



BIG CAT - Troy Pennington, 9, of Kings Mountain caught this 24-pound catfish recently at Hideaway Fishing Lake in Stanley.

KMHS is not selling magnets; Carolina, Wake looking good

Kings Mountain High football coach and athletic director Ron Massey reports that a company headquartered in Texas is selling magnets with Kings Mountain High football schedules printed on them, but the school system has nothing to do with the promotion.

Massey said he learned of the situation when a couple of people in the neighborhood called him to ask when they would receive their magnets. According to Massey, they were told that the company would give the school 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale, and send the magnets to the school.

The company's solicitation is apparently legal, Massey said, but he wants the community to know that the school system is not involved in it.

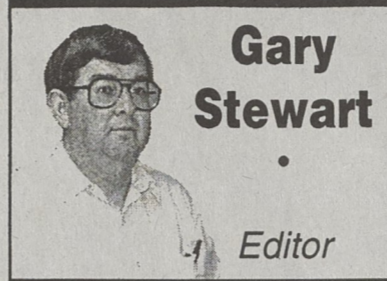
Massey urges any other persons who have been solicited about this promotion to call him at 734-KMHS ext. 35.

"Anytime anyone is concerned about solicitations they should keep in mind that unless it is on our school system letterhead saying we're endorsing it, that we have nothing to do with it," he said.

A peek around the world of college football:

Caro-lines - New North Carolina Coach Carl Torbush has his work cut out for him this year. Most of his offensive and defensive line and secondary were wiped out through graduation, and one key player (Shelby's Robert Williams) declared for the NFL draft a year early.

To complicate matters even more, tight end Alge Crumpler, who probably would have been on a pile of preseason All-



American lists, was injured during spring practice and will miss the entire season. Allen Mogridge of Sevierville, TN, who is untested on Saturday afternoon, is set to take over the position but the word from the Hill is that defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban, who played tight end until a couple years ago, may play about 15 snaps a game on offense. Sophomore Dauntae' Finger of Newton-Conover is also expected to see a lot of action.

Despite the losses, Torbush, who is one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet, is a hard worker and a dedicated football coach and Christian, and he will succeed. In fact, experts are so impressed with the UNC program right now they have them picked once again to challenge Florida State for the ACC championship.

The key player for the Tar Heels will be senior quarterback Oscar Davenport, who is coming off an ankle injury suffered late in the season against the Seminoles. He's an excellent scrambling and passing quarterback and he has one of the top receiving corps in the nation in Na Brown, L.C. Stevens and Jason Peace. The Heels are so deep in good receivers that freshman whiz Chesley Borders of Crest will probably be red-shirted.

On the interior line, the Heels are so green that Bryant Malloy, a 6-3, 290-pound true freshman from Crest, is listed as third string guard and center on the preseason depth chart and could see some action, but Torbush says the talent is there and the only thing lacking is game day experience.

Defensively, despite losing a crop of good players like line-man Greg Ellis, linebackers Brian Simmons and K Mays, and people like Robert Williams, Greg Williams and Omar Brown in the secondary, the word from the Hill is that the Heels could be better than they were last year when they ranked in the top five in the country in all defensive categories. Cornerback Dre Bly is being touted as a Heisman Trophy candidate, Keith Newman, Sedrick Hodge and Brandon Spoon are regarded as the top linebacking corps in the country by several publications, and tackles Marcus Dow and Russell Davis and end Mike Pringley are head hunters. Also, look for Sherrrod Peace, a 280-pound Northern Durham product who transferred in after Christmas from Gulf Coast Junior College, to be one of the best defensive players in the country.

Torbush, who will continue his role as defensive coordinator as well as head coach, says athletically that this year's team is as good as last year's which finished 11-1 and ranked fourth in the nation.

"They just have to be productive on the field," he said. "Athletically, this year's team is every bit as good as last year's, but they have not done it yet. Very few programs could lose what we did on offense and defense and still feel like they can

be competitive and I think we really can."

Deacon Dandies - Several area players will be seeing a lot of action for Wake Forest this fall, and they should help the Deacons to their best season yet under fifth year coach Jim Caldwell.

Caldwell, who coached under several coaching legends that won national championships, led his Deacons to a 5-6 overall record last year. They led most of their games at halftime but fell apart late in the game. That was due mostly to young mistakes as Caldwell had a lot of freshmen and sophomores in the starting lineup.

One of the Deacons' leaders this year will be senior cornerback Dameron Daniel of East Rutherford, who will be a strong candidate for All-ACC honors.

Another area product who may see some action is back-up placekicker Tyler Ashe of Shelby. Ashe is a redshirt freshman who did a good job in the recent spring game.

He doesn't have any area connections, but look for Deacon quarterback Brian Kuklick to be among the passing leaders in the ACC, and in the nation.

Because of a tougher schedule, the Deacons will be hard-pressed to improve on their record, but they will be greatly improved in their game day performance. They have a legitimate shot at finishing in the top four or five in the ACC, and possibly even going bowling.

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KMHS FALL SCHEDULES

Kings Mountain High School fall sports schedules

FOOTBALL

AUGUST
28 - at East Gaston

SEPTEMBER
4 - at Bessemer City
11 - Butler
18 - Shelby
25 - at Crest

OCTOBER
2 - at Freedom (E)
9 - Burns
16 - at RS Central
23 - East Rutherford
30 - South Point

NOVEMBER
6 - at North Gaston
*(All Games 7:30 p.m.)

CROSS COUNTRY
SEPTEMBER
10 - Forestview, North Gaston, South Point at KMHS
17 - KM, South Point at East Rutherford
24 - KM, East Ruth., Forestview at North Gaston

OCTOBER
1 - Burns, East Ruth., RS Central at KMHS
8 - KM, South Point at RS Central
15 - Providence at KMHS
22 - SWC meet at KMHS
26 - Rain date for SWC meet
31 - Regionals (TBA)

NOVEMBER
7 - State meet (TBA)

GIRLS TENNIS
AUGUST
20 - Cherryville
24 - Crest
25 - East Gaston

FOOTBALL

From 6A

starters, safety, and tight end are the positions with question marks right now.

Although the team hasn't had many heavy practice sessions, Massey said things are progressing well.

"The big difference we've seen so far is that the kids that worked out hard this summer are ahead of the kids who didn't," he said.

Friday night's scrimmage should last about 2 to 2 1/2 hours, Massey said. The Booster Club will continue to raffle tickets for the Carolina Panthers-Minnesota Vikings exhibition game, with the drawing to be held during the scrimmage.

SEPTEMBER

1 - West Lincoln
2 - at Myers Park
8 - East Rutherford
10 - at RS Central
15 - at South Point
17 - at Burns
21 - at East Henderson
22 - Ashbrook
24 - North Gaston
29 - Forestview

OCTOBER
6 - SWC Tourn. at KMHS
8 - SWC Tourn. at KMHS
20 - 1st round Dual Team
23-24 - Regionals at KMHS
30-31 - Individual State

SOCCER

AUGUST
17 - Hibriten (7 p.m.)
26 - at Hibriten (7)
31 - Crest (7)

SEPTEMBER
2 - Shelby (7)
5 - at Hunter Huss (6:30)
9 - at Crest (7)
14 - at Shelby (7)
21 - North Gaston (6)
23 - at Forestview (6)
28 - at South Point (6)
30 - at Burns (6)

OCTOBER
7 - at RS Central (6)
12 - at North Gaston (6)
14 - Forestview (6)
15 - Hunter Huss (6:30)

19 - South Point (6)
21 - Burns (6)*
28 - RS Central (6)
*(Senior Night)

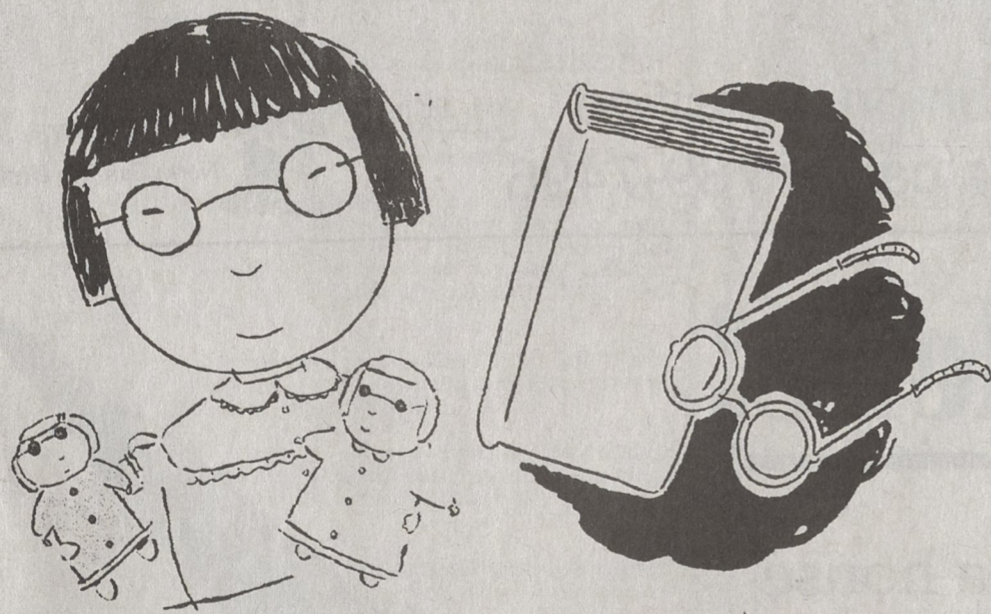
VOLLEYBALL

AUGUST
22 - at East Henderson Inv.
27 - RS Central (4:30)
29 - at High Country Volleyball Classic (Watauga)

SEPTEMBER
1 - at East Rutherford (4:30)
2 - Freedom (4:30)
3 - Burns (4:30)
8 - South Point (4:30)
10 - at Forestview (4:30)
12 - at East Henderson (10)
15 - at North Gaston (4:30)
16 - at West Charlotte (4:30)
19 - East Meck (10)
22 - at RS Central (4:30)
23 - Providence (4)
24 - East Rutherford (4:30)
29 - Burns (4:30)

OCTOBER
1 - at South Point (4:30)
3 - East Henderson (11)
6 - Forestview (4:30)
7 - West Charlotte (4)
8 - North Gaston (4:30)
12 - SWC Tourn. (TBA)
19 - State Playoffs begin

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♦ Don't be afraid to live with your memories. To help with the grief, look back and cherish all the things that made your loved one so special to you.

♦ Celebrate your effort to move on. When the pain begins to lessen, count your blessings. Go ahead and force yourself to plan one thing about your future. Take a vacation, celebrate a holiday or just have lunch with a friend. You've made it this far and try to remember there is light at the end of the tunnel.

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