

SCHOOLS

Douangmavongsa wins Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship

Soulath Douangmavongsa, a senior at Kings Mountain High School, is the winner of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship of \$500.

She is the daughter of Samly Khamphouy and Khamphae Douangmavongsa, both of who work for Cablelink Inc.

The club chose Soulath as its nominee because of her high scholarship and leadership abilities, and her commitment to succeed despite obstacles. Academically, she has taken the most difficult curriculum offered and participated in a wide variety of activities.

A native of Laos, she is now a U.S. citizen. She speaks Laotian in her home. Her parents speak halting English.

The family moved from Laos to Hawaii, then to California, Virginia and finally Belmont, NC looking for work. While in Belmont her father died. Her mother re-married and the family moved to Kings Mountain.

In her interview, Soulath noted that her greatest strength is meeting new friends and her greatest weakness is being shy. She demonstrated her ability to think critically and to compare, apply, analyze, and synthesize ideas, and communicat-

ed ideas clearly. She also demonstrated originality of thought and a high degree of energy and enthusiasm. She has a good command of the English language, and with slight hesitations she demonstrated sound knowledge of the system of rules that define the grammatical structure of the English language. She also speaks French fluently.

Soulath participated in the Summer Ventures of Science and Math, where she studied and excavated an archeological site at Western Carolina University. She was a Junior Marshal at the 1996 graduation. She is secretary of the

National Honor Society and the National Beta Club. She attended the Academic Awards Banquet her freshman, sophomore and junior years and has been on the honor roll for the last four years. She was Junior Class and Senior Class representative for Student Council. She is a member of Students Against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E), Earthwatch, Key Club, and the French Club.

In the community, she tutors high school students for competency tests and also tutors her peers in mathematics. She participates in Student Council fund raisers. She

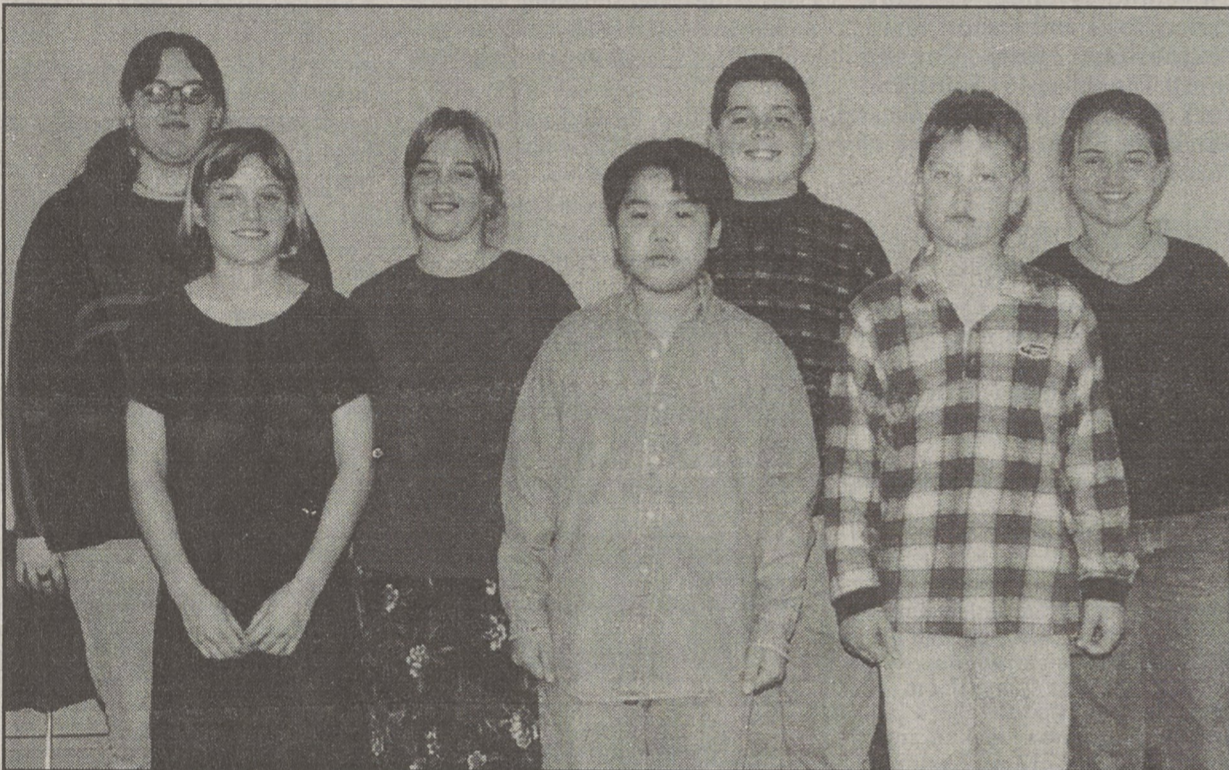
worked her junior year as a cashier at Hardee's in Kings Mountain and presently works as a sales associate at Revco/ CVS Pharmacy under Ragan Harper's supervision.

Soulath plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to major in pre-medicine, and to graduate with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She will continue her education at an optometry college. Her career goal is to work for a major eye care center or hospital and earn enough income to start her own optometry practice.



DOUANGMAVONGSA

School Briefs



DAR ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS - Pictured are winners in the Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter DAR-sponsored essay contests. Front row, from left, Katie Bennett, Daniel Monomai and Justin Weaver; second row, Catie Pate, Subrina Jones, Justin Smith and Kirsten Martin.

Students win DAR essay contests

Kathryn Davis Bennett, seventh grader and the DAR District II winner in the recent DAR essay contest, and Daniel Manomai, District overall 5th grader winner from West School, joined other contest winners from the schools in reading their winning essays Tuesday to members of Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter DAR.

The program was held at Weir Auditorium at Mauney Memorial Library.

Betty Masters introduced the group of students, including:

Bethware - Justin Roy Weaver, winner, and Megan R. Wright, first runner-up; East, Subrina Nellie Louise Jones, winner, and Francesca Hager, first runner-up; Grover, Kirsten Lee Martin, winner, and Norman Fain King, first runner-up; North, Robert Sadler Stowe, winner, and Steffie Christina Collis, first runner-up; and West School, Daniel Manomai, winner, and Ethan Sean Blanton, first runner-up.

The winners of DAR-sponsored contests at the Middle School were Charles Justin Smith, winner, and Elizabeth Drew Ware, first runner-up, 8th grade; Kathryn Davis Bennett, winner, and Sarah Alicia Propst, first runner up, seventh grade; and Catherine Marie Tate, winner and Jody Dennis Black, first runner-up, eighth grade.

Trip to New York City set for drama students

Betsy Wells, drama teacher at Kings Mountain High School, is

planning her annual drama trip to New York May 1-3. Transportation will be either by bus or plane.

The group will see two Broadway plays and will view the sights of New York, staying in the Howard Johnson in the Manhattan area. The trip includes dinner at two famous restaurants. Special activities will be planned including shopping, Chinatown, South Street Seaport, Metropolitan Museum of Art, So Ho and G. Village.

The cost is \$500 and will be taken in installments if necessary.

For more information call Wells at 734-5647.

The Music Man set at KMHS March 13-15

The drama, chorus and band departments of Kings Mountain High School will present "The Music Man" March 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m., and March 15 at 3 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

The cast involves over 60 students with 200 being involved in all aspects of the performance.

A special invitation is being issued to the cast of the 1989 production of the same play. They must call Mrs. Betsy Wells, Director, at 734-5647 to accept the special invitation.

St. Matthew's given \$500 grant from AAL

St. Matthew's Pre-School in Kings Mountain has been awarded a \$375 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans.

The grant is designed to encourage the staff of Lutheran early childhood centers to pursue professional development opportunities.

The grant was provided to over 4,000 Lutheran childhood centers through the AAL Lutheran Early Childhood Education Grant Program. Since 1995, AAL has provided more than \$4 million to Lutheran childhood centers across the country.

"AAL recognizes the role that Lutheran early childhood educators play in providing the building blocks needed for children to grow in their education and their faith," said Juanita Harder, manager of AAL education benefits. "We are

happy to support their work." AAL, based in Appleton, Wis., is a fraternal benefit society of 1.7 million Lutherans that provides insurance and volunteer opportunities to its members.

Farris gives recital at Gardner-Webb

Chad Farris of Kings Mountain, a senior music major at Gardner-Webb University, gave his tenor performance February 24 in the Dover Chapel on the GWU campus.

Farris, a graduate of Kings Mountain High School, is the son of Paul and Linda Farris. He is a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Belmont where he serves as minister of music. At GWU, he is a member of the Concert Choir and has participated in Symphonic Band, Pep Band, and Chorale.

Lori Bridges earns degree at Winthrop

Lori S. Bridges of Kings Mountain received a Master of Education degree with a major in Counseling and Development during fall commencement exercises at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.

The Honorable Betty Jo Rhea, mayor of Rock Hill, was the speaker.

Author Bathanti to read at Cleveland

Author Joseph Bathanti will be presented in a reading Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Cleveland Community College Auditorium.

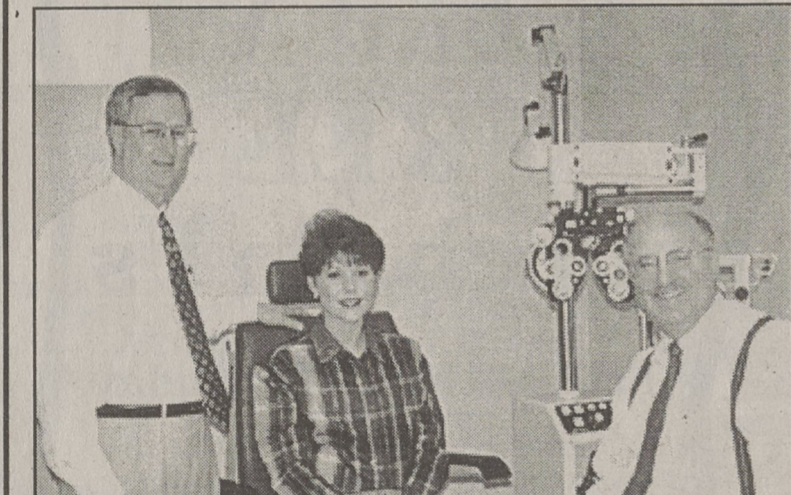
Bathanti is the author of four books of poetry, and has won awards from The North Carolina Writers' Network, The Deep South Writers Conference, The Atlanta Writers Resource Center, The North Carolina Poetry Society, and The Writers Workshop of Asheville.

Pottery exhibit set at Gaston College

The Gaston College Pottery Invitational Exhibit will be on display. See Briefs, 5B

Kings Mountain School Menus

Monday, March 9	Tuesday, March 10	Wed., March 11	Thursday, March 12	Friday, March 13
Hot Ham & Cheese Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk Breakfast Muffin or Cereal and Muffin Juice Milk	Taco Salad Meat/Cheese Shredded lettuce Chopped Tomato Nachos Corn on Cob Fruit, Milk Breakfast Buttered toast w/jelly or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice, Milk	Turkey Hoagie Sand. Lettuce, tomato Onion, pickle Potato Salad Okra Fruit, Milk Breakfast Cinnamon Toast or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Barbeque Chicken Buttered Rice Green Peas Fruit Roll Milk Breakfast Pancakes w/syrup Fruit or Juice Milk	Teacher Planning Day



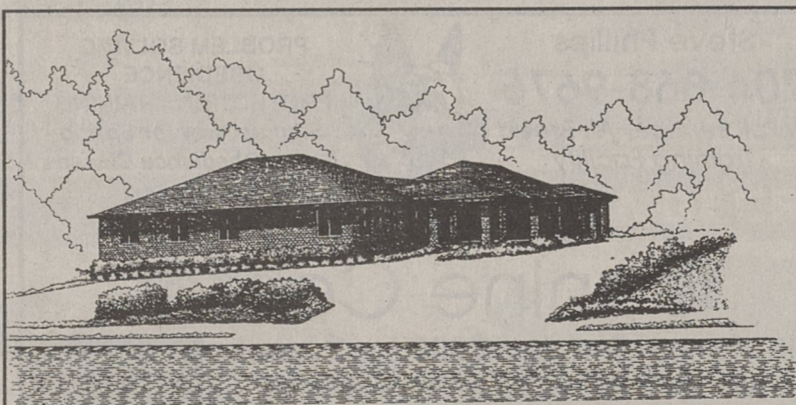
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