



PATRIOTIC - Teachers and students at Resurrection Lutheran Church Pre-School showed their patriotism on September 11 by wearing red, white and blue to classes.

North Shelby in line for new building

North Shelby School is in line for a new building probably in five years and upgrades are proposed at eight other schools in facilities upgrades discussed at the recent meeting of the Cleveland County Board of Education.

John Yarbro, Assistant Supt. For Operations, said 20 people from each of the four attendance zones toured the schools and are making recommendations for new school construction, which will take several years. The most recent school construction projects completed were a new Shelby Middle School, Central Services offices and Turning Point Academy.

Yarbro estimated that the North School project could

be as expensive as the Shelby Middle School project.

Phase I projects are top priorities and Phase 2 projects are facility upgrades.

The Phase 2 projects include upgrades at Bethware Elementary, Grover Elementary and Kings Mountain High School.

Building age issues and buildings not connected at Bethware are being looked at. Grover has a building that uses steam heat and renovations are needed. A new classroom addition is projected at Kings Mountain High that has had 12 mobile units since 1999. Renovation of the football stadium press box, concession stands and restroom facilities are also proposed at KMHS.

Seniors connect with Internet, computers

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The journey from student to teacher has come easily to Pat Bolte.

When a spot opened this spring to teach a computer skills class for seniors at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center, she stepped right into the role after more than a dozen years as a student in the free class.

"When I started (taking the classes) I didn't know anything," the sixty-six year old retiree says. "I started from scratch."

Since then, she has spent a great deal of her free time exploring the world of computers and the Internet. She's also enrolled in many other classes over the years, including a few at Cleveland Community College and Mauney Memorial Library, which offers a free class in researching genealogical records. Now she says has several computers at home and is comfortable enough with them to take them apart and put them back together again.

Bolte's approach to teaching is fairly straightforward: she works one-on-one with the students until they learn what they want to learn. And she doesn't spend time trying to teach the spreadsheet Excel or other elements of Microsoft's Office suite to the students who come to class because she's learned from experience that

there is little interest in such subjects.

"I just go with the flow," she said. "Because if I don't, they're gonna leave."

After she covers the basics about using a mouse and a keyboard, Bolte simply tries "to find out what they're interested in."

Those interests vary as much as the range of topics found on the internet, she says, but some of the most popular activities for students in the senior center class are researching information about car parts, looking up recipes, sending flowers for a funeral or an anniversary and hearing about local goings-on.

Most new students arrive not knowing much about e-mail, which many have found to be a great tool for keeping up with far-flung children and grandchildren.

Sarah Manning is one of Bolte's most enthusiastic students.

"I've learned a good bit since being in the class," said the retiree who has been taking classes there for several months. Manning admits to being a neophyte when she first enrolled, but now says she can look up anything she wants and has a lot of fun poking around the Internet.

Although she's had a computer and an Internet connection at home for about 10 years, Manning said she was not really getting much out of it until she picked up



Pat Bolte has been ushering other senior citizens into the digital age through a Tuesday and Thursday computer skills class at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center since spring. Bolte herself is always learning more, she says, sometimes through other classes in the area and sometimes just by figuring things out on her own.

some of the basics in the senior center class, which is held every Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Still, Manning maintains a healthy suspicion about at least the pitfalls of being online.

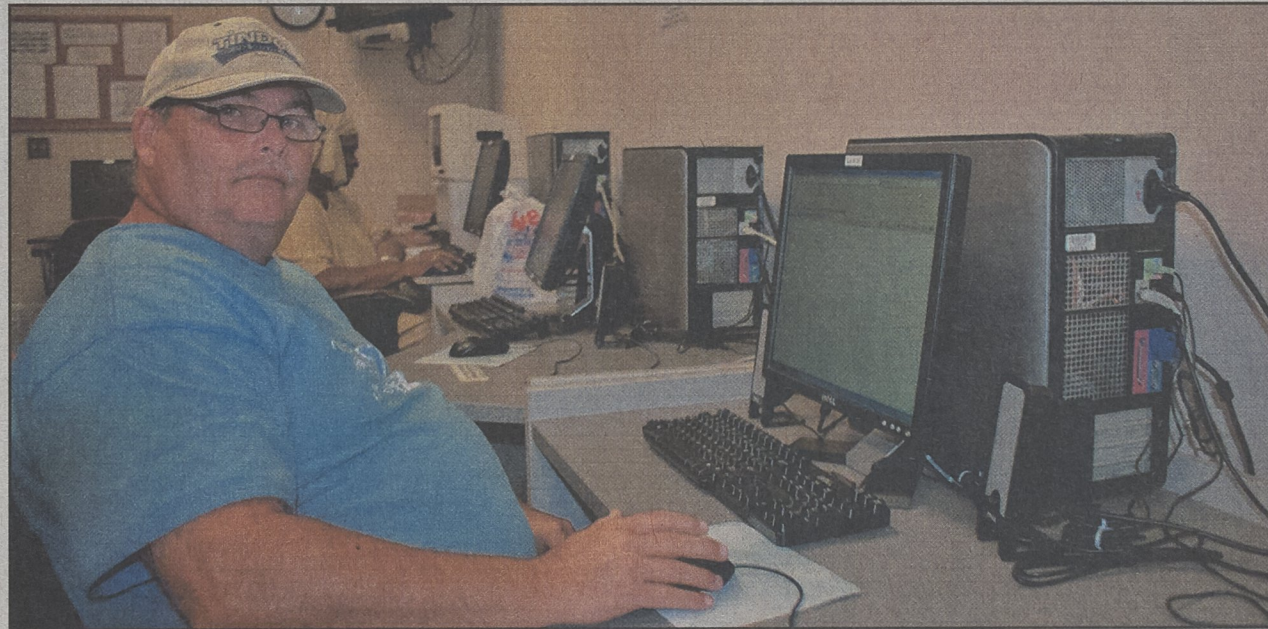
"Sometimes computers are the worse thing you have because people can hack into you," she said, referring to the potential of identity theft and other privacy concerns that can affect Internet users.

For most students the class affords an opportunity to cruise online offerings like newspapers from around the world or to delve into the seemingly boundless world

of games that can be found across the web.

That's the case for Charles Sellers, who spends hours tinkering with - and sometimes mastering - popular games like Candy Crush and a bowling simulator. Both are stimulating, he says, and he's really able to connect with the bowling game because he still visits the actual lanes when he can.

"It's a lot of fun," said Sellers, who's been active in the computer lab since March. "The people who attend the class can really learn a lot. They find out whatever they need to find out."



Charles Sellers is a frequent visitor to the free class and computer lab at the senior center. He's become very competitive at many of the games that are found online, such as bowling simulators and Candy Crush.

Gateways to the South exhibit at Arts Society

Southern Arts Society will present "Gateways to the South," the annual art competition and exhibit opening with a public reception on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 4-6 p.m.

Featured prominently in the exhibit are landscapes, historical sites, and the people and places that reflect our Southern history and culture.

Thirty-two local artists have entered over 70 works of art in this year's show. Artists have reflected on Southern history with both traditional as well as contemporary approaches to the subject matter. The work will

be judged by Michael Grady, professor of studio art at Appalachian State University. He is an exhibiting artist, writer and educator.

Awards will be presented at 5 p.m. During the opening reception. This is a free event.

"Gateways to the South" will be on display through Nov. 15. Southern Arts Society (at the Depot), 301 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, Gallery and gift shop hours are Tuesday through Saturday (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) Admission is free. For more information call 704-739-5585.

Festival Saturday at St. Matthew's

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 4 which is free to the public and a community-wide event fun for all ages.

Games, face-painting,

bounce houses, prizes and loads of fun, according to Pastor Josh Tucker.

"The welcome mat is out for everyone to attend from 2-4 p.m.," says the pastor.

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Carroll reunion Sunday, Oct. 6

Descendants of John William and James Edward Carroll, the sons of Edward and Barbara Evans Carroll, will hold their annual reunion Sunday, Oct. 6, with a covered dish luncheon at 1 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church fellowship hall, 612 N. Cansler Street. All family and friends are invited to attend. Call 704-739-4337 for more information. Leave message if no answer.

BBQ for Bessemer City Crisis Center

The Bessemer City Crisis Center will sponsor its annual barbecue sale on Friday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Otis Merchandise Gallery, 105 E. Virginia Avenue.

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