

**BRIEFS**

**Landmark Baptist Church**, 1724 E. Dixon Boulevard, Shelby, invites all children ages 3-12 to its first annual AWANA kick-off scheduled from 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7. AWANA is one of the largest non-denominational children's and youth ministries in the world. The kick-off will feature free food, games, information and prizes. For more information, contact the church office at 704-487-5716 or the AWANA Secretary through email at swgrad07@hotmail.com.

**Salem Baptist Church**, in Lincolnton, will serve as host church for the 2008 Surviving Conflict in Ministry Seminar beginning at 1 p.m., Monday, September 8, 2008 and concluding at 1 p.m., Wednesday, September 10. The Tuesday session will last from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. This event will be led by Wayne Oaks and Dennis Burton. A new feature this year will provide a separate session for wives of ministers on dealing with stress in the minister's home, family or marriage. The seminar will cost \$75 for ministers and \$40 for wives. The fee includes studies, supplies, snacks and one lunch. For more information, call Wayne Oaks at 800-395-5102, ext. 5658.

**EDUCATION**

**Local schools note successful first week**

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The first week of school, for many principals, came with some concerns, like Monday's and Tuesday's torrential rains, organizing traffic, and calming any doubts kindergartners and freshmen might have had. But all concerns faded into the lime light of a successful first week.

"It's been a smooth opening. You know it's sort of a great week when you can say that," stated Grover Elementary Principal Janet Anthony.

"The first week of school has opened fantastically for us," stated first-year KM Middle School Principal Aaron Allen. "School's gotten off to a remarkably good first week."

"I think we had a fantastic start. I'm not hearing anything (from teachers) other than things are going well," said KM High School Director of the Freshman Academy Liza Dellinger.

Staff admitted that although it was a great week there were small challenges, but they were able to maneuver through them because of

organization and hard work.

**Rainy first day**

The song "rain, rain go away, come again another day," didn't appear to work Monday morning as parents drove to school, in heavy showers, to watch their pride and joys head off to their first class.

"Monday was a little exciting with the tremendous downpour we had," Anthony said.

"We're just working through little traffic back-ups in the morning," Allen stated.

Despite the rain and traffic, school administrators stated that they rose to the challenge.

"We do a pretty good job in preparation. We put an extra person outside to help (with the car traffic and pick-ups)," said West Elementary Principal Brian Hunnell. He added that first week traffic can be busy as many parents want to share in the excitement of their children heading back to school.

**A new beginning**

For some parents of freshmen,



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**Third grade East Elementary teacher, Heidi Jones, writes on a math worksheet from her "Elmo," a modern type of projector. The kids are able to see what she is writing on the smart board.**

going to school with the new freedom of walking down the hall without a teacher can seem daunting. But educators, Liza Dellinger, have planned solutions to ease students' transition.

"I think that in the past it's been a transition having so much freedom.

Some kids kind of get lost in that freedom. That's the reason for having the separate building," she said about KMHS' new Freshmen Academy, "The Expedition." "They've got kind of a place they can go and it's just freshmen."

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