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Susan Bridges was named Wal-Mart Distribution Center teacher of the year. Picture is Ashley Drake, left, front, Joshua Drake; Jill Drake, left, second row, Wayne Drake, Susan Bridges; back row, Calvin Adams.

Grover's Susan Bridges Wal-Mart Teacher of Year

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Grover Elementary teacher Susan Bridges was recognized as Wal-Mart Distribution Center teacher of the year Monday afternoon.

In a surprise announcement during a faculty meeting, Bridges was recognized by General Manager Calvin Adams.

Jill Drake, Wal-Mart employee and the mother of first grader Joshua Drake, nominated Bridges. In her nomination letter, Drake praised the teacher for meeting with parents at their convenience, writing reports

for her son's doctor and helping her son get needed testing.

"She has always been a source of encouragement to our son and us," Drake wrote.

Principal Janet Anthony praised Bridges for working until 5 or 6 p.m. most days.

"Susan demonstrates her love for her students by her focus on the whole child, not just their educational needs," Anthony wrote.

Bridges was awarded a \$1,000 educational grant, \$50 Wal-Mart shopping card to buy classroom supplies and an honorary Wal-Mart vest. She is eligible to compete in state-wide competition.

Senior play this week at Kings Mountain High

Kings Mountain High School will present its senior play, "The Complete History of America (Abridged)," May 6-8 at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Renaissance benefits apply.

"The Complete History of America (Abridged)," written by Adam Long, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor, is an "intellectual vaudeville" that completely skews the heroes of American history, such as Lewis and Clark, George Washington and his Minute Men, Betsy Ross, and the Founding Fathers James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin.

The first bullet fired at the Battle of Lexington and Concord is confused with the "Magic Bullet Theory" from the assassination of JFK, and becomes a running theme throughout the show. Historical facts are presented in a way that is never seen in history class. While the show is a comedy, it

still manages to ask deep and meaningful questions, such as "who really discovered America, how many Democrats does it take to screw in a light bulb, and why Mrs. Lincoln didn't enjoy the play."

"This year's senior play is going to be better than every," says senior Liz Nichols, "because this cast is larger than last year's, we are still a tight-knit group of friends, and we can really see that coming out in the rehearsals. The performances should be no different. I will say one thing, though; it's been tough trying to put an entire show together in less than a month while working around a busy auditorium schedule, on our senior projects and keeping up with our other classes. It's a show that utilizes a great deal of improvisation, so expect the unexpected. We do. Still, whatever it is it's going to be good. Everyone needs to make sure that they come out and see it."

For more information, call Dan Treharne at KMHS at 704-734-5647.

Wray attends NCCAT seminar

Debby W. Ray of Kings Mountain, grades 6-8 business teacher at Southwest Middle School, recently attended a seminar, "In the Company of Animals" at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

Ledford to solo at band concert

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Kings Mountain High School Senior Emilie Ledford played clarinet with the state's top music students during the recent All-State Band performance at UNC-Greensboro.

Ledford auditioned in early March at East Rutherford High School. She was among the 20 clarinetist selected. A total of 94 students participated in the senior level band made up of eleventh and twelfth graders. There also is a middle school All-State Band for sixth through eighth graders and high school All-State Band for ninth and tenth graders.

Ledford called the experience "amazing." The group practiced for two days before performing at Aycock Auditorium. The conductor was Colonel Lowell Graham of the United States Air Force Band.



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Emilie Ledford will solo during May 10 and 12 Kings Mountain High School band concerts.

Ledford, the daughter of Jerry and Sheila Ledford, will attend UNC-G this fall. Several of her future classmates were in the All-State Band.

On May 10 and 12 Ledford will solo during KMHS band concerts. Ledford first played the pieces with the Charlotte Symphony earlier this year.

The May 12 concert will be band director Chris Cole's last performance. Cole will retire at the end of the school year.

The concert will feature both the Symphonic Blazer Band and the KMHS ninth grade band. They will play marches, overtures and novelty pieces. Cole and Gil Doggett will conduct.

The Kings Mountain Middle School band will perform May 10. Both concerts are at Barnes Auditorium and are free. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

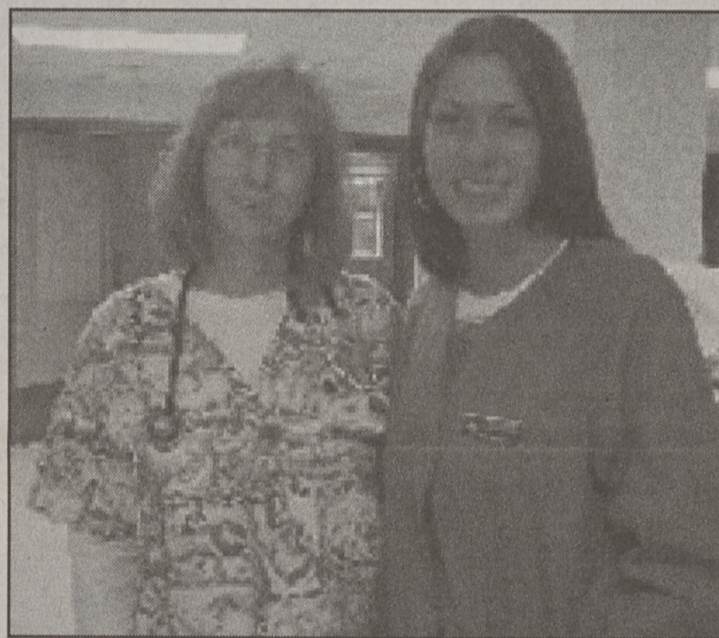
The Symphonic Blazer Band and KMHS ninth grade bands received superior ratings at the South Central District Concert Festival held in Shelby in March.

KM career tech students take part in job shadow program

Several juniors and seniors from the Career-Technical Education classes at Kings Mountain High School were recently selected to participate in a Job Shadowing program.

Students were placed with local business people for the morning to observe and learn more about careers or occupations that directly related to their CTE class or pathway for high school graduation. Students were given the opportunity to select careers they were interested in and were considering pursuing after high school.

The KMHS student participants for the April program were Rainey Belt, Stephen Bolt, Thomas Breakfield, Jessica Calhoun, Jerry Canipe, Miles Galloway, Daniel Humphries, Luke Logan, David McClish, Carla Mull, Sonal Patel, Kelly Peeler, Isaac Proctor, Adam Queen, Josh Richardson, Becky Sisk, and Heath Walker. The students were recommended for the program by their high school career-technical education teachers.



Jessica Calhoun, right, job shadows nurse Beverly Berry at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Local area businesses that participated as sponsors were Beam Construction, Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Kings Mountain Hospital, Cleveland Lumber Company, Cleveland Physical Therapy Associates, Coldwell Banker, Cup & Saucer Tearoom, Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce, Hall Builders,

Moretz Engineering, Scism & Son Paint and Body Shop, Summit Place, Talley & Smith Architecture, Turbo Conveyor Systems, and Wachovia Banking. The program was coordinated by Mrs. Nancy Hager, Career Development Coordinator at Kings Mountain High School.

Benton named National Scholar

Kings Mountain High School sophomore Larry Dean Benton has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars.

The Society recognizes top scholars in the nation and

invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Larry has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academ-

ic excellence," Nobel said. "Larry is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James Lewis.



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