



Students get a lesson from the experts on Farm Safety Day

Pictured are instructors for Farm Safety Day attended by Agriculture students at Kings Mountain High School. Seated: Dewey Cook; standing, from left, Jonathan Pitman, Craig Mayes, agriculture teacher, Harry Sain, Wayne Yarbro, Thad Allen, Perry Davis, Gordon McDaniel, Ronald Hawkins and Mitchell Smart.

Eighty-five Kings Mountain High School 9-12 agricultural students learned about farm safety from the experts Thursday as the Cleveland County Farm Bureau hosted Farm Safety Day.

Tractor safety, fire safety, first aid skills, and electrical safety were the topics of demonstrations as the students walked through the various stations of interest in and outside the Agriculture Building.

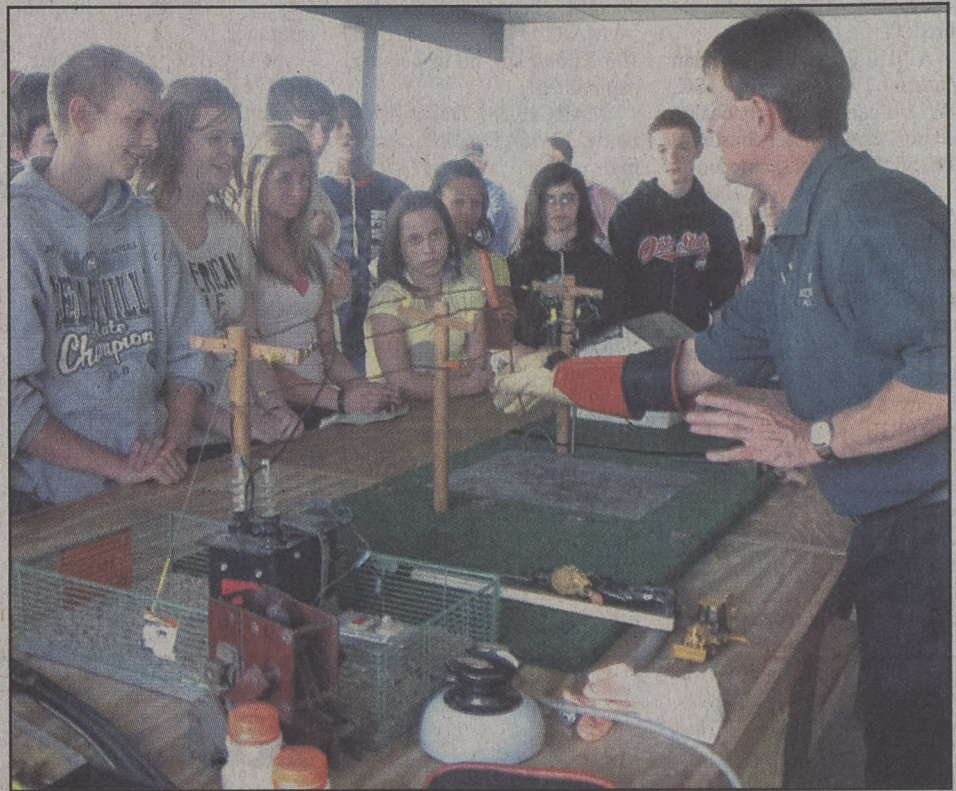
Wayne Yarbro and Thad Allen talked about how to operate a tractor safely, while Rutherford Electric Corporation representatives Jonathan W. Pitman and Gordon McDaniel stressed the importance of electrical safety with their timely demonstrations. EMT Ronald Hawkins encouraged students to be "sun safe" and avoid possible skin cancer. He emphasized head protection with hats, and said that hearing loss is preventable by protecting your ears during loud noise, and your eyes by wearing eyeglasses, among other safety and health tips. He also said that

long sleeves were a must as well as hats while working out in the sun.

Hawkins said that 99% of outdoor accidents in the county occur when people use weed eaters and don't wear goggles to protect their eyes. He said that flying debris can heavily damage a person's eyes. He also suggested that outdoor chores should be done in the hot summer months in early mornings or late evenings.

Dewey Cooke, the county's fire marshal, demonstrated how to use a fire extinguisher properly. Farm Bureau representative Harry Sain said that the group of instructors also travel to Burns and Crest High Schools to give similar programs to agriculture students, sponsored by the Bureau directors and volunteers.

Fatal Vision, a program sponsored by Farm Bureau, will return to Kings Mountain High May 12, at Crest High on May 5, and at Burns High on May 26.



Jonathan W. Pitman of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation demonstrates electric safety for Kings Mountain High School agriculture students on Farm Safety Day.

Senior projects to focus on health

Negus to host blood drive

Kings Mountain High School senior Josh Negus has aspired to be a medical doctor all his life.

His love of the medical profession was his reason for scheduling his senior project as a community blood drive to be held Sunday, April 17, from 2-5:30 p.m.

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas will be at the vacant former Dollar General building across from Kings Mountain City Hall to process donors. To make appointments call 704-739-0515 or email tesn2001@yahoo.com, or log onto www.cbcc.us/donate and enter the sponsor code SeniorProject.

"Just drop in," says Negus, the son of Teresa and Marty Negus of Kings Mountain and grandson of Joann Smith and the late Odus Smith and Mary Ann Katz and the late Albert Negus. The whole family, including Josh's younger brother, Austin Negus, a 6th grader, are enthusiastically supporting the project.

"Organ donations" was the theme of Josh's term paper in the 11th grade and this year he contacted the regional blood collecting center. CBC is also urging contributions as "a pint for a



Josh Negus

night" which means that for each donation in March and April, CBCC will make a contribution to support the families of sick children saying at the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte.

Another incentive for giving a pint of blood on Sunday is that some local merchants have donated raffle gifts for drawings to be held during the blood drive. They are Bridges Hardware, Body Junction, J Olivers, Timms Furniture, Farmer's Furniture, KM Florist, Pa-

triot Jack's, Dellinger's, and KM Pools.

All the blood collected at the blood give-in will help patients at Kings Mountain Hospital and Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

Josh and his family are members of First Baptist Church.

After high school graduation, Josh will enroll at East Carolina University in Greenville. He is excited that eight years from now he will attain his lifetime goal and become Dr. Josh Negus.

Burton to host workshop on melanoma

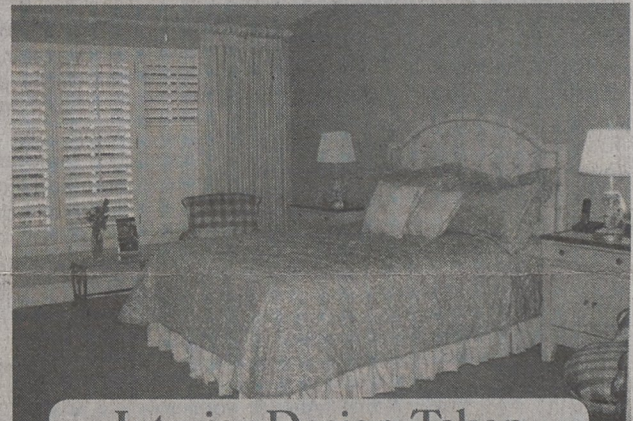
Jessica Burton, a senior at Kings Mountain High School, is hosting a free workshop for anyone interested in learning about the signs and symptoms of melanoma (skin cancer). The program will be held 3:30-



Jessica Burton

5:30 p.m., Sunday, April 17, at Patterson Grove Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Anyone who loves the beach, outdoor sports or tanning should not miss this informational program. Burton will host a guest speaker who will share news about melanoma, how to check for it, how to get screened, and what insurance will typically cover. Hear the positives and the negatives of sun UV radiation and find out what precautions you should take in protecting your skin.



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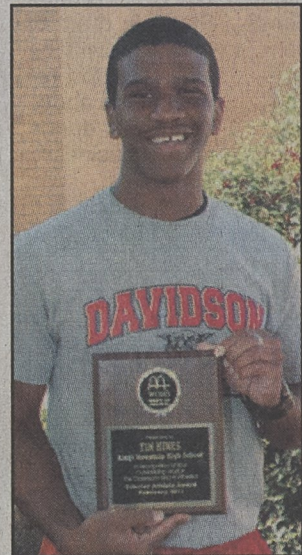


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Hines named Scholar Athlete



Tim Hines, was named McDonald's/WOHS Scholar Athlete of the Month. Hines is a senior at Kings Mountain High School.



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