



The Pontipee Brothers: left-right, Kyle Griffin (Ephraim), Will Fredell (Benjamin), Steven Montgomery (Daniel), Jonathan Davis (Adam), Adam Pasour (Caleb), Trevor Latta (Frank) and Andrew Turner (Gideon).

KMHS Senior Class presents Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

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Kings Mountain High School's senior production of *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* was held recently at Barnes Auditorium.

For the seniors, this was their curtain call - their last time acting together under the KMHS lights. For Director Dan Treharne, whom the students lovingly refer to as "Mr. T," the show was especially significant because it was his last play with the students he started teaching as freshmen.

He joined KMHS four years ago and to see his thespians from the beginning of high school to the beginning of life after high school is a treat. "It has been a long and sometimes difficult road, but ultimately it has been a good one that has left me proud of them and grateful for the opportunity to be their teacher and director," he wrote in the program.

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, based on the book by Lawrence Kasha and David Landay, is a musical about six brothers "goin' courtin'" (or kidnapping) six women from a nearby town to be their wives. The seventh brother, Adam Pontipee (Jonathan Davis) is already hitched to Millie Pontipee (TiAnna Whitaker), whose desperate attempts to civilize and marry off her new in-laws turns into an exciting mess, full of music and dancing.

The senior cast includes Will Fredell (as Benjamin Pontipee), Adam Pasour (Caleb Pontipee), Steven Montgomery (Daniel Pontipee), Kyle Griffin (Ephraim Pontipee), Andrew Turner (Gideon Pontipee), Laura Hollifield (Alice), Megan Bradshaw (Dorcas), Jordan Moore (Liza), Brooke Davis (Martha), Alexis Marable (Ruth), Deanna Humphries (Sarah), Andrew Thomasson (Pastor), Julia Hunt (Mrs. Perkins), Ray Baxter (Mr. Bixby), Tina Mallen



Seniors Jonathan Davis and TiAnna Whitaker played the roles of Adam and Millie Pontipee in their last play together at KMHS, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*

(Mrs. Bixby); townspeople Laurie Nothstine, Eilene Hansen, Cshelle Coleman, Katelyn Latham, Danny Athitang, Karen Davison, Jeremy Tucker, Stephen Sharp, Joe Gibson, Jennifer Buckner, Gail McDougal, Camille Putnam, Hillary Smith, and Kay Walker; Ben Hart (Carl), Andy Siravanta (Matt), Michael Clinton (Luke), Caleb Byrd (Jeb), Chris Greene (Zeke), Chris Harasckiewicz (Joel); and understudies Will Fredell, Eilene Hansen, and Sydney Gregory.

The Orchestral accompaniment was provided by flutists

Katie Freeman and Jennifer Farley, clarinetists Cole Hairston and Kelsey Harvey, horn-players Martha Griffin and Caitlin Mezey, Chris Buchanan on tuba, trumpeters Megan Neely and Brian Goodwin, bassoonist Omar Wingo, trombonists Joe Maner and Josh Vassey, violinist Hannah Clark, and conductor Andrew Washburn.

Several other crew members and contributors brought the production to life and made these seniors' final show together a success to be cherished.

Money in budget for lighting of Mountaineer baseball field

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There are some changes blowing on the winds around Kings Mountain High School with the new Business & Industries Technologies Building scheduled to open next Fall and possible renovations to Lancaster Field.

The current revised budget for Cleveland County Schools, which is in place until June 30, 2007, states that \$115,326 in the Capital Outlay Fund has been appropriated for renovations to the lighting at the KMHS baseball field.

CCS Spokeswoman Donna Carpenter said that although no changes have been made to the field's lighting as of yet, the matter is being looked into. CCS has made renovations to Lancaster Field, replacing the backstop retaining wall, earlier this year, at a cost of \$1,750.

The new Business and Industries Technologies (BIT) Building, across the street from the high school, opens to students and faculty this August. It will house the Welding Shop, Drafting, five Business Labs, the Agriculture Shop, Computer Engineering, two Health Occupation classrooms and Construction Technology.

KMHS Architecture teacher Dan Owens helped design and facilitate the renovations with the help of his drafting students. The final layout comes after three years of planning and designing. He said that the letters for the BIT building should arrive in the next few weeks.

The communication system, including the phone lines and the intercom, will be used throughout the whole campus. Closed-circuit cameras will provide additional security for the

BIT building. School officials are deciding whether or not to bus the students across the street for class changes or to use a crossing guard. But Principal John Yarbro said, "We're going to get those kids to and from that facility safely."

Renovation of the building was proposed to CCS last year, in hopes of eliminating a majority of the 13 mobile units currently taking up parking spaces at the school. Yarbro said that the goal was not to construct a new building or add-on because financially, that was not an option. But renovating the empty building across the road was a less-expensive alternative to handling overcrowding. "We're about 150 students larger than we were before, when we began this process," he said.

Carpenter said that three of the mobile units will be moved across the street to the new building to house instructional labs for the Welding, Construction and Agriculture shops. The three trailers will free up some space beside and behind the school. Some of the other mobile units will be moved to other facilities in the district, freeing up even more space. But it may take some time to get the units off of the lot.

Rumors of an additional assistant principal joining the ranks of KMHS to watch over the new facility are unfounded. Carpenter said that there are no plans to have an extra assistant at the high school at this time.

But administration will not be turning a blind eye to the soon-to-be occupied building. Yarbro said that administration will continue to be present as they already are throughout the campus. "We're not going to leave them on an island to them-

selves," he added.

Director of Human Resources Ronnie Wilson and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Darrin Hartness talked about the staffing goals during a recent school board meeting. According to state regulations, there will be three assistant principals for each middle and high school in Cleveland County that has an attending enrollment of 1,000-1,499 students. For schools that have 1,500 or more students, a fourth assistant principal may be employed.

The current average daily membership at KMHS is about 1,233 students, with about 300 graduating on Friday and about 375 freshman ready to join the ranks in August. The school currently has three assistant principals.

Due to the regulations, however, West Elementary will be getting an assistant principal and East and North elementarys will be sharing an assistant principal, who will work part-time at each school.

Radiography students receive pins at CCC

Fourteen students in the radiography program at Cleveland Community College attended a recent pinning ceremony in their honor. Only 20 students are accepted into the highly competitive program each year. Along with pinning and the lighting of candles, the students recited the Radiographer's Code of Ethics. They are Rehnea Walker, Kasie Kennerly, Amanda Arrowood, Erica Bell, Beverly Eaves, Leigh Anne Hamrick, Heather McMahan, Amy Absher, Michael Pruiett, Dennis Jolley, John Luguchegi, John Grice, Le Connell, and Christy Costner.

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tunities that they need so that they can move on."

Yarbro said that one of his biggest highlights is looking into the eyes of the graduates and seeing that sense of accomplishment. For some the accomplish-

ment came easy, but for others it was hard to obtain. All of his students successes mean twice as much to him.

Another highlight that he will miss about commencement and KMHS is witnessing such great support from the community. "It's neat for those parents to get to see those kids walk across the

stage," he said. "As far as not being at a high school I'm going to miss not working with kids on a daily basis."

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