

## SPORTS

## MORRIS

From 1B

"I was a pretty good old country player, but I fell in love with my wife (the former April Brown) and that changed a lot of things. She was in nursing school at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. I had a little old Volkswagen and every weekend I'd turn that thing loose and it would go to Winston-Salem. Bobby Biddix and Paul Hendricks were at Wake Forest then and I'd spend every weekend with them."

Morris doesn't regret not signing a pro contract, nor does he regret ending his playing career to get married.

"I wound up with a good wife and a good family and a good career in the scrap business," he said. "It doesn't hinge on a hurt arm or bad break. I haven't regretted it at all."

Morris's sons, Neil and Chris, both played football and baseball at Kings Mountain High. His daughter, Amy, is a teacher here. All of his children and four grandchildren still live in Kings Mountain and he says "it's good to have them close by."

Now 63, Morris is not into sports. He occasionally



Jerry Morris, Jerry Webster and Don Horn, left to right, were teammates at Bethware High School and American Legion Post 155.

watches them on TV. He stays in shape by working hard at his scrap metal building and on his nearby farm where he runs about 50 head of cattle. "There's always fences to mend and holes to dig," he says.

Going into the Hall of Fame is an honor, he says.

"I don't look at it as what I accomplished," he said. "It's

just what fell in place over the years. Bobby and I were like an old 1-2 punch. It will be an honor for me, especially at my age.

"It all started down at Parkgrace," he added. "You look back and your parents were always the biggest influence. They always got us there and back."

## WANT TO GO?

The Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony is Saturday, May 13 at 6 p.m. at Kings Mountain High School. Tickets are \$10. They are available at The Herald, from any member of the Hall of Fame committee, and at the door.

## Past Hall of Fame inductees

Here's a look at the past inductees. Their plaques are on display at the Kings Mountain High School auditorium.

1988 - Jake Early, Kevin Mack, George Adams, John Henry Moss.

1989 - Marge Crisp, Jim Dickey, Pat Murphy, 1964 KMHS football team.

1990 - George Harris, Charlie Ballard, Don Parker.

1991 - Toby Williams, Jim Kimmell, John Gamble, Ken Baity.

1992 - Hugh "Red" Ormand, Otis Cole, Eugene Goforth, Shu Carlton.

1993 - Richard Gold, Freddy Smith, Coman Falls, 1948 KMHS men's basketball team.

1994 - Jimmy Littlejohn, Zeb Plonk, Grace Page, 1955 KMHS football team.

1995 - James "Red" Layton, Bud Bumgardner, Punch Parker, 1966 Teener baseball all-stars.

1996 - Bill Cashion, Fred Withers, Pride Ratterree, Second Baptist men's softball

teams.

1997 - Bill Bates, Carl Smith, Carl Champion, Chuck Gordon.

1998 - John Blalock, Charles Barnes, 1956 KMHS football team.

1999 - Bryan Jones, Jim Gibson, Bob Hussey.

2000 - Roy Pearson, Steve Moffitt, Regina Brown, Keith Layton.

2001 - Gary Stewart, Judy Medlin Champion Delbert Dixon.

2002 - Calvin Stephens, Jack Ruth, Jerry Adams, Butch Blalock.

2003 - Dremiel Byers, Mike Ware, Aubrey Hollifield, Barry Gibson.

2004 - Bobby Biddix, Ken Mitchem, Guy Fisher, 1990 KMHS men's basketball team.

2005 - Paul Brannon, Rusty Bumgardner, Denny Hicks, 1989 KMHS baseball team.

Here's a look at the past winners of scholarships given at the Hall of Fame banquets:

1997 - Corey McCrary, Catie Brannon.

1998 - T.J. McClain, Shana Sizemore.

1999 - Julius Curry, D Chapman, Anthony Ash, Chad Pearson.

2000 - Manisone Phanthalack, Torez Leach, Heather Ann Causby, Joe Williamson.

2001 - Kenny Moore, J Chapman, Anna Ramey, Laura Propst, Javorus Wilson.

2002 - Matt Varner, Heather Kubu, Megan Spicer.

2003 - Rachele Chryst, Chris Yon, Matt Frazier, Danielle Gill, Sarah Propst, Presha Barnes.

2004 - Raquel Welsh, Hayley Flynn, Tiffany Williams, Orlando Curry, Steven Grant.

2005 - Brad Moffitt, Philip Bunch, Kara Fujita, Thomas Reid, Stacey Spicer, Dustan Hudson.

Here's a look at the past winners of the

Distinguished Service Award:

2003 - Paul Lancaster, Pressley Anderson.

2004 - John Dilling, Bill Grissom.

2005 - Gene Tignor, Donnie Mace.

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## Bar H Rodeo May 12-13

The Bar H Championship Rodeo & Country Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, at the Bar H Arena in Boiling Springs.

The family festival begins at 6 p.m. and is included in the price of admission. There will be hayrides, carriage rides, carnival rides, roping event, BB shooting range, sheep scramble, hat scram-

ble, a western town and antiques.

The rodeo begins at 8 p.m. It is sanctioned by the Southern States professional Rodeo Association and will be giving cash prizes and champion points. Events include bareback bronc riding, team roping, cowgirls breakaway roping, cowgirls goat tying, calf roping, cowgirls barrel racing and bull riding. There will be comedy

acts by Chico Adams of Stanley and dress acts will be featured. Three spectators will be able to participate on a cowboy drag race each performance. There is a colorful tribute to God and country.

Advance tickets are available through Wed., May 10 at The Cowboy Place in Shelby, Humphries Quick Stop in Boiling Springs, Cleveland Feed & Seed in Shelby, The

Corral in Waco and Spindale, Lewis Feed & Seed in Gastonia, and Partners Western Store in Lincolnton.

Friday, May 12 is senior citizen night. Seniors 60 and over will be admitted at a child's price. Special admission for charity groups can be obtained through the office for the May 12 performance.

For more information call 704-434-2866.

## KM girls win four in event at Disney World

Kings Mountain High's women's softball team won all five of its games in the recent spring break tournament at Disney World.

The Lady Mountaineers defeated Holy Angels Academy of New York 27-0 in a three inning contest. KM scored 17 runs in the first inning to back Morgan Childers' no-hit, eight-strikeout performance.

Casey Camp was 3-for-4 with three doubles and five RBI. Childers was 3-for-3 with two doubles and two RBI, and LaRonda McClain was 3-for-5 with one RBI. Kala Buchanan and Brittney Thornburg had two hits each and Kristyn Funderburke, Kristin Cogdill and Jessica Yarbrow added one each.

Childers hurled a one-hitter and struck out 19 in a 3-0 win over Northhampton High of Pennsylvania. Camp again led the hitting with 3-for-4 and two RBI.

Cogdill had two hits, including a double, and McClain and Yarbrow had a hit apiece.

Childers and Haley Barrett teamed up in a 8-0 win over Webster Thomas of New York. Childers gave up one hit and fanned 10 over the first four innings, and Barrett gave up two hits over the last three innings.

Camp went 4-for-5, including a double, and McClain was 4-for-5 and stole three bases. Childers was 2-for-4, including a double, and Courtney Tate, Funderburke, Cogdill and Thornburg had a hit each.

Childers allowed three hits and struck out 16 in a 4-0 win over Wall High School of New Jersey. Camp was 2-for-3, including a home run and two RBI, and McClain was 2-for-3. Tate, Funderburke, Cogdill and Thornburg added a hit apiece.

Prior to heading south, the Mountaineers posted a 10-0 Southwestern Conference win over Burns. Childers struck out nine over the first three innings and Barrett pitched the final four innings and struck out six.

McClain led the plate attack with 4-for-4 and Camp was 3-for-3. Childers was 2-for-4 with a home run and five RBI.

Tate, Funderburke and Thornburg had a hit apiece.

The Mountaineers blanked a good St. Stephens team 1-0 Monday at Lancaster Field. Childers scattered four hits and struck out 17.

KM scored the only run of the game in the third inning on Childers' RBI single.

Camp led the hitting with 2-for-3 and a double. McClain had a hit and scored the winning run, and Buchanan, Cogdill, Yarbrow and Thornburg added one hit each.

## Mountie netters edge East 5-4, look to tourney

Kings Mountain High's men's tennis team edged East Rutherford 5-4 in a Southwestern 2A/3A Conference match Monday.

The Mountaineers carried a 6-1 conference and 8-4 overall record into a game Wednesday at Burns. A victory would give the Mountaineers at least a share of the SWC championship and the top 3A seed from the SWC in the upcoming state tournament.

Kings Mountain will compete in the conference tournament May 2-3 at Gardner-Webb University.

The Mountaineers won two of the three doubles matches to beat East Rutherford.

## Singles

Will Franks (KM) d. Michael Martin 6-0, 6-3; Zach Putnam (KM) d. Zeke Stevenson 6-3, 6-1; Matt Bedford (ER) d. Paul Philavong 6-1, 6-4; Alexander Byers (ER) d. Josh Vassey 6-1, 6-1; Matt Henson (KM) d. Andy Davenport 7-6, 7-5, 6-1; Andrew Parrish (ER) d. Davis Phanthalack 2-6, 6-0, 7-2.

## Doubles

Franks/Putnam (KM) d. Martin/Stevenson 10-0; Philavong/Vassey (KM) d. Bedford/Byers 10-3; Davenport/Parrish (ER) d. Henson/Cole Hariston 9-7.

## MISSING



Missing -- A large black and white male Husky. Wolfie has a white face with a small black spot over his right eye. He is 9 years old and has blue eyes. He's been neutered and has been missing since April 17th. **There is a reward of \$250 for anyone who calls and gets him home.** My number is 704-739-8717.

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