

LOCAL BRIEFS

Smith graduates from Appalachian

Jamey Smith Jr. recently graduated from Appalachian State University.



J. SMITH

He received double majors in Finance and Banking and Risk and Insurance.

He is the son of Kim and Jamey Smith of Blacksburg. He has a brother, Matthew. He is the grandson of Louise Dover of Kings Mountain, and Jean Smith of

Blacksburg and the late Junior Smith. He is the great-grandson of Ivey Smith of Kings Mountain.

Cecilia Smith selected for Scholars Society

Cecilia Margaret-Ann Smith, a senior at Kings Mountain High School, has been chosen for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars.



C. SMITH

School Scholars.

Membership qualifies students for scholarship and academic competitions. She was awarded a scholar medal and stole. This membership is based on outstanding academic achievement in all four years of high school.

Cecilia is the daughter of Richard and Amy Smith. She will be attending UNC-Charlotte in the fall, majoring in Nursing.

Fairview Lodge to meet June 12

Fairview Lodge #339, AF and AM of Kings Mountain will hold its regular Communication Monday June 12 at 7:30 p.m. A meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. All

qualified Master Masons are invited to attend. For more information call Keith Clark, Master, at 704-482-5054.

Food distribution June 14 at fairground

Surplus commodities will be distributed by the Shelby Lions Club Wednesday, June 14 at 8 a.m. at the Cleveland County Fairground.

Those who wish to apply for food will not receive a card from DSS. A card is not required but some kind of identification is needed. When a person is picking up food for someone else, they must have a signed note from that person giving their income, number in the

household, and current address.

Commodities available are beef stew, blackeye beans, frozen chicken, corn, cranberry juice, grape juice, green beans, macaroni, peaches, potatoes and sweet potatoes.

For more information call J.D. Baldree at 487-7466.

Summer Fest set June 10 in Lawndale

The annual Lawndale Summer Fest will be held Saturday, June 10 beginning with a parade at 10 a.m.

The opening ceremony will begin at noon. There will be door prizes, food, games and music.

For parade information, call Sadie Garver at 704-538-7336. For food vendor information, call Bill Lovelace at 704-538-7280.

Dementia program June 20 in Shelby

"How to Make Vacations Easier When a Family Member Has Dementia" will be presented Tuesday, June 20 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Buddy Roberts Life Enrichment Center, 105 T.R. Harris Dr., Shelby.

Free sitter service is available for the person with dementia.

For more information call Linda at 484-0405.

TRAINING

From 2A

all based upon how that student interacts with the screen," he said.

If the "bad guy" on the screen pulls out a gun and fires at the officer, then 68-caliber nylon balls will fly at about 120 feet per second from the "shoot-back cannon" mounted below the screen. The operator will aim with a laser, invisible to the human eye, using a joy stick at the computer, to hit an exposed officer in the legs. "It's not enough to break the skin or really cause any injury but it's a sting," Willis said, and if an officer is hit, the sting reinforces the fact that he should have ducked behind an object for cover.

The best aspect of this

training is the ability to bring real-life situations into the safety of a classroom. The quick reactions and skills that they obtain in this safe environment are learned from real things that happen out in the streets. All of their reactions and decisions that they make in the exercises are recorded by a camera, mounted on top of the "shoot-back cannon." When an officer completes a scenario, it is played back with a picture-in-picture of him or her appearing in the bottom right corner. Every thing they say and do is recorded and played back for the officer to see.

"He recognizes, you know what, I should have done something different or at this point I should have said something rather than not saying anything at all. That

self critique is sometimes more valuable than what the chief and I could tell this officer in our critique," Willis said. "When you see yourself doing something egregiously wrong that might get you hurt or killed on the street, there is nothing that I can say that is going to make that more indelible than seeing yourself make that mistake."

"In the field, you have to make a decision within a thousandth of a second. The decision that officer made in the field is a decision that he has to carry the rest of his career, if he is able to stay in it after that decision is made. Whereas you can put him in here and let him see what decisions he's made and how it's going to affect everything. It can keep it from occurring in real life. That's the difference. In here it's sal-

vageable. In real life it may not be salvageable," said KMPD Chf. Melvin Proctor.

He said that they are very glad to have this new technology. KMPD will probably train with this program twice a year, in addition to range practice.

"It puts that edge back on to what they're dealing with everyday," Proctor said. "A younger officer doesn't really need the edge but he needs the real life experience. The advantage for an older officer is, they become complacent and they're more readily available to be hurt or killed the more tenured they are in service. So this heightens their awareness and brings them back to 'Whoa, this can still happen.' It takes that complacency away from them."

TEST

From 1A

Darrinn Hartness. "Our students and teachers have worked very hard all year and the results are evident. Our fourth grade students have the highest reading and writing scores in the history of the school. Our third graders have the highest reading scores in all of the district." He said that the Math scores will not be back until October but he expects them to be just as rewarding. "Our students have worked very hard and I'm very proud of them," he said.

East Elementary Principal Jerry Hoyle said, "Our entire staff is to be commended for their hard work. It's not just one grade level, but all of the grades teachers have come together and worked to bring our scores up." He said that their success is due to a team effort of the entire staff and community and a little bit of luck because you never know when a student will come in just before EOGs

and how prepared they are for the test. "Parents, students and teachers come together to make this work. I am extremely proud of the students and the teaching staff for their hard work."

Principal Valerie Boyd of Bethware Elementary is also very proud of her students and teachers. "I thought we did a very good job. The students worked hard and they excelled. The teachers also worked hard at preparing the students and we're just very proud of their success," Boyd said.

North Elementary Principal Lynda Stewart refused to comment on her school's success.

Director of Testing for Cleveland County Schools Janet Walker said that looking at the scores from last year and comparing them to the scores this year is an approach called, "An Apples to Oranges Look," because the same 3rd graders from last year are not the same 3rd graders this year. "If you follow the same group of children, it won't fluctuate as

high or as low," she explained. Also, studying the same group of children over time will give a more accurate look at the class's true progression. A third grade class who scored 90 percent last year in Reading and scored a 95 percent as 4th grade this year, shows a 5 percent improvement in their testing abilities.

Walker said that the test scores are not really "scores" or actual "grades," they are a percentage of how many children scored at or above the minimum level (the level three mark). But whether it's scores or percentages, the numbers are high for Kings Mountain schools and the glory goes to the students and teachers who have worked so hard in the past year to get where they are today. The EOG test scores are listed below, taking more of an "Apples to Apples look."

KM 3rd Grade Reading Scores: Bethware 92.0, East 93.2, Grover 86., 7 North 91.1, West 94.3.

KM 4th Grade Reading

Scores: Bethware 94.9, (2.9 improvement since 2005); East 100 (6.8 improvement since 2005); Grover 81.9 (4.8 improvement since 2005); North 87 (4.1 reduction since 2005); West 96.4 (2.1 improvement since 2005).

KM 5th-8th Grade Reading Score: KMIS (5th) 95.7, KMIS (6th) 93 (4.0 reduction since 2005); KMMS (7th) 94.7, KMMS (8th) 91.6 (2.3 reduction since 2005).

Writing Assessment (Elementary): Bethware 74.5 (% proficient) Boiling Springs 78.4, Casar 73.2, East 89.5, Elizabeth 69.7, Fallston 66.3, Grover 57.3, Marion 65.0, North 69.8, Springmore 70.1, Township Three 72.4, Union 60.7, Washington 60.9, West 80.0.

Writing Assessment (Middle School): Burns Middle 41.3 (% proficient), Crest Middle 52.6, Davidson 5.3, KMMS, 48.8, Shelby Middle 31.1.

Writing Assessment (High School): Burns High 37.2 (% proficient), Crest High 58.3, Davidson 42.9, KMHS 50.8, Shelby High 55.7.

READING

From 7A

Christy Conner at (704) 739-2371.

Although attendance and participation of program activities is not required, the library will be offering many opportunities for fun and learning. Mauney Memorial has partnered with the Kings Mountain Historical

Museum to provide games and toys for children in the PCST every Tuesday at the museum. Schedules of events for each summer reading program are listed below. For more information, contact the library at (704)

739-2371.

Every Tuesday at 10 am - Story-time for 3-5 year olds at the Mauney Memorial Library and games and toys for children in PCST at the KM Historical Museum.

Every Wednesday at 10 am - Story-time and summer reading programs for ages 6-11 at the KM Historical Museum Commons (under the shade tree behind the museum).

Every Thursday at 10 am - Story-time for 0-2 year olds at the Mauney Memorial Library.

Monday, June 12th at 10 am - Bright Star Children's Theatre presents "Aesop's

Fables" at Central United Methodist Church Christian Ministries Center, open to all ages.

Wednesday, June 14th at 10 am - Zippy Zoo for 6-11 year old group. Performance located behind KM Historical Museum Commons.

Wednesday, June 21st at 10 am - Schiele Museum program "Endangered Animals" for 6-11 year old group at the KM Historical Museum Commons.

Wednesday, June 28th at 10 am - "Pigeon Program" at Mauney Memorial, 6-11 year old group.

July 3-7 - No program-

ming. Wednesday, July 12th at 10 am - "Animal Parade" at Mauney Memorial, 6-11 year old group.

Monday, July 17th at 10 am - "Action Animals" for all ages at the Museum Commons.

Wednesday, July 19th at 10 am - Schiele Museum "Reptiles and Amphibians" for 6-11 year old group at the Museum Commons.

Friday, July 28th at 10 am - End of Summer Reading Celebration "Zippy Zoo" and Schiele Museum present, "Meet the Animals" for all ages, at the KM Historical Museum Commons.


KM WEATHER REPORT

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	May 31-June 6	Year Ago
Total precipitation	1.34	2.18
Maximum 1 day	1.10 (2nd)	1.80 (1st)
Month of May	2.06	3.06
Month to date	1.34	2.18
Year to date	12.57	21.63
Low temperature	52 (5th)	59 (1st)
High temperature	89 (31.1)	91 (6th)
Avg. temperature	66.1	70.6

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