

SPORTS

Hall to induct Curry, Bridges, Eng, wrestling team

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The 21st annual Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony will be held Saturday, May 10 at 6 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church.



CURRY

Three individuals and one team will be inducted and numerous other individuals will receive special achievement awards and scholarships.

The cost is \$10. Tickets are available at the Kings Mountain Herald and from members of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Inductees include:

LaVar Curry, one of the all-time great basketball players at Kings Mountain High School and Belmont Abbey College. Curry scored 1,022 points during his three-year KMHS career, was a three-time All-Conference



BRIDGES

selection and the SWC Player of the Year in 1985. In a four-year career at Belmont Abbey, he scored 2,044 career points, was All-District 26



ENG

three years in a row, was Co-Player of the Year in District 26 in 1989 and had his jersey retired.

Diana Bridges, former Kings Mountain High volleyball coach who posted a 15-year record of 261-74, including 10 conference championships and the 1998 state 3-A championship.

Rev. Robert Eng III, Kings Mountain pastor who formed Eng's School of Self Defense and the North Carolina Kickboxing Commission. During his career in martial arts, he trained over 1,000 men and women to the Black Belt



1989-90 KMHS wrestling team - Front row, left to right, Chris Henson, Scott Belcher. Second row, Tee Cole, Bill Foard, Bo Phongs, Robbie Ruff, Mike Byers. Third row, Rico Strong, Nikki Herndon, Timmy McClain, Andy Hollifield, Tony Young, Jermaine Grier, Victor Bell, D.J. Williams, Becky Bridges, head coach Steve Moffitt. Back row, Antwan Brown, assistant coach Dave Farquharson, Rodney Houser.

level. Ten of his fighters won Professional World Title Championship belts, and 16 won the U.S. title. Eng trained the first Undisputed Kickboxing Champion of the World, David "Rock" Humphries.

The 1989-90 KMHS wrestling

team, which won the Western Regional Championship and finished second in the State tournament. Coached by Steve Moffitt, the Mountaineers compiled an 18-2 overall record with their only losses to the state 3-A and 4-A championship teams. Team members

were Chris Henson, Scott Belcher, Tee Cole, Bill Foard, Bo Phongs, Robbie Ruff, Mike Byers, Timmy McClain, Andy Hollifield, Tony Young, Jermaine Grier, Victor Bell, D.J. Williams, Antwan Brown and Rodney Houser.

Former KM football player Josh Yon makes ASU team

Josh Yon of Kings Mountain recently walked on and made the football team at Appalachian State University.



YON

Yon, a 2005 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, was a stand-out football player and wrestler at KMHS. He passed up a wrestling scholarship to Belmont Abbey to focus on his goal of playing college football.

After high school, he worked for a year and a half at Martin Marietta and weekends at RO's Barbecue to earn enough money to enroll in college. He is one of 17 linemen at ASU, and one of only three walk-ons to

make the team.

Josh's brother, Chris, also played football at KMHS. While in KM, Josh lives with Angie and Richard Cogdill and their son, Casey, another former KMHS football player who is a lineman at Wingate University.

"Josh is like one of our own kids," said Richard Cogdill. "He's been with us about five years. His brother, Chris, is a big influence on him. We're real proud of him. He and Casey are like brothers."

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