



Students from Kings Mountain Middle School who have family connected to the war in Iraq displayed yellow ribbons about the campus to show their concern for their loved ones. Tammy Heffner, school secretary, arranged the event. Students pictured and their loved ones involved are Trey Bolch, father Mike Bolch; Paige Earle, brother-in-law Shane Acuff; Brittainy Willis, uncle Eric Willis; and Tiffany Ledford, father Richard Ledford.

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GUEST COLUMN

School of Excellence takes total team effort

By MIKE RHONEY

What makes a school of excellence?

Excellent and caring teachers, eager and curious students, concerned and supportive parents, and a community who cooperates and pulls together for the school.



That describes West School.

However, few people realize how West School faculty, parents and community pull together in times of need. For the students, much time and effort go into planning educational activities such as special daily lessons requiring manipulative and exhaustible items, which are replenished by teachers, parents, or members of the

community. Field trips lend understanding as some students visit our state capitol to see how the government works, or the Lake Norman Museum of Science to explore. Then there is a trip of a lifetime for a kindergarten - to the circus! Community members often support a child so they may go on trips with their classmates. There are the tireless mentors who come to read or visit with a child. Without our school's support group, it would be impossible to reinforce classroom teachings with memorable "out of book" experiences.

If I have described your school, too, please thank those individuals who are responsible. Without them, we would not have schools of excellence.

(Mike Rhoney is the principal of West Elementary School).



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Kings Mountain Historical Museum coordinator Mickey Crowell speaks to Bethware Elementary third graders about different hat and dress styles from the last century. Students also had a chance to visit the log cabin near the museum.

Bands to perform contest selections

The Kings Mountain High School 9th grade and Blazer bands will present a concert of their State Contest Festival selections on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Barnes Auditorium.

The Kings Mountain Middle School 7th and 8th grade bands will present their spring concert on Monday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m., and the KMHS 9th grade and Blazer bands will present their spring concert on Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m.

All concerts are at Barnes Auditorium and are free and open to the public.

Wright KMHS Student of Month

Tara Wright has been named Vocational Student of the Month at Kings Mountain High School.

Wright is a senior and hopes to attend college to prepare for a career as a vet tech.

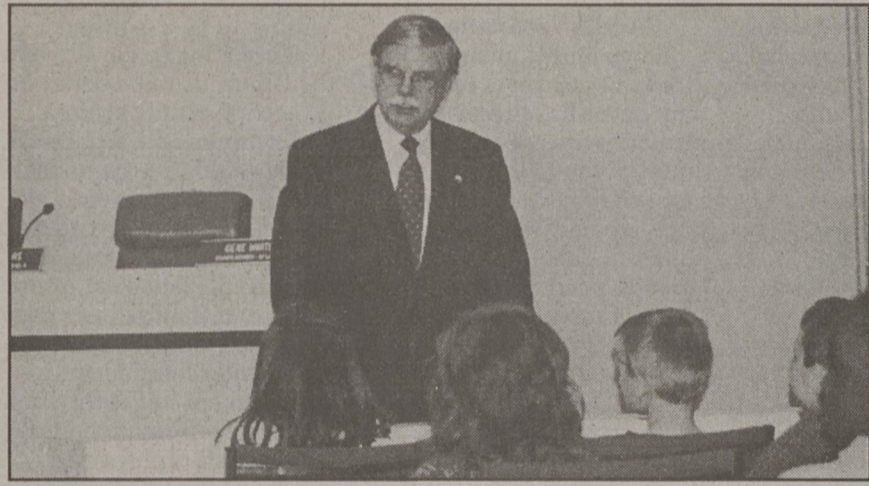
Mountaineer golfers win match

Kings Mountain High's golf team defeated East Gaston and East Rutherford in an 18-hole match Tuesday at Woodbridge Golf Links.

The Mounties shot a 321 to East Rutherford's 340 and East Gaston's 383.

Tripp Morrow of East Rutherford was medalist with a 76. Chris Jolly led the Mountaineers with a 77, followed by Josh Ethers 79, Sam McGinnis 82 and Russ Putnam 83.

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Mayor Rick Murphrey speaks to Bethware Elementary third graders during their tour of City Hall last Thursday. Students had the opportunity to learn about the different aspects of running a city and explore the City Council room.

EAST
From 8A

Mauney, Chad Davis, Abbie Lynch, Lea Zwick, Yvonne Jones, Jasmine Degree, Mitchell Hardee, Jacob Ingram, Ambreia Hamrick, Khalahjia Smarr, Breanna Stevens, Wendy Wheeler, Rebekah Anthony, Elaine Cass, Mikalia Butler, Kirsten Postell, Tyler Bess, Austin

Black, Claire Richards, Elizabeth Wells, Anne Crawford, Jesse Davis, Shelton Watson.

AB honor roll - Chandler Bell, Nancy Bernon-Olmos, Alex Castellano, Desmond Crank, Sean Downey, Katherine Garcesa, Taylor Stephens, Christopher Swofford, Camille Watson, Sacoya Champion, Jose De Jesus, Angelica Lubas, Mathew Morgan, Dustin

Burgess, Katie Holland, Markeisha Holland, Joshua Oliver, Phillip Quinn, Christina Waddell, Taylor Wright, Laura Canniff, Jake Craden, Kanaan Greene, Brandi Griggs, Chelsea Pratt, JaNeisha Raymond, Trent Rhea, Brittany Robert, Erik Thompson, Anthony Wilson, Robert Johnson, Chuck Barber, Deanna Carroll, Ross Clark, Ericka Dabbs.

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