

EDUCATION



Left to right, Ben Hart, Jalissa Pettis, Judy Gibson, Conrad Martin and Joel Guyton.



Left to right, Margaret Day, Brittany McClain, Kay Stowe, Brittany Falls.

## Project Teach students honor teachers that made a difference

During the recent Project Teach annual recognition program at Kings Mountain High School, four Cleveland County teachers were honored by five 2007 seniors.

Each senior was asked to select the teacher that influenced their education the most. For the first time two students selected the same teacher. Jalisa Pettis and Ben Hart selected Judy Gibson, KMHS math teacher.

Joel Guyton selected Conrad Martin, KMHS English teacher currently at Davidson. Brittany McClain selected Margaret Day, KMHS math teacher, and Brittany Falls selected Kay Stowe, KMHS Food Services.

The guest speaker was

### KINGS MOUNTAIN WEATHER REPORT

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	May 23-29	Last Year
Total precipitation	0	0
Maximum 1 day	0	0
Month to date	2.35	2.06
Year to date	17.99	11.29
Low temperature	59 (23rd)	57 (23rd)
High temperature	90 (29th)	90 (24th, 27th)
Avg. temperature	73.9	76.2

# Making the Grade

## Senior Projects judged Wednesday at Kings Mountain High

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It was judgement day for Senior Projects at Kings Mountain High School and the projects were as creative and imaginative as always.

Eric Yarbro, son of Sherry and Scott Yarbro, spent over 80 hours on his senior project, meticulously crafting a miniature log house scaled to perfection.

The house was three feet long, two feet wide and two feet high. Although it is small in size, it is large in luxury. It was a doll house made for a queen. "I actually built it for my mom for Mother's Day. She always had doll houses as a girl but she always wanted a big one," he said. "So I told her 'If you buy the stuff, I'll build you a log cabin.'" It became a project worth more than just an English IV grade - it was worth his mother's smile.

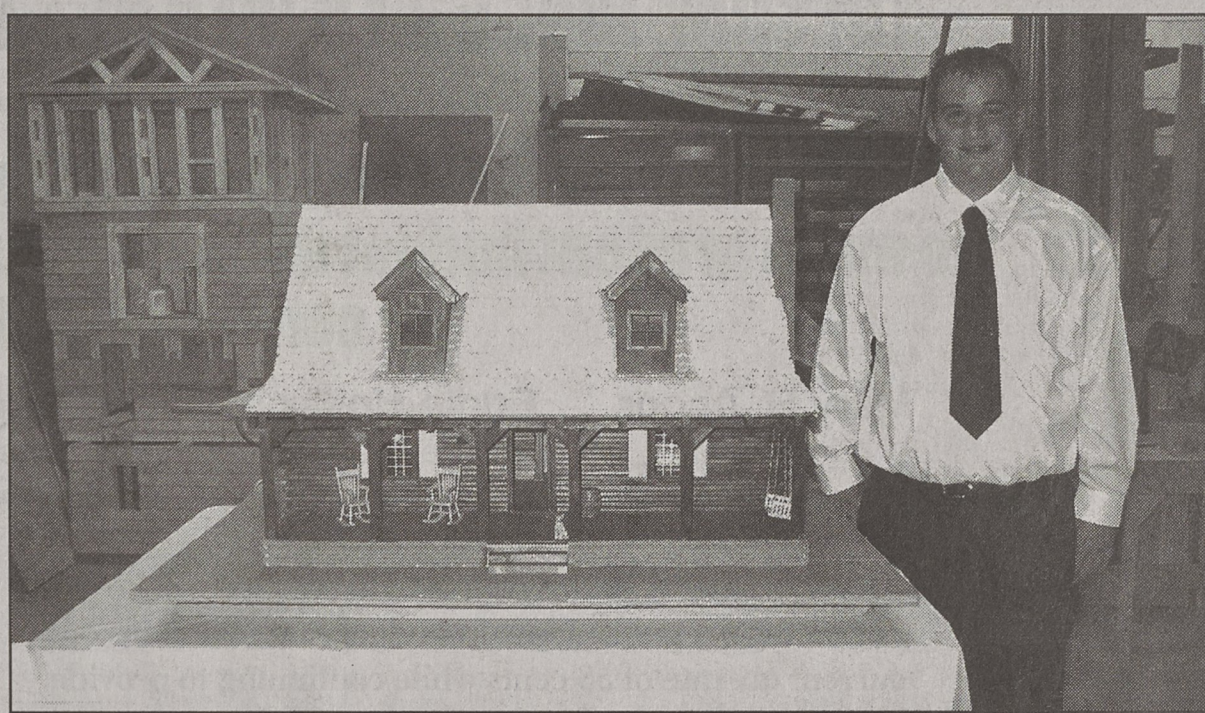
"I've always loved architecture so I took drafting classes," he said, showing the floor plans of the cabin he drew to scale before he began construction. "My drafting teacher Mr. (Dan) Owens said that if you're going to design something, you might as well build a product."

So he decided to go for it and constructed a custom-made, hand-made, and self-designed log house masterpiece. It is complete with fully-furnished two full bathrooms, three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, electricity and a game room/loft with a pool table and gumball machine. A dog and rocking chairs sit on the long front porch. Windows and two viewing panes give onlookers access to the tiny lavish house. One window looks right back at the giant peeping toms, as it catches the reflection of a mirror.

In the construction of the house, he said that he used brick for the foundation, 1,950 cedar shingles for the roof (each and every one of them hand-glued into place), doll-house furniture, clear plastic panes, and, of course, dowel rods for the miniature logs.

His mentor, who helped him through the process, was Wayne Bridges, a licensed general contractor for 30 years and a NC home inspector. "He was with me every step of the way. Considering I have never taken construction, he took me under his wings and taught me everything I needed to know," he said. The house passed the NC home inspector's inspection.

Owens told his younger students that the bar has been set pretty high with Yarbro's creation - "one of the best senior projects that most have ever



KMHS Senior Eric Yarbro stands with the miniature log house that he built for his Senior Project and for his mother for Mother's Day.

seen." Yarbro hopes that it will continue to inspire and challenge others in the future.

After graduation, he plans to go to college for mechanical drafting and to stay in his hometown of Kings Mountain.

### The Benefits of Recycling

Ben Galloway spent about 19 hours on his senior project - another handmade masterpiece, inspired by a family member.

"When people throw away

cans, they're throwing away money," he said as he crumpled up a \$5 bill and tossed it near the trash can. "I chose this topic because since I was young my grandparents have recycled cans and I have a cousin who uses recycled metal to create works of art."

He learned some interesting things during his senior project. "At our local scrap yard in Kings Mountain, Morris' Scrap Metal, we can take aluminum cans

there and receive 70 cents a pound, a couple of full bags and you're looking at \$30-50 for trash," he said. "It costs more money to produce new products out of virgin materials (out of the earth) that we extract and make into new products than it would take for us to take and use recycled products."

With a little help from his project mentor and Welding teacher Eric Price, he made a deer out of

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### Kings Mountain Hospital

#### Lobby Blood Pressure Screen

June 12 - 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
KMH Lobby

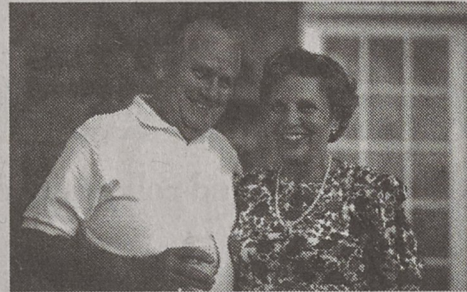
### Cleveland Regional Medical Center

#### Infant and Child CPR Class

June 4 - 6 - 8 p.m.  
For parents and other infant/child caregivers  
CRMC Women's Life Center Classroom  
Fee: \$10/person or \$15/couple  
To register, please call 704-487-3983

#### WINGS Cancer Support Group

June 4 - 6 p.m.  
A support group for patients with all types of cancer.  
CRMC Blumenthal Cancer Center  
For more information, please call 704-487-3025



#### Prostate Cancer Survivor Support Group

June 5 - 7 p.m.  
"The Significance of PSA"  
Robert Gossett, MD  
CRMC Educational Resources, Grover Building  
For more information, please call 704-487-3182

#### Mom To Mom

June 6 - 10 - 11 a.m.  
"Travel with Baby"  
Open to all breastfeeding mothers and nursing babies and expectant moms who are interested in breastfeeding.  
CRMC Women's Life Center Classroom  
For more information, please call 704-487-3887 and 704-487-3983 to register.

#### Breastfeeding Support Group

June 6 - 11 a.m. - Noon  
Open to all breastfeeding mothers and nursing babies and expectant moms who are interested in breastfeeding.  
CRMC Women's Life Center Classroom  
For more information, please call 704-487-3887 and 704-487-3983 to register.

#### Car Seat Safety Class

June 7 - 5:15 p.m.  
Information on current laws and how to keep your new baby safe while traveling.  
CRMC Women's Life Center Classroom Room  
To register, please call 704-487-3983

#### OB Tour

June 10 - 2 - 4 p.m.  
A special tour for expectant parents.  
CRMC Women's Life Center Classroom  
To register, please call 704-487-3983

#### Bridges

A special educational program to aid recovery during the post-operative period after a mastectomy or lumpectomy.  
Sessions offered June 11 or 25 - 2 - 3 p.m.  
CRMC Blumenthal Cancer Center  
Register two weeks after mastectomy or lumpectomy by calling 704-487-3757

#### Diabetes Support Group

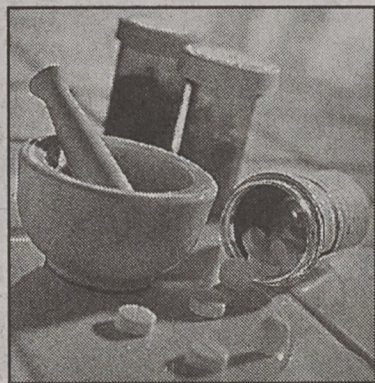
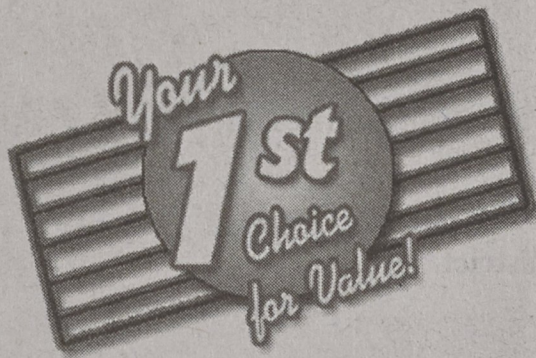
June 12 - 5:30 p.m.  
"Seafood - Let's Get into the Kitchen to Prepare and Sample"  
Cleveland County Home Extension and Diabetes Center Staff  
Cleveland County Home Extension Office - Across from Cleveland Community College  
For more information, please call 704-487-3642

#### Kangaroo Kapers

June 18 - 6 p.m.  
Provides children expecting a brother or sister a positive introduction to the hospital and to what life will be like with a new baby.  
CRMC Women's Life Center Classroom  
Pre-registration is required. Please call 704-487-3983

#### Lobby Blood Pressure Screen

June 26 - 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
CRMC Lobby



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