

# Students learn from grandparents

Grandparents were invited as guests of Jon Randolph's civics class Nov. 3 to participate in an important community involvement project.

Grandparents' Day had the two objectives of teaching Randolph's students about the decline of moral values

as generations have changed and of involving the community in school activities and objectives.

"Our young people today lack the moral background we had and our grandparents know what I mean by that," said Randolph. "They

need to be reminded of this and to hear from the voices of experience what builds character and how important it is."

Randolph was also concerned about involving the community as an important resource of learning and sharing with students.

"Although our SACS evaluation results were overall positive, the lowest area of scoring was that of community involvement," said Randolph. "I believe that activities such as Grandparents' Day can change this."

Randolph's students were asked to bring a person older than 50 to participate in a group discussion about life as a teenager in their time versus life as a teenager now.

Students without grandparents available were allowed to invite substitute grandparents

for the occasion. Many chose elderly mentors and role models from their churches and communities.

"The turnout was marvelous," said Randolph. "Around 107 grandparents attended."

Grandparents were first served a breakfast buffet, provided by Tonja Bridges' FACS classes. After the meal, they were given a platform to talk about their past and share the wisdom they had learned from experiencing life in harder times with their younger audience.

"I feel the kids learned a more valuable lesson from these guest speakers than they could've learned in a traditional civics lesson," said Randolph. "They were more open to hear — and experience in this case was certainly the best teacher."



Christine King of Fort Gaines serves as a substitute grandmother for neighbor Mariah Bray.

# Bainbridge College celebrates education week

Bainbridge College will celebrate International Education Week Nov. 16-20 with special displays and events open to the public at no charge. Activities range from the universal language of music and poetry in other languages to talks about various countries, travel opportunities and a skit on what not to do when traveling. Events run Monday through Thursday and are in the Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center unless otherwise indicated.

Throughout the week the BC library will feature displays of international art and travel guidebooks. BC Early County will focus its events Nov. 18 with an art display in the library and a study abroad fair in the atrium lobby.

Main campus activities kick off Nov. 16 with three presentations.

Rotary Foreign Exchange Students Erin Rafferty of Scotland and Beth Wellsbury of Wales, who are studying at Valdosta State University, will speak at 10 a.m. BC faculty members Dr. Jenny Harper and Dr. Patrick Smith will talk at noon about adventures on the Galapagos Islands. At 6:30 p.m. Dr. Marina Von Hirsch and admissions director Connie Snyder will focus on their travels in Ireland.

Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. BC student Anthony Yates will talk about his summer in Paris. At noon faculty member Tatyana Pashnyak and library assistant Jeff Dowdy will speak about their experiences in Brazil. At 6 p.m. banjo expert

Mary Cox of Tallahassee, Fla., will present a musical program.

BC and BCEC will showcase the study abroad fair Nov. 18, providing information about international travel opportunities. It will run 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the BC arts and sciences building lobby and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at BCEC.

Dr. Dave Nelson, who will lead a trip to London through the University System of Georgia's European Council and others will have information about the trips.

Main campus will also have information sessions on BC's study programs in Belize, the Galapagos Islands and London. These will run 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the main campus library

study rooms. At 4 p.m. in the Kirbo Center faculty and staff will be on hand to write individuals' names in other languages. Also that day, starting at 10 a.m., students planning to study in Belize will have a yard sale fundraiser in the area between the arts and sciences building and the student center.

At 11 a.m. Nov. 19 BC personnel, Josephine King, Alicia Messersmith, Khusboo Patel, and Dr. Yu Zhang, will read a poem in different languages. At noon Amy Wells and Thad Nifong will present the skit about what not to do when traveling. BC students will talk about their experiences in Belize 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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**Preschool visits melon patch**

The children at First Baptist Church's weekday education program visited Mark's Melon Patch in Sasser. They enjoyed a hayride and cutting a pumpkin for their classroom. First row, from left, are Noah Still, Caleb Slappy, Grace Morgan, teacher Theresa White, Seely Thompson, Kayden Still, Astyn Grimes and Addie Usry; back row, Olin Thompson, Conner Allen, Sarah Anne Jones, Emma Chapman, Owen Enfinger and Lanie Conner.

# BC holds job seeker workshop Nov. 13

The many area workers displaced because of the economy, as well as employed workers who feel that they lack opportunities to achieve their goals, can benefit from Job Seekers 101, a specially designed workshop offered by Bainbridge College continuing education division. It will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13 at the main campus continuing education center.

Full-time Bainbridge College faculty will present sessions on com-


munication skills, interpersonal skills, personal productivity, the job search and work ethics. Presenters include faculty members David Maxwell and Kyle Thomas, and Beverly Thompson who coordinates special projects in the college's technical studies division.

With the increased number of job seekers it is vital for the individual to put his/her best foot forward when applying for a job. Workshop participants will receive valuable

information about resume writing, interviewing skills, and communicating effectively, both verbally and non-verbally, in order to leave a favorable impression on the prospective employer.

The job applicant must be able to exhibit that he or she has good personal productivity, interpersonal and customer service skills.

To register or for more information, interested persons may call 229-248-2517. Workshop fee is \$25.

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