

# Rock Hounds

Students from Grover Elementary's Science Camp spent Monday at the Martin Marietta Aggregates quarry. From top left, students explore the rocks, some almost boulder size. Randy Strickland of Martin Marietta watches the children. Second grader Ridge McNeely examines a rock. Left, bottom: Strickland and student Brad Henderson talk rocks. Instructor Debora Wright and third grader Khadijah Byers find a rock. The students are studying rocks and minerals this week. The quarry hosted a picnic for the students.

Photos by Andie Brymer



# Safe Kids

KMDS gets \$10,000 grant to develop program to promote safety of young school children

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In addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, Kings Mountain Elementary students will get several lessons in safety this year.

Motor vehicle, bike, pedestrian and water safety and fire, choking, poison and fire arm injury prevention will be coordinated by a new Risk Watch Champions team, according to Judi Hawkins, Cleveland County Safe Kids and Safe Communities co-coordinator.

The program is funded by a \$10,000 grant from the North Carolina Safe Kids Coalition. Lenoir and New Hanover counties were also awarded grant money.

The program will use storytelling for pre-kindergartners and kindergartners. First and second graders will use a detective model.

"That age children like to solve problems," Hawkins said.

Third and fourth graders will use a reporting model.

The program can be integrated into other parts of the overall curriculum. The program may be expanded through eighth

grade in the future.

Grover Elementary School Assistant Principal Susan Hughes will travel to Raleigh with representatives from Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, Shelby Fire Department and Cleveland County Schools for a two day Risk Watch Champions workshop this week. This team will implement the program in the fall.

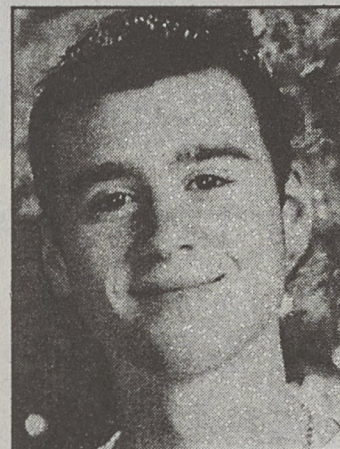
During the school year, Kings Mountain teachers will work with the team to further develop the program. From there, it will be used in Cleveland County and Shelby schools.

"It's very exciting. This team concept will be great," Hawkins said.

Grover Elementary has used a version of the program for the past few years.

Risk Watch attempts to create safer homes and communities. Each year, unintentional injuries kill approximately 6,000 children and permanently disable more than 120,000, officials say.

The Risk Watch program was created by the National Fire Prevention Association.



MATTHEW JACKSON

## Jackson named to national honor roll

Matthew Jackson has been selected for induction into the 2002-03 National Honor Roll for outstanding academic achievement.

The National Honor Roll will include Jackson's name and biography as one of America's leading high school students. A very small percentage of high school students achieve the honor.

Jackson's achievement earns him an invitation to apply for one of the 25 scholarships awarded annually by the Educational Research Center of America in cooperation with the National Honor Roll.

His biography will receive widespread exposure when the book is published at the end of the school year. Copies will be distributed to governors, U.S. Senators, selected high school libraries, colleges and universities.

Jackson was also recently named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Jackson is the son of Ronald and Diana Jackson of Aberdeen, MD. He is the grandson of Betty W. Johnson of Kings Mountain and Gene and Lillian Jackson of Gastonia. His godparents are Gene and Gail Dixon of Kings Mountain.

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