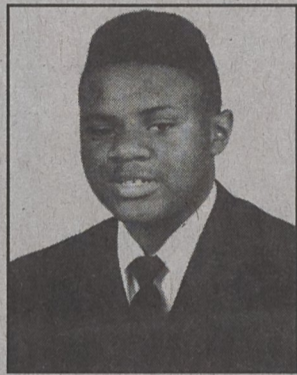


Pearson serves as Senate Page

The North Carolina Senate was honored recently to have Alayna Marie Pearson, a student at Kings Mountain High School, serve as a Page. She is the daughter of Bobby and Traci Pearson of Kings Mountain. Alayna was sponsored by Senator Wes Westmoreland and appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger of Rockingham County.

Statewide high school students in grades 9 through 12 serve as pages when the General Assembly is in session. They perform valuable duties for the Senators and their office staff. They attend daily Senate sessions, committee meetings, and assist staff members with office duties during the week they serve in the Legislature.

Sheffield leads Children's Day program at Bynum



SHEFFIELD

Brandon Christopher Sheffield led the Children's Day program, "Understanding the Mission: What Jesus Wants Me to Do - 'We Are God's Advertisements'" on Sunday, June 10, at Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. The program featured several hymns, including "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" and "Jesus Loves Me". Scripture from Psalm 139:14 and Mark 10:14-16 was read and Brandon pre-

sented the message. Brandon is the son of Alan Williams of Kings Mountain and Tasha Sheffield. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Della Hawkins of Bridgeport, Conn., and Helen Williams of Kings Mountain. He is a student of Kings Mountain High School, and attends Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church where Rev. Sylvia Perry is the pastor.

Vacation tips for those dealing with dementia

If you plan to travel with someone with dementia, you're invited to the next meeting of the family caregiver support group at Life Enrichment Center in Shelby. The meeting on July 17, which is free of charge and open to the public, will begin at 5:30 p.m. and con-

tinue until 7; although, families are encouraged to come when they can and leave as necessary. It is an informal group of family caregivers who are dealing with dementia. Life Enrichment is an adult day health service, which has been caring for people with dementia for

32 years. For more information about the center or the family caregiver group, call 704.484.0405. The center is located at 110 Life Enrichment Blvd., just off Fallston Road between Teddy and Meekins law office and Cornerstone Dental Associates.



N. C. Rep. Tim Moore, John Harris and John O. Harris, left to right, are shown on a recent trip to Raleigh and the state legislature.

Young Harris serves as page on great-granddad's old stomping grounds

John Harris, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Harris of Kings Mountain, spent an interesting day recently visiting the North Carolina House and North Carolina Senate. Rep. Tim Moore (R) of Kings Mountain had selected the rising 7th grader at Kings Mountain Intermediate School as a page for the day and young Harris had the opportunity to listen to a number of issues as the final hours of the two-year

legislative session that ended Tuesday. The changed packed in the bills are awaiting approval of Governor Bev Perdue but one of the interesting changes was that schools could get a choice between fewer days, hours and that decision could benefit the summer tourism industry. If adopted, the states 115 school districts, including Cleveland County, would have the ability to set schedules that meet ei-

ther 185 classroom days or 1,025 classroom hours. One highlight for young Harris was seeing and visiting the Chamber where his great-grandfather the late Senator J. Ollie Harris Sr. sat in the North Carolina senate. Young John said he would have plenty to tell his classmates when school starts in late August. His father accompanied him to Raleigh.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Please do something about the playground

Dear Editor,

I have been taking my grandchildren to the park at the YMCA for several years. But this past year it is always so dirty. Today, June 26, when I took them, in the playhouse part near the dolphins with mist, I actually saw condom wrappers. I am sure they are still there. Several weeks ago, maybe a month when a group of us took our kids, there were dirty diapers there, had been there 3 weeks we knew of. Trash everywhere. One

of the mothers actually called city hall and complained so much, they sent a crew out to clean. Who is responsible for the playground? No one seems to be taking care of the trash. Have teenagers took over at night or what? I cannot believe some people are so nasty. I did not want my grandkids playing were someone has been having sex. I also hate it when we are there and all these big kids come in running, they run over small kids. What age group is this park

for? I know this is hard to control, but no one seems to be keeping an eye on it. I think it should be 12 and under. at least. Also a man must have designed this playground. No where to sit and NO SHADE. Of course I know if I do not like it I do not have to go. But lots of people use this park. I think we are going to have to get together and do something. Thanks for letting me vent.

Becky Bowen
Kings Mountain



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