

## TEST

From 1A

of the students," she said. "They're the ones that have done it. Teachers have motivated them and taught them but the students of Kings Mountain High School have something to be very proud of."

"I have always felt like Kings Mountain District Schools has the best vocational program in the State, and now we have the proof."

Sisk added, however, that the System must now challenge itself to remain #1. She would like to see KM's average score hit 90%, or Level IV.

"When you're at the top you have a responsibility to stay there," she said.

Sisk said KMHS has given end-of-course tests in vocational education classes for

the past 10 years. However, in the past they haven't been "secured" tests, meaning they were made up by the teachers rather than the State.

"Now the State makes the test up, so its a secured test just like end-of-course tests in academic areas such English and Biology," Sisk said.

The State secured tests began during the 2000-01 school year, but the 2001-02 school year was the first year results were announced.

"It's really an honor to be number one in the State," Sisk said. "I just couldn't believe it. I knew we were doing well."

Kings Mountain High has 36 vocational and business courses, and 14 teachers. Most of the students in the high school take at least one vocational course.

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Before making his motion, Blanton said the facility has been "well thought out" and some of the issues Smith brought out had been discussed. He agreed with Smith that no building activity should begin before all of the money was in hand, and made that as part of his motion.

Board vice-chairperson Stella Putnam agreed with moving forward with the plans.

"When you have a group of people in the community that wants to do things for children, it's good," she said. "It would be a real travesty if we don't move forward to do this for the children."

Terry McClain said he feels there is a need for the facility, and feels it could be used for public rest rooms for numerous sports.

"I wish we could do more," he said. "Mr. Smith's proposal to build a fitness center would be great if someone could come up with the funds to do it."

"We haven't even investigated it," Smith said. "I don't doubt that this facility can be completed. My question is who is going to do it. You're going to have a field house here, a field house there and a field house everywhere."

Dr. Allen said there will be a few minor changes from the original plans. The facility would be approximately 25 feet behind the home dugout. Originally it was to be immediately to the back of it so KM players could come out of the field house into the dugout. But Allen said that would have obstructed the fans' view of the right field line.

The facility will include both men's and women's locker rooms, rest rooms for athletes and the public, storage rooms and a training room.

Allen said it will take approximately \$100,000 to build the facility, but the group hopes to raise around \$150,000 so some "extras" can be included.

Several companies have pledged volunteer labor and/or price breaks on material, he said.

## SCHOOLS

From 1A

sections and magazines that discussed the attacks

For sixth grader Levitius Jeffries, making the link is a way for him to show patriotism and his feelings about the attacks.

Sixth grader Milia Simpson said the purpose of the project was love.

"I think the purpose of making this is to show love to all the people who died on September 11," she said.

One outcome of the attacks was unity, according to sixth grader Kenneth Denton.

Others planning observances for Wednesday included East, West and Grover Elementary Schools.

At West, faculty, staff and students were asked to wear red, white and blue clothing and a flag lapel pin. Pre-school and kindergarten students received patriotic pencils.

The school also honored civil servants on Wednesday.

On October 14-18, West students will observe a patriotic theme by writing an essay on patriotism and dressing as a famous American. An activities day, talent show and picnic on the lawn are also planned for that week.

Family and community members are invited to the talent show. A day or time for the week's show was not known at press time.

East School held a 9/11 patriotic observance at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday. Mayor Rick Murphrey and representatives of the Kings Mountain police and fire departments were on hand.

The city held a 9/11 memorial service Wednesday night on the back lawn of City Hall. Numerous pastors, city staff and dignitaries, and the Loch Norman Bagpipe Band of Huntersville participated.

## BEN

From 4A

have a tough time actually campaigning for office. Maybe not. Remember the never-ending session will keep the person who has a job they can't leave all the time away from seeking state office. And instead of having citizen legislators, N.C. is going toward a professional legislature. In that case, a lot of them need to be sent back to the minors.

## GARY

From 4A

While many of our citizens still suffer the anguish of that day, September 11 has made us stronger.

Here's hoping that another disaster like this never occurs again in the U.S. - or anywhere for that matter - but we need to remember it and become better people because of it.

## HAMRICK

From 1A

"Hearing their support, and hearing their excitement when the numbers were posted was very exciting for me," Hamrick said about his group of supporters Tuesday night.

Hamrick is a former Cleveland County Sheriff's Deputy.

The Republican primary was a complete contrast of the Democrat primary with Grover resident Richard Hill defeating Mike Drake 1,433 to 1,262 unofficially.

Hill was pleased to win and advance to the general election against Hamrick.

"I just took my campaign to the people to find out what was important to them, to find out what issues they had on their minds and to find out if I was elected sheriff, what would they like to see changed within the county and within the services that the sheriff's department currently renders to them," he said.

Hill said he would like to see the sheriff's office give more services and support in the county.

"It motivated me to try to do my part in doing something about it," he said.

## LEDFORD

From 1A

Ledford, who has been a member of the Cleveland County School Board and the Cleveland County Economic Development Commission, said he had positive expectations for Tuesday's vote.

"I had good hopes," he said. "I didn't feel the people would let me down. I'm very pleased with what happened."

Ledford said his top three issues are education, economic development and the current water situation with the city of Shelby and the Cleveland County Sanitary District.

In other races around the state, Democrat Erskine Bowles and Republican Elizabeth Dole will meet each other in the general election in November for Jesse Helm's U.S. Senate seat.

Helms, a Union County native, is retiring after his current term.

Bowles had 201,274, or 45 percent of the votes unofficially while Dole had 82 percent of the vote on the Republican side.

All of Tuesday's figures are unofficial.

Dole's closest competitor, Lexington lawyer Jim Snyder had 12 percent of Tuesday's vote.

Bowles' closest foe was former State House Speaker Dan Blue who had 130,760 votes, or 29 percent.

For the N.C. House 110th District Debbie Clary defeated Gaston County County Commissioner Joe Carpenter in the Republican primary.

Clary unofficially received 80 percent of the vote in Cleveland County and 60 percent in Gaston County.

The victory earns her another trip to Raleigh since she has no Democratic opposition in the November election.

For the Associate Justice of the state Supreme Court, Bob Hunter defeated Bradley Greenway by 300,561 to 117,252.

Ralph A. Walker defeated Edward Thomas Brady 144,735 to 143,933.

For the two seats open on the N.C. Court of Appeals, Democrat George R. Barrett defeated Beecher Reynolds Gray for the Walker seat. For the Thomas seat, Martha Geer defeated Marcus W. Williams.

For the three republican seats available, Eric Levinson defeated Lorrie L. Dollar for the Campbell seat, Rick Elmore defeated Fritz Mercer for the Walker seat and Ann Marie Calabria defeated Nathanael K. Pendley for the Bryant seat.

## KMHS

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McClain and Dr. Allen met with the school's architect, Roger Holland, and members of the parents' committee to discuss the field house, made the motion. Mike Smith voted against it.

Before Blanton's motion, Smith made a motion to table the matter until the Board could receive more public input. He said the proposal that originally came to the Board several months ago did not receive input from the KMHS Booster's Club and others. When Brinkley originally proposed the facility, KMHS principal John Yarbrow, athletic director Dave Farquharson and baseball coach Tony Leigh were in the audience, but did not speak.

Smith favored a study to see if the system could build a much larger "fitness center" to serve all of the school's athletic programs as well as provide better rest room facilities for the football stadium. He also noted that the field house would serve only a "very small group" of athletes such as the baseball and softball teams.

He also expressed concerns that most of the athletes on those teams are white.

"I believe that this project will meet the needs of only a very small group of student athletes, while at the same time ignoring the needs of athletes and fans that bring in the most revenue to our school system, that being football," Smith said.

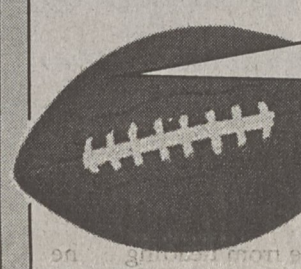
He said he was more concerned with the rest room facilities at the football stadium being upgraded, citing that there is only one toilet and a urinal in the men's rest room and adding that some women have told him they refused to use the women's rest room unless it is "an extreme emergency."

"To me this is unacceptable," he said. "I believe we, as a school system, should be ashamed that we have such inadequate facilities."

Smith's motion to table the matter died from lack of

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The employees of the City of Kings Mountain, the Cleveland County Sanitary District, and the City of Shelby have worked long hours to provide both for current water needs and plan for future water use in the county. Their hard work and determination have inspired us all.

Finally, the industries, businesses and the individual citizens of Cleveland County are to be commended for taking water conservation seriously and coming up with creative ways to use - and reuse - water efficiently.

Making sure there is enough water for everyone is a big task. This has been a wonderful example of all the citizens of Cleveland County pulling together. Thank you all for your diligence, sacrifices, and commitment to the greater good.

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