

Bridges wins Lions' poster contest

Brandon Bridges, a 13-year-old seventh grade student at Kings Mountain Middle School, has completed the first step to becoming an internationally-recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Kings Mountain Lions Club.

Bridges' poster is among the more than 300,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 11th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Out of all the posters created by Kings Mountain Middle School students, Bridges' entry best portrayed the contest theme, "Planting the Seeds of Peace."

Kings Mountain Lions Club President Joe Hardin said he was impressed by the amount of effort exhibited by Kings Mountain Middle School students. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas of what peace means to them. I am so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their vision

with all of us."

Bridges' colored pencil poster now advances to round two, district 31-C competition, where his entry will compete against entries from many other local Peace Poster Contests.

"Bridges' poster will face stiff competition in the district round and in the other rounds of competition if he is to become the international prize winner," Hardin said.

Bridges is the son of Wayne and Dianna Bridges and a student of Mrs. Ann Mauney, middle school art teacher. Brandon, his principal, John Goforth, his grandparents, Jones and Phylis Sweezy, and his mother, Dianna Bridges, who coaches the KMHS girls basketball team, were guests of the Kings Mountain Lions Club at its January 26 meeting at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club. Mrs. A.B. Snow, a local artist and an active member of several art organizations, presented a program on "Selecting a Frame for



Joe Hardin, left, president, Kings Mountain Lions Club, presents certificate to Peace Poster Contest winner Brandon Bridges

a Picture."

Bridges was presented a winner's certificate and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for winning the local contest. Ultimately one grand prize winner will be selected from 24 international finalists. The grand prize in-

cludes a cash award of \$2,500, plus an all-expense paid trip for the winner and two family members to New York City for the awards ceremony at the United Nations in March. The 23 runners-up will each receive \$500 cash awards.

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Lauryn King, Craig Lawson, Jennifer Martin, Tabatha Rainey, Anthony Simpson, Joshua Slycord, vilyay Thongphounphim, Dani Champion, Jaine Dowda, Heather Hale, Stacey Oliver, Jesse Teague, Devin Hannah, Dustin Dalton, Jamie Daniel, Kenneth Greason, Samantha Hamrick, Sheltyn Holmes, Angel Lawson, Aaron Lovelace, Jarod Rainey, Kristen Smith.

Perfect Attendance- Matthew Barnes, Amanda Helms, Tiffany Lee, Claire Richards, Melissa Smith, Sierra Brice, Tangie Carroll, Danielle Champion, Heather Hale, Devin Hannah, Martin Harbison, Gregory McNeil, Ashley Navy, Kristina Owens, Shawn Terry, Jake Allen, Dominique Bess, Cameron Camp, Joshua McAbee, Michael Ramey, Geoffrey Ransom, Tyler West, Branigan Wheeler, Amber Willis, Jesse Davis, Jalisa Howard, Amanda Lee, Cody Lumsden, Victoria Mills, Breanna Robbins, Robert Shank, LeSherika Witcher, Danielle Glover, Kyle Griffin, Daniela Huskey, Tyler Laughridge, Chastity Lowery, Furman Thompson, Tiusia Woods, Daniel Asgari, Caleb Beach, Stevie Brewton, Emily Britton, Cristy Cain, Ted Hale, Chad Malone, Toni McGinnis, Antonio Sloan, Amber Adams, Derrill Baird, Angel Burris, Nicholas Furr, Dean Hannah, Deanna Heath, Phillip Johnson, Preston Lee, Andre Littlejohn, Marshia Meeks, Eric Rucker, Brittany Weathers, Adam Baity, Cailyn Hughes, Keyatta Leach, Abigail Lynch, Cody Teague, Shelton Watson, Jaylen Woods, Ashley Adams, Andy Allen, Steven Conley, Melvin Johnson, Curtis Milam, Lakeisha Miller, Courtney Thompson, Robert Barnes, Travis Barrett, Michael Harris, Tiffany Herndon, Marcus Howard, Tommy Pardo, Brendon Rowland, Terry Smith, Robert Trinidad, Heather Black, Steven Carpenter, Ryan Hale, Matthew Hord, Tiffany Inman, Rebecca Lamb, Chastity Llewellyn, Amy Navy, Karen

Self, Sara Thompson, Pamela Adams, Dustin Dalton, Danada Elliot, Angel Lawson, Johnny Malaythong, Eric Pardo, Michelle Tuft, Alicia Brooks, Amber Champion, Katelyn Martin, Christina Ransom, Brittanie Sharp, Lacie Wood, Brittany Myers, Nicholas Ramey, Brittany Stewart, Brandon Belk, Casey Biddix, Josh Brown, Carolyn Detter, Kelly Flynn, Joe Gladen, Jacqueline Presnell, Jennifer Bridges, Haley Britton, Amber Byrd, Amanda Dotson, Rashida Howard, Samantha Rucker, Leticia Trinidad, Benjamin Wilson.

Penmanship Award- Zoya Kelly, Jesse Davis, Shelton Watson, Rebecca Lamb, Kurtis Martin, Megan Davis, Tyler West, Tyler Laughridge, Candace Ramey, Stevie Brewton, Amber Alexander, Brittany Weathers, Heather Wright, Anthony Simpson, Kristina Owens, Jaron Rainey.

Kindergarten Awards- Most Improved; Sabrina Herring, Cody Lumsden, Joshua Parker. Best Listener; Claire Richards, Lea Zwick, Abbie Lynch. Most Cooperative; Amber Lawson, Lauren Bennett, Aissa Jimson.

Math Award- Tyler Black, Christina Ransom, Adam Doster, Michael Chastain, Chris Adams, Whitney Staton, Kyle Richards, Robert Trinidad, Deanny Hannah, Kyle Byars, Jennifer Martin, Jesse Teague, Angel Lawson.

Reading Award- Amy Navy, Brittanie Sharpe, Connor Cudd, Amber Willis, Kyle Griffin, Shane Centers, Emily Britton, Lydia Anthony, Phillip Johnson, Curtis Milam, Kelly Flynn, Brandi Davis, Travis Volz.

Science Award- Taylor Cudd, Ben Hardee, Joshua Childers, Ricky Greene, Robert Barnes, Eric Rucker, Anthony Nations, Leah Martin, Matthew Byrd.

Social Studies Award- Branigan Wheeler, Eric Alexander, Brittany Stewart, Daniel Asgari, Randy Barrett, Derrill Baird, marie Bowen, Stacey Oliver, Jamie Daniel.

Pearson Student of Month

Senior Chad Pearson, son of Ronnie and Cheryl Pearson of Kings Mountain, has been selected Student of the Month at Kings Mountain High School.

Pearson not only excels in the classroom, but also in athletics. He recently finished eighth in the state in men's cross country, and was the Runner of the Year in the Southwestern 3A Conference after finishing the regular season with an unbeaten record.

Pearson's teachers salute him as a hard worker and dedicated student.

"He is a very dedicated, bright, and hard-working student," said his Anatomy/Physiology teacher, Amy Bridges. "Chad is one of the few students I have known who has all the qualifications of



CHAD PEARSON

a great person and student - intelligence, personality and ath-

letic ability. It is a privilege to teach Chad."

Sally Hendricks, his Algebra III/Trigonometry teacher, added, "He is a hard worker...he understands that an education is necessary to be successful."

Betsy Wells, his AP English IV teacher, said "Chad is a joy to teach. His cooperative attitude and enthusiastic personality really adds to my second period."

"I have had Chad as a band student for the past six years," added Band Director Chris Cole. "He is a very hard worker and a model student. His contributions to our band program are valuable, and will be missed."

Students plan trip to France

By Angela Harris
KMHS French Teacher
There are several French activities going on at Kings Mountain High School this year and I would like to share a few of them with you.

The favorite day of all our French students is French cooking day. The students take French recipes home to make and bring the finished product back to school. We all share our masterpieces and get a taste of French culture.

French 4 students are corresponding with a French economics class as pen pals via the

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Internet. Thanks to this modern technology, they are sending and receiving letters and pictures very quickly. It is always exciting for them to use what they have learned to communicate with "real" French students their own age.

Carol Ann Peeler and I will be taking the French 4 class to the Biltmore House in Asheville in march. This is a great trip because the Biltmore House was

designed after the French castles. After seeing the real thing in France, I could appreciate all the work of the architects.

Carol Ann and I will also be taking 14 French students of all levels to France this summer. The 10 day trip is called Paris, Provence, and the Cote d'Azur. We will take in all the sights of Paris--Eiffel Tower, the Louvre museum, the Arc de Triomphe, the castle of Versailles and many more. We will also ride the TGV (one of the fastest trains in the world) to the south of France to visit several cities.

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