

# Computer Mini Class Offered At Smoke Rise

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The summer months provide a unique educational opportunity for Smoke Rise parents and students to share a computer-oriented learning experience.

Two ten-hour minicourses, from 8 to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday during a two-week period, are the "brain child" of Smoke Rise parent Chandler Bridges, a DeKalb attorney.

Bridges, himself an individual with a keen interest in computers, has developed the minicourse content and will serve as instructor. He views as highly beneficial the idea of parents and children learning together. This idea has met with lively response from the Smoke Rise community. Thirty-six parents with their children have

enrolled so far.

Both ten-hour minicourses — the first running from June 21 through July 2 and the second during the opening two weeks of August — focus on "An Introduction to Microcomputer Usage." Bridges has developed a math program and a telephone directory program as teaching-learning experiences.

Each of DeKalb's 80 elementary schools has a computer for instructional use. The Smoke Rise PTA, however, last year purchased two additional Apple computers and has budgeted funds for two more during the 1982-83 school sessions.

According to Principal Billie Smith, the goal is a lab equipped with 12 computers at Smoke Rise Elementary School.

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## Parents, Students Learn Computers

Smoke Rise parent Chandler Bridges works with students who are sharing a family-style computer-oriented learning experience. Left to right are: Deana Burnfield, Mr. Bridges, and Brad Burnfield.



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### Smoke Rise Is Number One

The National Congress of PTA's recently honored the Smoke Rise PTA as the number one such organization in the United States. Last spring, Smoke Rise had been similarly honored as number one in Georgia. The recognition was based predominantly upon the high level of service by PTA members. Here, Dr. Billie Smith, Smoke Rise principal, and Henry Rogers, the school's PTA co-president (wife Brenda is also co-president) enjoy dinner at a Fall County Council dinner. PTA membership at Smoke Rise now stands at 700.



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**AMY CARROLL  
WINS IN PAGEANT**

Amy Carroll was chosen as third runner up in the Preteen division of the Little Miss Georgia Pageant, recently held at the Georgia Tech Student Center. She also won the "Miss Congeniality" trophy. Amy, 11, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Carroll, Sr. of Stone Mountain. She attends Smokerise Elementary School and is a member of Briarlake Baptist Church. Amy is a Pop Warner League Tucker Lions cheerleader. She has done runway and print modeling and was featured on the Atlanta Merchandise Mart calendar for Esprit. As a former member of the clogging dance team, Atlanta Sweet Country, which performed at Opryland, Nashville, Tenn., among other places, Amy performed a clogging routine as her talent entry.

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## DAR Awards Go To Students At Smoke Rise

Several Smoke Rise students who participated in a nation-wide competition for elementary schools have won awards on the state level.

The competition was sponsored by the American Citizen's division of the Daughters of the American Revolution and included five categories: poem, stamp, essay, banner, and poster.

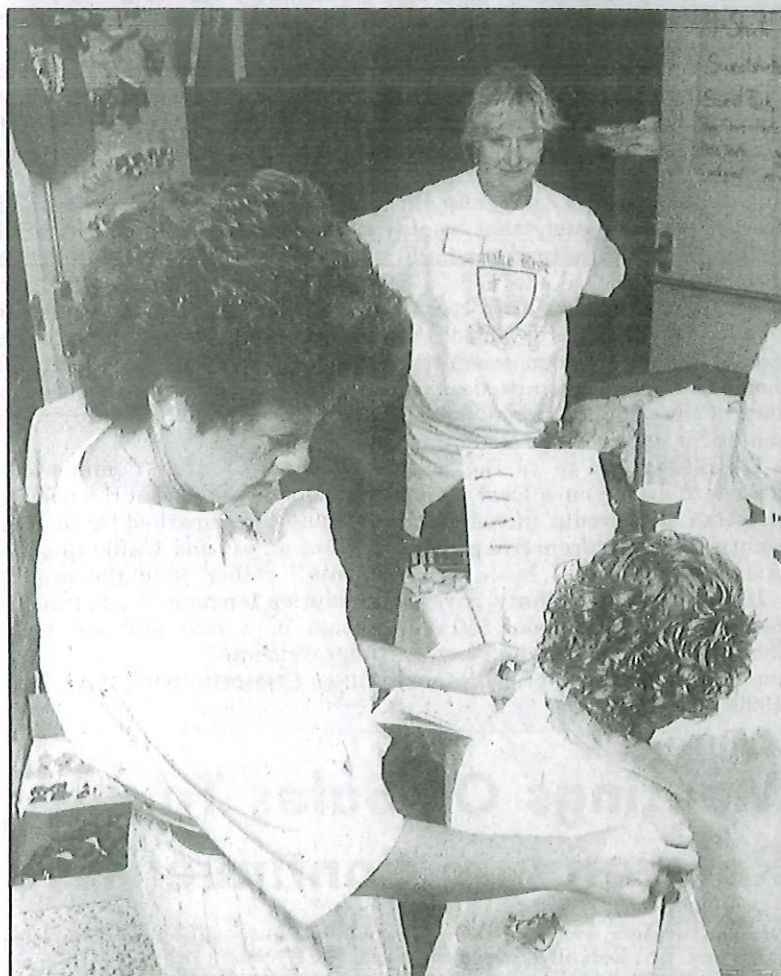
The first place individual award in poetry went to Clay Miller; in essay, to Liz Dorsey; and for stamp, to Lauren Wech.

First place group awards went to Jack Adams, Keenan Hale and Tony Walton for a poem; to Shannon Egan and Taylor Pellick for a banner; and to Dana Durrett, Chris Patrick and Keith Bouchard, for a poster.

A second place group award went to Jason Hanson, Jon Atchison and Patrick Von Hoven for a banner.

A third place individual award was presented to Vance Wilder for his essay. Third place group awards went to Jenny Bath and Katherine Atteberry, Mark Bakay and Robert Evans, and Jill Clayborn, Jeni Johson and Jan Streater.





Signing up at Smoke Rise Elementary: Students, left to right, are Shaye Sauers, Melissa Medori, Emily Stinson, Michele Medori and Kinley Conaway. Manning the registration tables are fourth grade teachers Carey Donaldson, Eulita Dukes and Anne Marie Sherrod.

## **Get Ready, Here They Come**

Wednesday is the first day back to class for kids in DeKalb public schools. The mad rush for clothes and book bags is over. Registration has been completed. Mothers are breathing a sign of relief. And although it is still almost two weeks until Labor Day and a month until fall begins, summer is officially over. It's back to the books for another year.

At left, first grader Courtney Williams gets fitted for a Smoke Rise shirt by Carol Williams, while Debbie Hand looks on.

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# National honor for Smoke Rise principal

By SHANDRA HILL  
For the Journal-Constitution

Smoke Rise Elementary School principal Harold Beaver is the state's top choice for this year's National Distinguished Principal award.

Beaver, who has been principal of the Stone Mountain school since 1999, travels to Washington in October to receive the honor.

The award is sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the U.S. Department of Education.

Since 1984, the award has recognized elementary and middle school principals who exhibit extraordinary leadership and commitment to the school's faculty and student body.

Beaver was selected after a statewide search by the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals.

GAESP was impressed with what it describes as exemplary instructional practices, such as Beaver's active role in developing the school's curriculum, his strong interpersonal skills and his emphasis on learning.

"I'm excited," said Beaver. "It's one of the things you never expect, but when you get it, you're humbled by it."

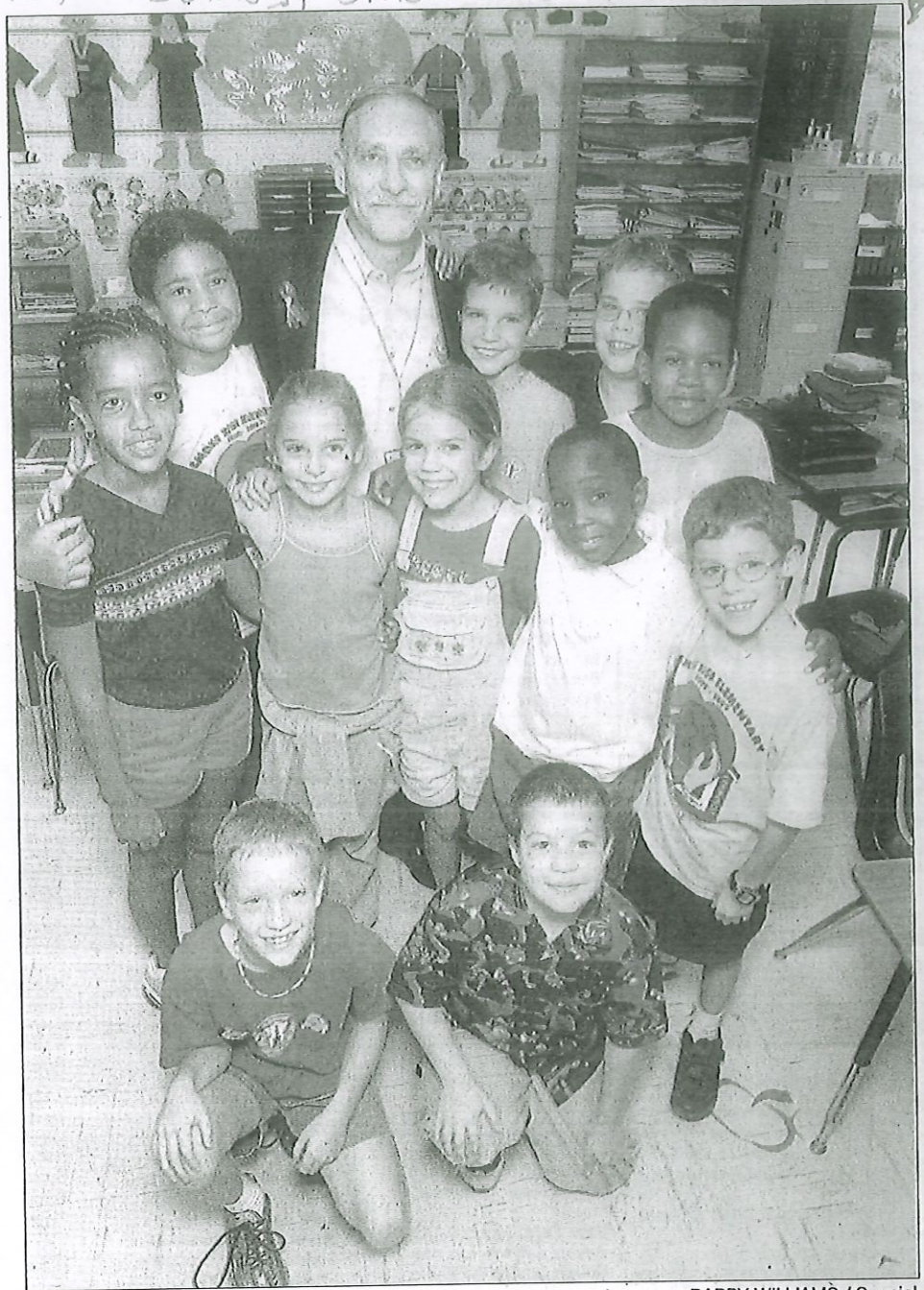
Beaver has been in education 30 years, beginning as a teacher five years at Wadsworth Elementary in Decatur.

Before Smoke Rise, he was principal at Rockbridge Elementary in Stone Mountain for 10 years.

He also was principal at Gwinnett County schools W.C. Britt Elementary and Brookwood Elementary, which he opened, and assistant principal at Bethesda Elementary in Lawrenceville.

The 51-year-old Snellville resident is a graduate of the University of Georgia and Western Carolina University and is married with three children.

He believes teaching extends beyond



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Smoke Rise Elementary School principal Harold Beaver, surrounded by members of Ana Corn's fourth-grade high achievers reading class, won this year's National Distinguished Principal award.

the textbook.

"As adults, we need to teach them how to be good citizens: How to say, 'Yes ma'am' and 'no ma'am,' 'yes sir' and 'no sir' and personal responsibility," said Beaver. "That way, they can become a responsible citizen when they get out into society."

Beaver will spend Oct. 10, 11 and 12 in Washington. Secretary of Education

Rod Paige is expected to present his award the evening of Oct. 12.

"This is a well-deserved award for him," said Jean Clark, a teacher at Smoke Rise. "He is a remarkable principal. He is principally concerned about his students, faculty and community."

"He has a strong sense of vision and really makes working at Smoke Rise a pleasure."





## Grandma Would Say It's Not Funny!

Naturally someone would have to sing the worst song of the season, "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer." At the Smoke Rise musical it was Jay Borck, left, and Charlie Creque.



## The Audience Was Enthralled

The musical, "A Holiday Celebration" was a hit, if the reaction from the audience is any indication.