



PORTER YELTON

### Yelton wins theatre critic award

Porter Yelton, Gaston Day School student and son of Bob Yelton of Kings Mountain, won the Charlotte Observer Student Theatre Critic Award recently and will receive the award May 19 at Belk Theater in Charlotte.

Eleven student critics from local high schools participated in the inaugural Student Critic Program in association with the 2nd annual Bumey Awards presented by Wells Fargo with support from The Charlotte Observer.

Editors at The Charlotte Observer chose the winner who is a junior student.

### Grover honors volunteers

Grover Elementary School held its annual Volunteer Day April 26.

Staff members prepared a wide variety of special desserts for all parents, grandparents, and community members who have given of their time and talents to help students this year.

Each volunteer also received a packet of flower seeds with stickers that read, "Volunteers Sow Seeds of Kindness."



AMBER SELLERS

### Sellers is National Honor Student

Amber Sellers, Freshman student at Kings Mountain High School and daughter of James and Tina Sellers of Kings Mountain, has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Student Award winner.

She will be recognized in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published annually.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The USAA National Honor Student Awards provide honor students with many benefits and services and is a tribute to a student's dedication, talent and ability.



ASHLEY RUSSELL

### Russell graduates from UNC

Sharon "Ashley" Russell, daughter of Perry and Sharon Russell of Kings Mountain, graduated May 12 at a 9:30 a.m. commencement ceremony in Kenan Stadium at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ashley majored in Journalism and Mass Communications (Editing and Graphic Design) and English with a minor in Information Systems. She was listed on the Dean's List for the last four semesters at UNC.

She is a 2009 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

Grandparents are Brenda Lawson, Clyde and Denise Lawson, Mark and Shirley Dickson and Dixie Blanton.

She plans to move to Dallas, Texas for employment at Brown Books Publishing.



KMMS Junior Beta Volunteers – Mayor Rick Murphrey greets Kings Mountain Middle School Junior Beta Club volunteers at the Kings Mountain Main Street office as they conduct a beautification project downtown under the leadership of Jan Harris, Main Street Director. Photo by ELLIS NOELL

### KMMS Junior Beta Club members participate in Main Street Program

Eighty members of the Kings Mountain Middle School Junior Beta Club traveled after school on Wednesday, May 22, to volunteer for the Kings Mountain Main Street Program.

The volunteer effort was the result of collaboration between the school and the Main Street program and was headed by Shelby Myers, 8th grade Counselor at KMMS. The students, under the supervision of KMMS Principal Dr. Brian Hunnell, Ms. Myers, Mauney Memorial Library Director and Main Street Advisory Board member Sharon Stack and Main Street Director Jan Harris were deployed to various areas in the downtown area to assist with beautification projects.

One group of students removed the spent pansies and weeds from around the Mauney Memorial Library's sign and planters while

another group removed a row of liriopie in the area between the main library biding and the Harris Children's Wing in preparation for a new concrete pad and bicycle rack which will be installed soon.

A third group of students went to the pedestrian corridor beside the Amity Building that connects S.Battleground with the Cherokee Street parking lot where they planted around 17 hostas in two of the large planters. The final group remained at the Main Street office on King Street where they cleared the weeds from the garden space in front of the office and planted three rose bushes.

The students were welcomed by Mayor Rick Murphrey who commended them on their volunteer efforts in support of their home town.

### New sign at KM Middle School

A new sign at Kings Mountain Middle School was purchased with funds provided by the community.

Kings Mountain Patriots" features a "Patriot" and was recently put up at the school.

"We want to thank sponsors for their generosity and for making a difference in the lives of our children," said a school spokesman.

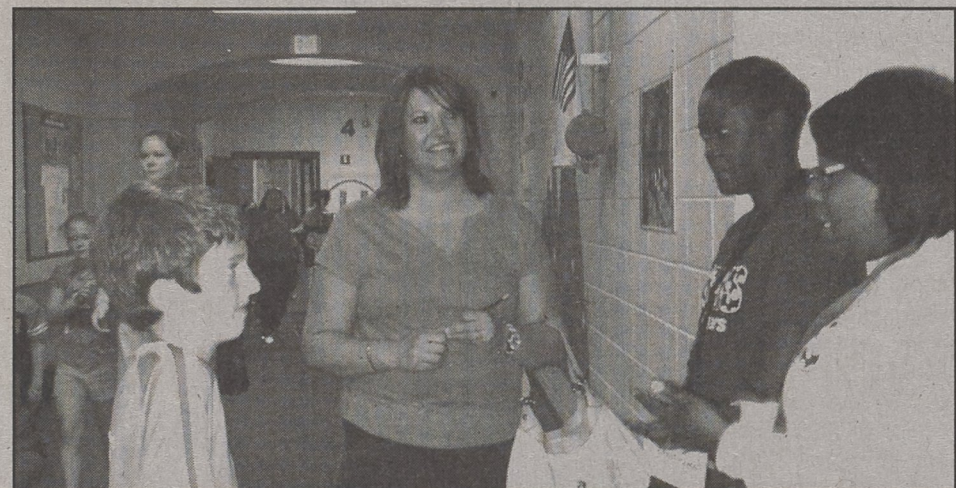
Sponsors included Harris Funeral Home, Chairman of the Board; Gold sponsors – Bridges Hardware, Jeff and Kate Carley,

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### Bridges, Moore in Phi Kappa Phi

Katie Bridges of Bethlehem Road and Jordan Moore of 1417 S. Battleground Avenue have been initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 75 percent of juniors.



PROUD TO BE A PIONEER NIGHT- Thursday was "Proud to be A Pioneer Night" at Kings Mountain Intermediate School as 4th grade orientation was held. An incoming student and his parent are greeted by faculty members Rachel Lowery and Jasmine Wilson.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER -Pictured are Peggy Troxell (State DAR Regent), Andrew Thomas Buchanan (scholarship winner from the Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter in Kings Mountain) and Judith Phillips (State DAR Scholarship chairman). This award was presented at the North Carolina State Daughters of the American Revolution Conference in Durham April 28, 2013. Andrew was also the DAR Good Citizen for the Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter this year.



MARCH MADNESS WINNERS – East School third and fourth grade students followed the NCAA tournament during PE classes. Physical Education teacher Barry Webster explained where each college is located, how the NCAA tournament works and encouraged students to reach the goal of attending college. One student from each class received a basketball. Front row, third graders, Stacy Hannon, Kayleigh Sauls and Hailey Hudson; back row, fourth graders Tommy Moore, Kadance Revels, Jaden Fields and Mr. Webster.

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