

EDUCATION

Logan earns masters degree

Mychuwan Terika Logan, daughter of John and Mary Ann Logan of Grover, recently completed her masters degree.

Mychuwan graduated from Howard University in May with a degree in Education Administration and Policy.

This month Mychuwan attended an administrative conference in Bath, ME with Hyde, the school she works



for in Washington, DC. Mychuwan is currently teaching eighth grade English.

Mychuwan is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and Winston-Salem State University.

Hope Christian School opens at East Gold Street Wesleyan

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Visit East Gold Street Wesleyan through the week and you'll see teens eating lunch in the courtyard, studying for tests and practicing soccer. The church opened its doors to Hope Christian Academy in August.

"It's very exciting," said Pastor Eddie Gray. "We're looking for a great year."

Hope Principal Ray Sibley sat down with The Herald late Friday afternoon, the end of the school's first week.

"The kids are real happy. They're a great bunch," he said.

The new school has attracted 43 students from Kings Mountain, Gastonia and Shelby. Parents have donated computer equipment and one volunteered to link the machines together. The newly formed parent group has started a fundraising project. East Gold Street is letting Hope use its facilities rent free with the school paying the overage in utilities and cleaning restrooms daily.

"Every obstacle we've come up against God has made a way for us to continue," Sibley said.

The academic day is divided into eight 45-minute classes. The school offers honors courses in science and plans to add advanced placement in several disciplines. Bible is taught daily from a conservative, non-denominational perspective.

"No matter what we teach, you need to check it out in Scripture and with your own church," Sibley tells students when he teach-



ANDIE L. BRYMER/HERALD
Thomas McDaniel, left, and Jacob Hoffman study for an English test Friday at Hope Christian. They are ninth graders.

es about spiritual gifts.

Students also attend chapel on Fridays.

Like everyone at Hope, Sibley, who also teaches science, wears many hats. He compares being on the faculty to Survivor, the television reality series that tests contestants' mettle though he says it's worth the work.

"It's something we enjoy. It's great when you see the lights come on," he said.

The multiple duties allow Hope to keep its tuition at \$300 per month. The frugality has extended to the kitchen and bathroom. Students bring their lunches instead of the school operating a cafeteria. All eight instructors share bathroom cleaning duty.

"We've decided to keep the prices down so more kids can come," Sibley said.

If enrollment climbs Sibley hopes tuition can be lowered. Sibley said he is 90 percent sure no teacher makes over \$25,000, though

he hopes that will change as the school grows. Exact salaries are made available to parents.

Sibley, himself a product of public schools, wishes he could have attended Christian primary and secondary schools. Though he wasn't a Christian at the time, his refusal to smoke and use other drugs made for awkward social situations. He believes this scenario could have been avoided had he attended a Christian school. Sibley also wishes as a teen he could have had someone answer his questions on topics like evolution from a Christian perspective.

In college he became a Christian and realized he wanted to teach the Bible. Sibley taught at Evangel in Gastonia for three years, then at First Assembly School for 12 years.

Sibley says middle and high school age students are "not afraid to ask big ques-

tions" and have the subsequent intellectual ability to digest the answers.

"The nice thing is we're in a school that's free to teach the Bible. You can give them big answers," he said.

Both Sibley's son and daughter are students at Hope and are active in the school's sports program.

East Gold Street's Pastor Gray is hopeful the school will expand. He says the entire congregation has embraced Hope. After Sibley and two other teachers approached him, the board and then the congregation overwhelmingly approved the project.

Gray said when the church built its family life center two years ago, he wondered if the space could be used for a day care or preschool, however a secondary school never entered his mind.

"God revealed his will for something we hadn't thought of," Gray said.

Nursing Assistant I and II to begin at Gaston College

Applications for the Nursing Assistant I and II Programs at Gaston College for spring 2005 will be available September 1-October 7.

An application for the College as well as to the program must be completed. Only those submitting

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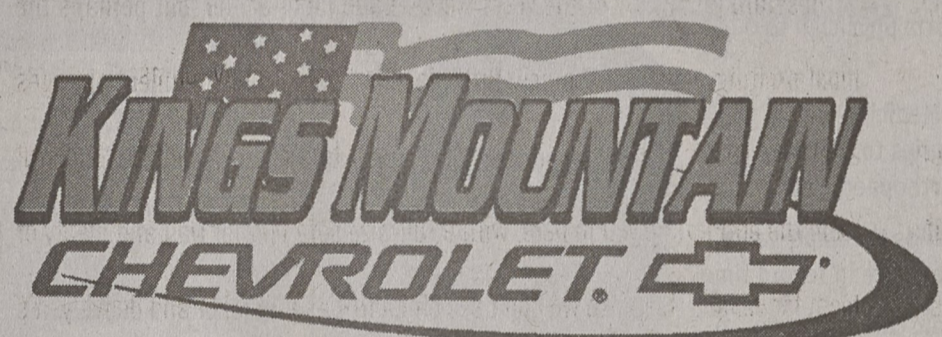
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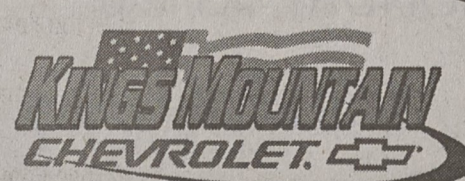
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36 KMHS seniors inducted into NHS

Thirty-six Kings Mountain High School seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society August 19 in the KMHS media center.

The NHS recognizes students who have excelled and maintained high standards in scholarship, leadership, character, and service throughout high school. The organization is considered to be the highest academic honor that can be bestowed by the high school; there-

fore, the requirements for membership are high and the screening process is thorough.

Seniors inducted were Brandon Anthony, Ashley Bridges, Jason Carpenter, Christopher Clearman, Gregory Freeman, Blair Heffner, Tyler Leach, Hannah McDaniel, Amed Munoz, Jennai Pettis, Donna Tackett, Kimberly Wilkie, Ashley Blanton, Philip

Bunch, Lindsey Carpenter, Nikki Deaver, Kara Fujita, Amanda Hord, Stewart Livsje, Stacey McSwain, Christopher Patrick, Thomas Reid, Stephanie Teasley, Charlie Witherspoon, Stephen Bolt, Jessica Calhoun, Wilder Clark, Emily Edwards, Jena Gladden, Marcus Jimson, Kirsten Martin, Brad Moffitt, Kelly Peeler, Stacey Spicer, Heather Walker, and Megan Wright.

KM volleyball team loses to Freedom

Kings Mountain High's volleyball team fell to Freedom 12-25, 25-19, 20-25, 25-17, 17-19 Tuesday.

Alex Dawson led the KM attack with 24 kills and 15

digs. Kristyn Funderburke had 13 assists and LaRonda McClain added nine.

Kala Buchanan was perfect from the service line

with 16-for-16 and two aces.

Kings Mountain was scheduled to play at Spartanburg Dorman last night.

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PLACE: Chat-n-Nibble, 415 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain ***** Dinner will be served, RSVP Required by Tuesday, September 7

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