

SCHOOL: offices find new home in old building

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cost. It took about a year, said Lutz, to pull all the cable, install switches, wireless access, projectors, screens, a video wall where images of board agendas and votes of board members are displayed by four rear projectors. It's a state of the art system. The "brains" of the technology system is located in each building which connects technology in all buildings except the gymnasium still in the works.

built podiums in the board room, the old auditorium, moved furniture from several locations of school administrative offices all over Shelby and from the old Central School in Kings Mountain. School maintenance and the Parent Center are still located at Central School as well as the Parent Center. The energy efficient building has motion sensor lights and large windows that bring in light from outside. The original hardwood floors are retained throughout the renovation.

The large campus - approximately 270,000 square feet - fea-

tures three floors in the main building which connects to the connecting alternative learning school and accommodates nearly 100 employees. In its present location, Turning Point didn't have a cafeteria in its present location but it will be using the old Middle School cafeteria located at the front of the school on Sumter Street. Some of the classrooms are divided into smaller rooms creating a six to eight student class.

The staff development center is located in the former Middle School library and is the scene of board

planning meetings, pre-school sessions, and a multi-purpose room for planning.

During renovation Cleveland County Schools tried to preserve some of the history of the 1937 school and this is evident in the auditorium where the vintage seats, Shakespearian murals, and original hardwood floors are impressive.

The first floor houses the instructional area, communications, testing, mailboxes, the mail room, transcript records not on-line, the curriculum offices for secondary and elementary grades, and a lounge and

conference room.

The second floor houses numerous offices and the board room (auditorium). The third floor houses finance and personnel departments and child nutrition offices.

The school was built in 1937, renovated in the early 1980s at cost of \$1 million dollars.

Elevators are located in the building but staffers admit they get a lot of exercise. It's a big campus but one that employees say they enjoy.

"Walking up and down steps is good exercise," says Donna Carpenter.

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built and work got underway on a major \$9 million plus renovation that houses the administrative offices and at the fall term of school will house Turning Point Academy.

"I remember sitting in these same seats in this auditorium and looking at the four Shakespearian murals on the walls," said Hoyle.

The auditorium today is spacious with original hard-

wood floors, motion sensor lights, a horseshoe-shaped speakers' table and 10 chairs for members of the board, a podium, and a press table, all the beautiful handiwork of the maintenance staff.

"We wanted to retain the history of the building and this auditorium with its original stage, flooring and seats and the four Shakespearian murals that had been used previously in the school for years," said Supt. Dr. Bruce Boyles.



Jack Hamrick



Jerry Hoyle

RAMEY: making mandolins

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Shelby. Ramey, 54 and a Kings Mountain native, says the organization has been a great relief for members of his family over the years. It was breast and liver cancer that plagued his mother.

"They gave excellent, excellent care," Ramey said. "My family will never forget what Hospice did for her in those final weeks. Very compassionate."

Later, the family endured as his brother in law was struck low by a liver disease that would eventually take his life.

Ramey is passionate about raising money for Hospice. "It's them today, but it could be you or me tomorrow," he said, referring to the palliative care the organization provides regardless of patients ability to pay.

Although Hospice of Cleveland County accepts

payment from Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance, it still must aggressively raise money on its own to keep the operation afloat.

"We need lots of volunteers to accomplish what we need to," said Pam Isaacs, the organization local director of marketing and PR.

Isaacs and the rest of the staff are busy now preparing for a fall fundraiser that's set to take place on Oct. 17. Last year the event raised close to \$20,000, she says, and she's ambitious about topping that this year.

For more information about the free concert next month and buying tickets for a chance at Ramey's mandolin, call (704) 734-6337.

To learn more about volunteering for Hospice's fall fundraiser or to donate items for the events silent auction, call (704) 487-4677.



Ramey and daughter Kayla hold two of his creations, a steel-breasted guitar known as a dobro and another mandolin.

Photo by DAVE BLANTON

ASSISTANTS: job cuts a concern

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Barringer, a teacher assistant for 11 years at Washington Elementary School in Waco, gave a report from the annual conference of teacher assistants and called on edu-

cators and parents to join teachers in writing to legislators. "What's going to happen?" asked Barringer, adding, "We're fighting to save our jobs and we hear lots of rumors. It's not about us, it's about the children."

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and notifications for endangered missing adults or lost children; public health alerts, such as water boil order alerts, dangerous animal alerts, and other imminent threats to the health or safety of residents.

Community Alerts: Non-emergency police and fire in-

formation; utility notifications such as water restrictions and power outages; and public works projects/ road closures.

When there is an emergency event requiring community/individual action, authorized officials send a message that is quickly transmitted to individuals/ businesses/homes affected by the event.

MOSS: named new Principal at North Elem.

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next principal of Washington Elementary replacing Coleman Hunt who is retiring.

Amy Moss, assistant principal at Grover Elementary, will become the next principal at North Elementary. Mrs. Moss taught at East Elementary for 10 years and served as assistant principal at East and West elementary schools before going to Grover as assistant

principal in 2011.

Holly Robinson, an assistant principal at Crest High, will become the next principal of Cleveland Early College High School following Dr. Anita Ware who has been named as the Director of Secondary Programs in Cleveland County Schools.

Campers Inn open in KM

Campers Inn, a Kingston, N.H.-based dealership network, has added an eighth store with the acquisition of an existing dealership in Kings Mountain.

"Campers Inn of Kings Mountain is a full-line dealership supporting sales, parts and service to the RV community," said President and CEO Jeff Hirsch.

Hirsch's parents, Art and Fran Hirsch, founded Campers Inn in 1966, selling RVs from their Nashua, N.H., home after having a bad experience attempting to purchase a folding camping trailer.

The dealership is conve-

niently located between Charlotte, Spartanburg, and Greenville NC off of I-85 exit 8. Jim Fisher is manager.

Campers Inn's facility offers some tremendous features, located on a 5-acre fully paved outdoor RV inventory display in a 17,880 square foot facility fully stocked with parts and accessories, and 10 service bays.

The acquisition was Campers Inn's third in two years. For more information regarding Campers Inn please contact by phone: 336/753-0014 or by email mneighbors@campersinn.com

FAMILYLIFE presents
the art of marriage
 a six-session video event

May 17th 7pm-9:30pm Bethlehem Baptist
 May 18th 9am-3:30pm Christian Freedom
 \$40 per couple covers cost for event, food, and childcare for (nursery-6th)

For information or to register go to The Art of Marriage.com and click on the Attend Event tab. Or you can call (704) 739-7487 M-F 9:30am - 5pm to register.

BBQ Sale

Friday, May 17
 10am - 7:30pm

\$8 a Plate

Drive-thru pick-up at 706 E. King St., Kings Mountain

All Proceeds to Benefit the Honduras Childrens Ministry

Call 704-600-5495 for more information (Chris & Donna Keeter Ministry)

Auction!

Saturday, May 18 • 10am

Yard Sale All Day Friday - May 17 - starts at 8AM
 706 E. King St. (Hwy 74 Bus.), Kings Mountain

All Proceeds to Benefit the Honduras Mission Program of First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain (Chris & Donna Keeter Missionaries)

Donated Items Include

- Ford 4000 Tractor
- Ford 4000 Tractor Diesel w/loader
- 18' Gooseneck Trailer
- Honda Generator
- New Gas Range
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- Cedar table & 4 chairs
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