturday at The Patrick Center

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The word "prom", short for promenade, carries a different meaning to different people. To many young ladies it means finding the perfect dress and getting hair, nails and make-up done just so to capture the glory and magic of the evening. Some girls will be escorted by young men in tuxedos, while many others will be in attendance with friends. Some may come in limousines; some in big trucks. But however they arrive, whoever they are with and whatever their appearance turns out to be, the simple fact remains: young ladies get excited about prom.

The Kings Mountain High School's Junior-Senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th at the H. Lawrence Patrick Conference Center for 8 p.m.

"We're going in a 22-passenger white stretch hummer," said Junior Brittany Beard. She worked with her friend and fellow Junior Kristen Long on the prom committee. The 11th grade class raised \$13,586 last year through magazine sales.

Holly Melton who has organized the Junior magazine sales over the past six years said that they always say their goal is to sell about \$15,000. "This is the closest that any class has come to that goal, since I've been

doing this," Melton said.

"We raised all of the money so we picked the theme," Long said. The theme this year is "Mardi Gras" complete with New Orleans decorations, Cajun cuisine, sparkly beads and feathery masks.

When asked what the girls were most excited about, Junior Oriana Valero who is an exchange student from Venezuela said, "For me it's the experience. We don't have proms, mostly parties and then we go to clubs."

Junior Claudia Arc who is an exchange student from Bolivia said that schools in her country have events that are like prom. "But they don't end until 4 am and we can go to clubs," she said.

"The parties in Venezuela end around 6 am," Valero said. In both of their home countries, drinking alcohol is accepted at their age and younger. A friend of Valero's from Venezuela is an exchange student in Huntersville. The two of them will be getting ready for the big night together.

"We're having our nails done on Friday," Long said, with Beard adding, "We're doing everything else Saturday morning."

Senior Krystal Proctor is hoping to get Friday off of work so she can start early preparations for the prom. "My neighbor is doing my make-up - or at least I hope so. I haven't asked her yet," she said.

All of the girls said that they will probably wear their hair up. But as for the dresses... it's a surprise.

## North Elementary presents awards

North Elementary School recently presented awards for the third nine weeks grading period:

**Terrific Kids:** Alex Goff, Zack Thomas, Travian Bell, Tyler Withers, Alec Bell, Austin Coble, Damien Chapman, Brandon Johnson, Lauren Heath, Elexis Mitchell, Hunter Cash, Damian Thomas, Kyondra Adams, Ashleigh Teague, Ina Marie Messer, Karissa Wilson, Samuel Cutlip, James Moore, Robbie Lysek, Brittney Tarbush, Timothy Ausburn, Ridge McNeely, Tyler Walker, Alexis Brafford, Colin Watkins, Kriscia Wellmon

**Top Tigers:** Alex Goff, Kaitlin Venevongsoth, John Harris, Sam Eitters, Jenna Nowland, Zack Thomas, Casey Thompson, Caleb Sears, Christopher Brittain, Travian Bell, Osheyona Collins, Felicity Jackson, Bryonna Jordan, Whitney Marr, Ariana Phouangkeo, Mikayla Wells, Tyler Withers, Alec Bell, Dontavious Brice, Marari Badillo, Jachique

Clark, Austin Coble, Tiesha Jackson, Reni Marcellino, Christian Parker, Savannah Peppers, Tyra Silaphet, Brittany Ausburn, Philip Barrett, Lacy Carter, Damien Chapman, Eddie Grabert, Brandon Johnson, Sarah Patrick, Steven Russell, Sarah Burhmaster, Lane Bell, Madişyn Bolin, Lauren Heath, Elexis Mitchell, Brian Lysek, Quinlan Scism, Marla Silaphet, Caleb Carroll, Hunter Cash, Raya Donaldson, Jacob Hord, Will Robinson, Josh Scism, Damian Thomas, Dallas Thompson, Mercedes Davis

**K-1 Top Readers:** Kaitlin Venevongsoth, Whitney Marr, Tyra Silaphet, Eddie Grabert, Lane Bell, Jacob Hord

**A/B Honor Roll:** Second Grade: Jasmine Ballew, Korynna Bundy, Bakari James, Justin Queen, Kelly Sarvis, Johana Sellers, Amber Sewell, Ethan Simmons, Mikayla Altman, Layla Bolin, Blake Chapman, Kayla Savage, Austin Smith, Karissa Wilson, Grace

Yarborough  
Third Grade: Lydia Floyd, Corey Green, Logan Heath, Emily Hester, Makayla Watkins, Faythe Brown, Caroline Hardin, Joe Lawrence, Brittney Tarbush, Destiny Wilson, Jacob Lainhart, Ezra Lowery, Abbie Moss, Joel Tolentino, Robert Wells

Fourth Grade: Timothy Ausburn, Emily Dover, Elaina Frances, Samantha Morrison, Zack Reese, Alex Reynolds, Jonmark Smith

**A Honor Roll:** Second Grade: Bethany Wilson, Jaylynn Wood, Demetrius Hill  
Third Grade: Gregory Grabert, Jack Pearson, Sarah Scism, Kyle Carroll, Katelin Cunningham, Shad Johnson, Trent Ploeger, Ivette Fernandez, Hunter Lewis  
Fourth Grade: Rebekah Bridges, Cajе Eitters

**Good Citizens:** Second Grade: Jasmine Ballew, Krisleigh Thompson, Layla Bolin, Maria Jamerson  
Third Grade: Martina

## Guys and Dolls opens April 30 at high school

Kings Mountain High School's theatre department will perform *Guys and Dolls* Sunday, April 30 at 3 p.m. and May 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens, and children five years old and under will be admitted free. All KMHS Renaissance benefits apply.

The comedy is based on the story and characters of Damon Runyon, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser. The musical features an unlikely romance between a pure-at-heart urban missionary girl, Sarah Brown, and a slick Broadway gambler, Sky Masterson. The show's second romantic storyline involves Nathan Detroit and Miss Adelaide, who have been engaged for 14 years. Nathan is the organizer of the "oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York" and Adelaide is the main attraction at the Hot Box Nightclub. This excellent example of a classic musical has been featured on Broadway since November 24, 1950.

The leads for this year's musical will be performed by both veteran actors and newcomers to the state. Jordan Paige, a member of the acclaimed Kings Revue, will be taking on her first role in a musical with the part of Sarah Brown. Sky Masterson is portrayed by senior Josh Gibson. Gibson has been involved in theatre for several years, winning a special award for directing at this year's North Carolina Theatre Conference Regional Play Festival, and now he is showing his strength and range in this, his first lead in a musical.

Tianna Whitaker, who played Hedy LaRue in last year's musical *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, will be stepping into her first main lead as the well-known fiancée, Adelaide. Andrew Turner completes the two couples as gambler extraordinaire, Nathan Detroit. Andrew played Scooter Thomas from one of this year's entries in the North Carolina Theatre Conference Regional Play Festival, *Scooter Thomas makes it to the Top of the World*, for which he received an Honorable Mention acting award.

The richness of this enduring play and the dedication of all students working both in and behind the scenes will truly come through during the performance.



North Elementary School was recently turned into "Camp Read a Book" while students enjoyed the Scholastic Book Fair. Students earned the privilege of reading in a tent by acquiring the most AR points in their class. Students helped raise money for Relay for Life by having their picture taken with Papa Bear, the camp director. Pictured are Layla Bolin, left, and Jessica Lovell.

Edwards, Corey Green, Kyle Carroll, Destiny Wilson, Stacey Borchert, Kriscia Wellmon

Fourth Grade: Cajе Eitters, Brooklyn Keeter, Megan Haraszkiwicz

**Top Medal Winners for Accelerated Reader:** Kiel Hinton, Bakari James, Justin Queen, Kelly Sarvis, Rachel Stewart, Dreshaun Bell, Cameron Sarvis, Austin Smith, Grace Yarborough, Martina Edwards, Katelin Cunningham, Timothy Ausburn, Tyler Ramsey, Janaisa Sledge, Jonmark Smith, Ivette Fernandez, Joel Tolentino, Robert Wells

**Art Awards:** Madisyn Bolin, Johana Sellers, Samantha Morrison, Caroline Hardin

**Principal's Pals:** Sam Eitters, Ariana Phouangkeo, Savannah Peppers, Sarah

Patrick, Brian Lysek, Will Robinson, Ethan Simmons, Blake Chapman, Emily Hester, Joe Lawrence, Alex Johnson, Emily Dover, Ivette Fernandez.

### New trustees named at Gardner-Webb

**BOILING SPRINGS** - Gardner-Webb University has announced new members of its Board of Trustees for 2006.

New trustees are Gladys Ausburn, Tyler Ramsey, Greensboro, Clifford Hamrick of Boiling Springs, Dr. Kevin James of Shelby, H.S. Keeter, Jr. of Shelby, John E. Roberts, now living in Greenville, SC, Carl M. Spangler of Shelby, Ralph R. Spangler of Lawndale, and T.G. Westmoreland, II of Shelby.



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