

Scholarships available for KMHS students

The following scholarship applications are available at Kings Mountain High School.

Note to seniors: The deadline for filing FAFSA (financial aid forms) is Saturday, March 15 for NC state aid in the form of the NC Incentive Grant, etc. File them by paper or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. See Leigh Bell paper application.

■ The Performance Friction Scholarship is for one member of the 2003 senior class in the amount of \$500. Last year, no one applied so the scholarship was not given. Applications must be returned to Mrs. Bell by Friday, March 14.

■ The NC Association of Agriculture Fairs is sponsoring a scholarship to seniors who will continue their education at a four-year or two-year college or university. A \$1,000 scholarship will be given to a student who plans to enroll in a four-year institution or a \$500 scholarship to a student who plans to enroll in a two-year institution. See Mrs. Hager or Mr. Mayes for an application. All completed applications must be returned to Mrs. Hager by Friday, March 14.

■ The Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame is giving \$500 scholarships to seniors who have been involved in at least one sport. This includes scorekeepers and managers. The KM Booster Club wants football players to apply! Applicants should have good grades although there is no minimum GPA or class rank. When all else is equal, individuals with the highest financial need will be selected. Deadline for submitting an application is Tuesday, March 25.

■ The Fraternal Order of Police Scholarship is for students who intend to pursue a career in law enforcement. The \$1,000 scholarship is intended to help the most

worthy student attend the college of their choice. Academics, attitude, personality and reputation will be taken into consideration. Deadline to submit applications has been extended until Wednesday, March 26.

■ The USA Funds to Education Scholarship is open to seniors who plan to enroll in full or half-time coursework at a two or four-year college. Family's adjusted gross income must be \$35,000 or less as documented on a 2002 federal income tax return on which the applicant is claimed as a federal tax exemption. Eligible non-citizens must be permanent U.S. resident aliens with a Green Card, or refugees with a Departure Record (I-94) from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Up to 50% of the scholarship awards will be targeted to applicants who are member of an ethnic minority group or have a documented physical disability. Applications must be postmarked by March 15. See Leigh Bell for application.

■ The Geneva Homesley Neal Memorial Scholarship is available to seniors who plan to enter nursing as a mid-life career. The scholarship is available to students who want to attend a 2- or 4-year college. Financial need will be one of the determinants. Students must have a cumulative 3.0 weighted GPA or higher. They must submit an application and 2 to 3-page typed essay by Thursday, March 27.

■ Seniors who plan to attend Cleveland Community College in the fall of 2003 may apply for CCC scholarships. Applications are available from Mrs. Bell. Each applicant must show a 3.0 or greater weighted GPA. Submit applications by March 28.

KMHS student designs school web site

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High school senior Justin Frye has found that he has an interest and skill in computers. His teachers and principal have discovered his gift as well. In fact, they let Frye design the high school's website for his senior project.

Frye spent eleven months working on the website. Although his senior project required only 15 hours of work with a mentor, Frye spent over 1,000 working on the website.

"I love doing it. It's the funnest thing in life to me. It's not like a job or a school project. I look forward to coming home and working on the web site," he said.

Frye said one of his computer teachers originally approached him with the idea of creating a design for the Kings Mountain High School website. He spent the next two weeks working on the design and then presented it to the high school principal, John Yarbro. Frye spent the summer working on the website and uploaded it in August. He will present his senior project this semester.

"The senior project helps you in life. I've actually applied it in life," he said.

Since August, Frye has been looking for someone to keep up the website next year. He has asked several people in the high school but has not found anyone who knows enough about web-

sites to be able to keep up with it. He said he wants to present his website to an 8th grade HTML class and see if anyone in that class is interested in being trained to keep up the site. The student will have to be a volunteer, like Frye is. Frye said working on the website looked great on his college application, though.

Frye said he spent a lot of time gathering information about the school for the site. He said he wanted it to be more than an informational site, though. He wanted to post something on the site that would keep people coming back to it. Although he has not yet asked permission to post it on the website, Frye has designed a game for the site, in which the administrators are all dressed as Mounties and race across the screen.

Frye said he has gotten many suggestions on what he should include on the site. Many people have asked him to include a link to the weather.

"It's kind of hard to keep up with everybody emailing me. I've learned a lot," he said.

He said he learned most of what he knows about computers on his own. When he first moved to Raleigh several years ago, he did not have any friends because his family moved during the summer. He spent most of his time playing on the computer. His family got its first computer in 1991. He had

designed a couple of websites for friends but nothing professional, he said.

He said he has no plans of designing a website for himself at this point in time.

"I've always looked for content," he said. "Most people aren't interested in my life."

His family moved to Kings Mountain when he was in 5th grade. Both of his parents' families are from Kings Mountain, so he has many relatives in the area. He has one brother and a foreign exchange student from Germany at his house right now.

Outside of working with computers, Frye is also a four-year member of the swim and soccer teams at Kings Mountain High School. He has been on the honor roll every year, as well. He designed a t-shirt for the girl's soccer team on his computer once.

In the fall, Frye plans to attend Lenoir-Rhyne University and major in computer law.

"I've always loved law. Dad's a federal judge. I've always loved computers, so this is just perfect for me. There are not a lot of laws out there for computers. We have to develop laws," he said.

The Kings Mountain High School website address is: <http://km.rocks.it> or <http://kmds.k12.nc.us/school/kmhs/home.htm>.



MEGAN WRIGHT AND THOMAS BRIDGES

KMHS students in all-state band

Kings Mountain High School band students, Megan Wright and Thomas Bridges, were selected to be members of the state's top band. The students auditioned Saturday, March 8, at East Davidson High School in Thomasville.

The two students of Chris Cole and Gil Doggett will travel to University of North Carolina at Greensboro, April 25-27, for the three-day clinic. The band will present a public concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 27 in Aycock Auditorium on the campus of UNC-Greensboro.

Megan, a sophomore, will perform on clarinet, and Thomas, a senior, will perform on percussion.

Arnold and Freda Gibbs named to Board

Arnold and Freda Gibbs of Arnold's Jewelry, Shelby, have been named to the Retail Advisory Board of the Southern Jewelry Travelers Association, producers and managers of the semi-annual Atlanta Jewelry Show.

"When choosing members of our Retail Advisory Board, we're looking for industry leaders with extensive experience in the jewelry retail arena and we felt that Arnold and Freda will bring a wealth of industry insight that will help guide us as we continue to build on and improve the Atlanta Jewelry Show offerings," said Carol Young, executive director, SJTA.

Regular attendees of the Atlanta Jewelry Show, the Gibbs have most recently returned from the spring edition held March 1-3. During the buying trip, they had the chance to get a first-hand look at the jewelry industry's latest designs and breaking trends. From the brand new introductions by top name companies and u-and-coming designers to the hottest designs in virtually every jewelry category, including bridal, diamond, pearl, platinum, gold and sterling jewelry, charms, earrings, diamonds, watches and countless others - they explored the tremendous collection and chose the best and brightest to insure that Arnold's Jewelry will offer and unrivaled collection for the upcoming holiday season. In addition, they also had a chance to expand their store's offering by reviewing a vast range of natural colored gemstones, cultured

pearls beads, carvings and other items that were part of

the American Gem Trade Association GemFair South

Pavilion, which ran alongside the Atlanta Show.

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out against the war and the reception they have had in the movie and television industries.

George Clooney was quoted as saying, "It's a frustrating time for many of us (who disagree with the Administration). We're raised in a country that's fundamentally about questioning our government. That's part of the design of our Constitution. But now (if you do), you're labeled unpatriotic."

We live in a great nation where we have the freedom to speak our minds about the government. In fact, we are guaranteed that right in the Constitution. Since September 11, some would like to deny that right to those who do not agree with every word that comes out of the President's mouth. However, part of our patriotic duty in the United States is to pay attention and know what is going on in the government. We have to be able to vote intelligently, after all.

Patriotism is expressed in different ways. While the man who played patriotic music from across the street at the rally probably did not intend for those of us on the lawn to sing along, we were doing just that in our hearts.

JIM

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Durst took the microphone and said, "I hope we all can be in agreeance that this war should come to an end." The crowd cheered, not knowing what they were cheering for.

Over in the world class city, a TV station suspended one of their employees for using the "agreeance" remark to knock Gaston County. People in the world class city have poked fun at us for years. It has never bothered me. I think it's funny, and I think the TV station went overboard suspending the guy. Maybe they should have just severed one of his limbs.

If we were the most ignorant people in the world, I'd still rather live in Gaston County than in the world class city.

And, as for Fred Durst, I think we can all be in "agreeance" that he has a Limp Biskit for a brain.

I think Durst is a human shill.



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