

Kings Mountain Middle School honor rolls

Kings Mountain Middle School honor rolls for the fourth nine weeks grading period:

(A/B Honor Roll)

Eighth grade - Brad Bell, Stephen Bolt, Laura Bradley, Samuel Brice, Ashley Bridges, Jessica Calhoun, Sara Caulder, Laura Clark, Wilder Clark, Amanda Clayton, John Coyle, Lamecka Darden, Alexandra Dawson, Megan Dixon, Wesley Dixon, Kenneth Dover, Melissa Franks, Jena Gladden, Heather Harbison, Erin Heffner, Phillip Hinson, Lindsay Horne, Tyler Leach, Kenneth Mancuso, Daniel Manomai, Jeffrey McSwain, Stacey McSwain, Brad Moffitt, Hugh Noell, Christopher Patrick, Lacey Pearson, Haley Prince, Adam Queen, Tracey Runyans, Ashley Self, Stacey Spicer, Audrey Stark, Todd Summitt, Donna Tackett, Curtis Ward, Justin Weaver, Dustin Wilson, C.E. Witherspoon, Joshua Yon.

Seventh grade - Danielle Barnes, Lacey Beam, Ashley Bell, Katie Bell, Lacey Black, Ryan Bolin, Jessica Bowen, Taylor Brewer, Brittany Broome, Kala Buchanan, Andrew Bunch, Anna Campbell, Danielle Champion, Chelsea Chapman, Alex Childers, Victoria Chryst, Laura Cloninger, Craig Cooke, Justin Cosner, Rebecca Curry, Jamie Daniel, Kelsey Deaton, Adam Dixon, Spencer

Erwin, Nataru Fowler, William Franks, Lauren Gaffney, Miles Galloway, Chase Gibson, Trey Glass, Kenneth Greason, Clarisa Hagner, Heather Hale, Emily Harvey, Alan Heinbach, Eric Hellstrand, Brooklyn Helms, Stephanie Houser, David Hughes, Wade Hutchins, Tonya Jenkins, Victoria Jenkins, Hannah Johnson, Shannon Jones, Alyson Kerns, Aaron Long, Phaedra Mangan, Casey Martin, Drew Martin, Morgan Mayer, Brandon McClain, LaRonda McClain, Michael Mendoza, Kathlene Miller, Nicole Moore, Ashley Navy, Sandra Obando, Alexandria Pharr, Susan Potter, Jessica Rabb, Joshua Richardson, LaShay Scruggs, Jennifer Seay, Tiffany Shockley, Danelle Short, Stephanie Smith, Trista Spanial, Christopher Starr, Chanty Stephens, Brooke Stewart, Erin Summitt, Nicole Summitt, Lindsay Taylor, Jodie Toney, Tyler Wyatt, Cathy Xaylited.

Sixth grade - Sasha Abarca, Brandy Adams, Nikita Adams, Richard Adams, Kyra Alexander, Krista Anderson, Joshua Baggett, Amber Baxley, Brittany Beard, Karrie Bell, Kevin Bell, Rainey Belt, Jada Blanton, Cody Blevins, Marie Bowen, Megan Bradshaw, Brittany Brafford, Corry Branham, Jonathan Brice, Tasha Calhoun, Casey Camp, Ashley Canoutas, Justin Carpenter,

Morgan Childers, David Clark, Kiombre Clark, Amber Collins, Kyle Connor, Katie Cooke, Amber Corley, Kristen Davis, Ryan Davis, Earle Paige, Erin Ellis, Dustin Forbes, Austin Gardner, Carol Gordon, Brittany Grant, Christopher Green, Martha Griffin, Christina Hale, Eilene Hansen, Logan Hardin, Benjamin Hart, Kristopher Hawkins, Jarryd Henderson, Matthew Henson, Lindsey Holland, Cortni Hulon, Daniel Humphries, David Hunter, Simone Johnson, Brian Kies, Haley Lail, Trevor Latta, William Lawrence, Catherine Logan, Kristen Long, Megan Lowery, Brittany McClain, Cole Moore, Jeremy Neal, Megan Neely, Edmundo Obando, Sarah Page, Kristen Parker, Gauri Patel, Victoria Philbeck, Christina Phillips, Lorrin Plyler, Matthew Richardson, Sara Roberts, Jarrett Rose, Shante Roseboro, Antwain Ross, Chelsey Rucker, Nikita Scotland, Adam Sellers, Curtis Shaw, Shon Sheffield, Anthony Simpson, Keomala Sinnorai, Andy Siravanta, Joshua Slycord, Brittiany Smith, Nathan Smith, Reid Smith, Brandon Stine, Tara Stowe, Andrew Turner, Elizabeth Van Dyke, Daniel Walters, Angel Watson, Jesse Watson, Laura Weigel, Christy Whetstone, TiAnna Whitaker, Brittany White, Brittany Willis, John Witherspoon, Brittney York.

(A Honor Roll)

Eighth grade - Brandon Anthony, Philip Bunch, Jason Carpenter, Lindsey Carpenter, Steffie Collis, Clay Costner, Nikki Deaver, Amanda Hord, Stewart Livsie, Kirsten Martin, Jennai Pettis, Thomas Reid, Ryan Simmons, Heath Walker, Heather Walker, Megan Wright.

Seventh grade - Angelica Adams, Cody Barrett, Brandi Davis, Kristyn Funderburke, Lucas Lankford, Amber Malpass, Harsh Patel, Zachary Putnam, Trey Robinson, Tyler Scruggs, Casey Shirey, Brittney Thornburg, Christina Upright, Travis Volz, Heather Wilson.

Sixth grade - Larry Benton, Elizabeth Bridges, Kyle Byars, Halie Calver, Tyler Cannon, Bryan Chapman, Jennifer Cole, Tayler Deaton, Alex Fields, Kelly Flynn, Christopher Greene, Kristin Healy, Lauryn King, Ryan Leach, Jennifer Lineberger, Ashley Lockhart, Paul Mansfield, Kinsley Mashburn, Mone't McClain, Hitesh Mirchandani, Anthony Nations, Jaimin Patel, Jalisa Pettis, Naly Phongsouvanh, J.L. Presnell, Sarah Russell, Bennett Suber, Caitlyn Suber, Lauren Suber, Courtney Tate, Angela Wall, Jessica Yarbro.

Brandon McSwain wins Chick-fil-A scholarship

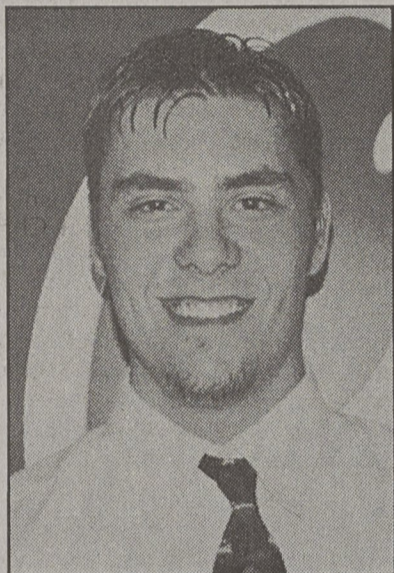
Brandon McSwain of Kings Mountain has been named a Chick-fil-A S. Truett Cathy Scholarship Award, becoming the first person in the area to receive the honor.

The award provides a second \$1,000 scholarship to 25 Chick-fil-A restaurant employees who were selected from the previous year's Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarship winners.

McSwain is employed at the Cleveland Mall Chick-fil-A restaurant, operated by Tim Ray. He also received a Chick-fil-A Leadership Scholarship while working there during high school.

The restaurant opened in September 1982.

McSwain, who is a member of the Christian band Livingstonsix, is studying music with a concentration in recording and artist management at Appalachian State



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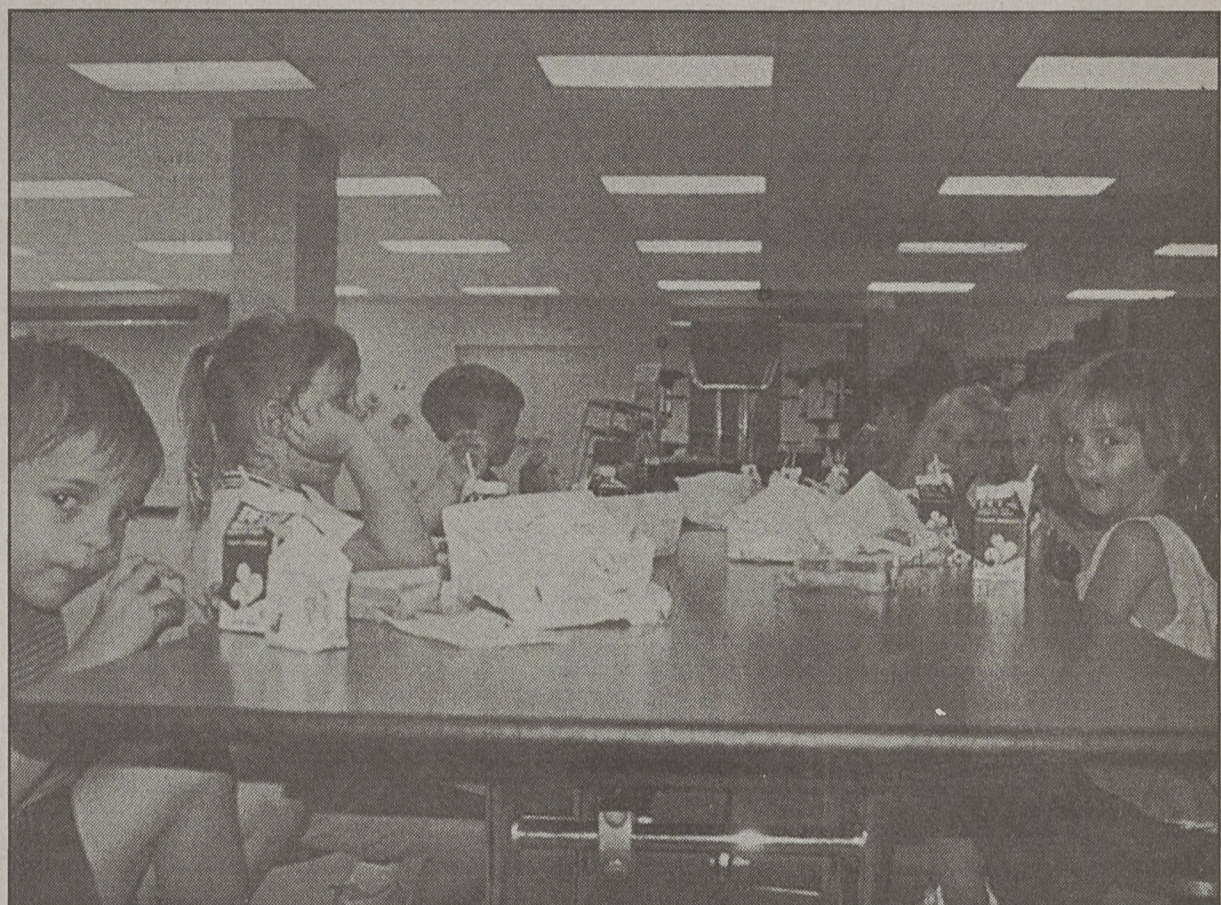
University. During his first year at ASU, he participated in the Men's Glee Club and Trombone Choir, and played basketball in the school's intramural pro-

gram where his team placed third. His Christian band also played weekly for the Campus Christian Fellowship.

He is a 2000 graduate of Kings Mountain High School where he received a North Carolina Academic Scholar diploma. He developed his talents as a musician and performer by participating in several activities at school including band, musical plays, choir, and the school's traveling show choir "King's Revue."

The Cathy Scholar Award's 25 winners were selected from 974 recipients of the 2000 Leadership Scholarship.

To be eligible for the Chick-fil-A Leadership, restaurant employees must complete their high school education, be accepted into college, and remain active in their school and community.



BEN LEDBETTER/THE HERALD

Students in the Ready, Set, Grow! pre-kindergarten program at Bethware School eat lunch recently. Pictured are Richard Short, Leah Scruggs, Savannah Jones and Brandon Watts

Ready, Set, Grow program gives pre-kindergarten students boost

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

Helping preschool students in the summer prepare for kindergarten will help them during the later stages of their education.

That is reasoning behind Ready, Set, Grow! which Kings Mountain District Schools started to target students that scored low on the Brigance Achievement Test.

And according to Bethware Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Brenda Wright, the five year old program has done that.

The test score is what is used to determine eligibility.

Wright said the average gain for students on the achievement test has been 20 points.

Students in the program participate in a three-four week session during the summer, with class sizes being limited to 20 students.

Wright said Page Ozmore and herself have been teaching the program for approximately four years.

"I think it is the best program we have for pre kindergartners," Wright said.

The program is also being done at East Elementary and Grover Elementary Schools.

A parent center at Central School is also used to work with the students.

Ready, Set, Grow! has students studying various concepts such as skills, colors, goals, numbers and self.

Wright said the pre-kindergarten summer session helps the new students grow emotionally, physically and mentally.

The program is funded through the Partnership for Children in Shelby which is part of the Head Start program.

With a shortfall projected in the state's budget over the next two years, Lynda Stewart, Kings Mountain Schools Elementary Curriculum Specialist, said she hopes the program can still be funded.

"We hope we can get funding for it next year, but it looks doubtful," Stewart said.

Stewart said the program is also used in the Cleveland County and Shelby City School Districts.

With kindergarten being more structured, Wright said the program prepares them for that.

"Because of kindergarten being more structured, that's why we started it - to get them ready," Wright said. "I think it is the best program we have for pre kindergartners."

Families for Kids Rally

Call to the Community for Adoptive and Foster Families

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Cleveland Mall, Shelby



We urgently need families and friends for our kids in Cleveland County. Join Rev. Charles Reed, Director of Community Services, Kings Mountain Baptist Association at the first-ever Adoption Rally in Cleveland County.

Over 160 children are growing up in foster care in Cleveland County and more than 12 are waiting now for families to adopt them. Some children are separated from their brothers and sisters. We need more foster and adoptive families for each of our children and so brothers

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