

## EDUCATION

### KM's Jason Carpenter in running for Principal's Leadership Award

Jason Carpenter, Kings Mountain High senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Herff Jones, Inc., funds the PLA program.

John Yarbrow, principal of Kings Mountain High, announced the nomination that places Carpenter in the national competition. One hundred and fifty national PLA winners will be chosen to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

"Jason is an exceptional student. He is very conscientious in everything that he does," Yarbrow said.

Principals in high schools throughout the country could nominate one of their student leaders. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. They also were required to write an essay.

"NASSP is proud to recognize the efforts of talented young people like Jason Carpenter," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, NASSP executive director. "He deserves to be commended for his excellence in the classroom and community."

Jason is currently serving as Student Body President. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club. He is a North Carolina Academic Scholar candidate and attended Broyhill Youth Leadership camp. He served as a Junior Marshal at the 2004 graduation ceremony. He wants to attend the University of Oregon.

NASSP is the nation's largest school leadership organization with a membership reaching 40,000 middle level and high school principals and assistant principals. It administers the National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society, the National Association of Student Councils, and the National Association of Student Activity Advisers, collectively serving an additional 50,000 advisers and over a million students.

### KMHS students commended

Kings Mountain High seniors Philip Bunch and Megan Wright have been named Commended Students in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented to the students by Principal John Yarbrow.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2005 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2005 competition by taking the 2003 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

### College Nights slated at KMHS

Kings Mountain High will host college night meetings on October 6 and 7, both beginning at 6 p.m.

The Oct. 6 meeting will consist of college representatives answering questions about admission, tuition, scholarships, financial aid and student life.

The Oct. 7 meeting will consist of counselors discussing topics such as graduation

requirements and minimum college admissions requirements, how to help with scheduling, scholarships, financial aid, and how to prepare for the SAT/ACT tests.

Both meetings are open to parents of students in grades 9-12.

For more information call Leigh Bell 734-KMHS or go online to [www.schoolnotes.com/28086/bell.html](http://www.schoolnotes.com/28086/bell.html)

### Hickory sweeps cross country meet

Hickory swept a Southwestern Foothills Conference cross country meet Tuesday at KMHS.

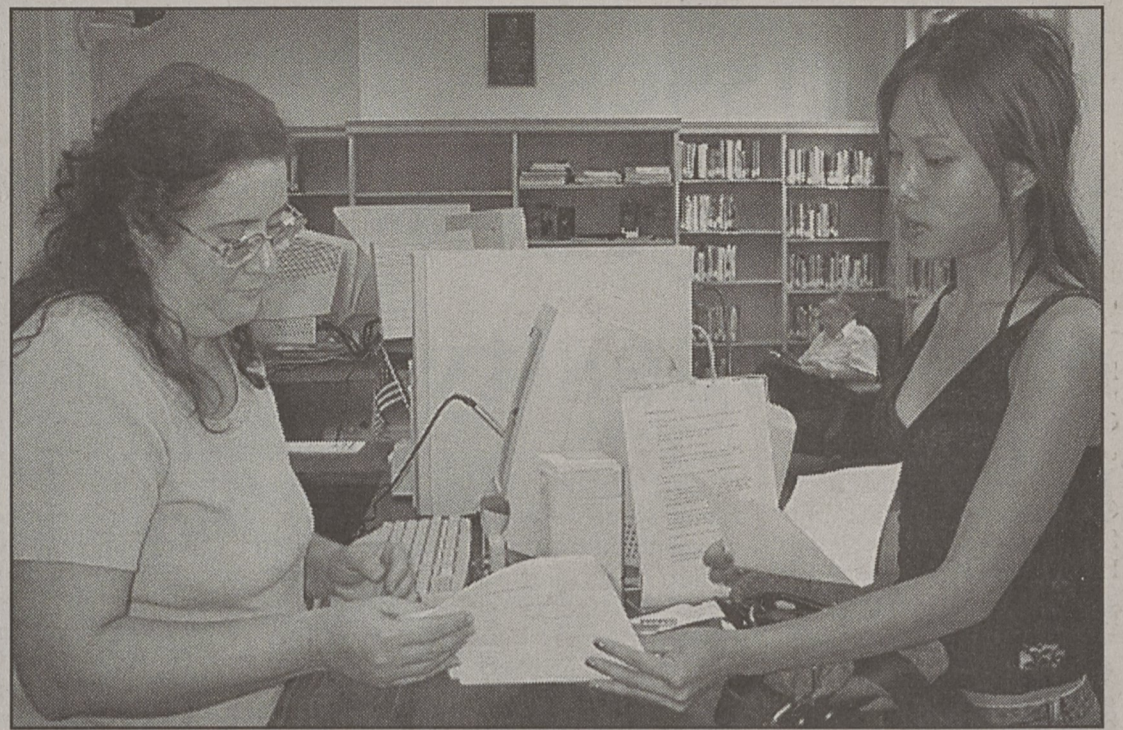
The Hickory men won with 20 points, followed by St. Stephens 61, KM 70 and Fred T. Foard 87. The Hickory girls won by one point over St. Stephens, 27-28. KM and Foard did not have enough runners to qualify for team points.

Hickory's Ryan Hill won the men's race with a time of 18:56. KM's Thomas Reid

was fourth at 20:47.

Other KM finishers were Baxter McGregor seventh, Tyler Hellstrand 12th, Philip Bunch 29th, Charlie Witherspoon 38th, Stewart Livsie 40th, and Nicholas Adams 43rd.

Sarah Noebius of St. Stephens won the women's race in 22:26, a new course record. The previous record of 23:40 was held by KM's Susie Potter, who ran fourth in 24:33. KM's Kara Fujita ran 18th in a 30:51.



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Librarian Assistant Mari Slaughter assists patron Phitt Bounsouk. Mauney Memorial Library is participating in a nationwide campaign to publicize the benefits of the library card.

### Smartest card in wallet is your free library card

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
Staff Writer

While a credit card may fill your shopping bag, the bill does come. However, a library card provides books, movies, music, internet access and the advice of trained professionals, all for free.

Mauney Library Director Sharon Stack calls it "the smartest card in your wallet."

The library is participating in a nationwide promotion supported by the American Library Association, Public Library Association and the North Carolina State Library. Governor Mike Easley has proclaimed September library month across the state.

While supplies last, patrons are offered plastic tote bags, shoe strings, door hangers and book marks with the "smart card" logo. "We want to make people aware of the library card, the power that comes with it," Stack said.

In the Harris Children's Wing, the library has story bags and boxes, toys and music in addition to fiction and non-fiction books, all available for check-out. The story bags and boxes are filled with books and educational materials centered around a theme. These are popular with parents, day care centers, home schoolers and Sunday school teachers, Stack said.

In the adult section, the library has an extensive collection on the American Revolution and World Wars I and II in addition to a wide variety of other books.

Most non-fiction and many fiction titles appearing on the New York Times bestseller list are in stock. Mysteries, romance and true crime are popular at Mauney and across the nation.

Due to patron requests, the Sunday Charlotte Observer will be available starting in October. New magazines include Brides, Family Handyman, People, National Enquirer and Transworld Skateboarding.

There are North Carolina and genealogy rooms. Computers are loaded with the Microsoft Office suite and internet. Through the library's affiliation with the state system, patrons may access NC Live.

The website, [nclive.org](http://nclive.org), offers information more current than can be contained in periodicals and books. While a vast amount of information is available on line, this site links to information selected for its accuracy.

"It's important to be an educated consumer of the research you're looking for," Stack said.

One of the most popular features is the Sanborn Maps which show how towns, including Kings Mountain, looked between 1867 to 1970.

The site may be accessed both from the library and from home. The home page will direct users to sign in under their library and enter a password. Kings Mountain's is "thunther."

The [ncknows.org](http://ncknows.org) website, through a partnership with libraries around the world, allows users to ask questions of research librarians around the clock.

"Those are services a small library like ours can't provide," Stack said.

The library also offers voter registration, meeting rooms and a quiet environment to read and study.

Over the 2003-04 fiscal year, 82,067 items were checked out from the library. At an average cost of \$25 per item, patrons checked out the equivalent of \$2.05 million worth of material, according to the library's annual report. There are 9,529 registered patrons and 57,233 items available for check-out.

Mauney is restarting its Friends of the Library group. A stakeholders group of community members, staff and library advisory board members are forming to set strategic planning goals for the next three to five years.

The library is located at 100 South Piedmont Street. Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Library cards are free to residents of Kings Mountain, Cleveland and Gaston counties and anyone working in the Kings Mountain city limits. Others may pay \$5 for an annual card. For more information, call

### Foard spikers sweep KM for first place

Fred T. Foard swept Kings Mountain 25-4, 25-19, 25-20 in a battle for first place in the Southwestern Foothills Conference volleyball race Tuesday at KMHS.

KM is now 5-1 in the conference and 12-6 overall.

LaRonda McClain led KM with 10 kills. Alex Dawson had five and Kala Buchanan, Marshia Meeks and Kristyn Funderburke two each.

Funderburke had 13 assists and was 10-for-10 serving. McClain was 6-for-6 from the service line, Brittney Thornburg and Buchanan 7-for-7, Dawson 7-for-9, and Jessica Yarbrow 4-for-4.

In JV action, Foard won 25-12, 25-15. Brooke Avery and Jordan Childers were cited for their setting, and Kristin Cogdill for her serving.

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