

## KM grandson named high school Defensive Player of Year

Matthew Moore, grandson of Dorothy S. Moore and the late Johnie Moore of Kings Mountain, and son of Raynard and Lisa Moore of Matthews, received the Donnie Shell High School Defensive Player

of the Year Award at the annual Charlotte Touchdown Club's Bronko Nagurski Awards dinner on December 6.

Moore is a safety, defensive end and outside linebacker for Harding University High School and won the award for his accomplishments on and off the field.

Moore had over 80 tackles for Harding, forced two fumbles and had three pass deflections. He served as team captain his senior

year and was also team captain for the Harding baseball and swim teams.

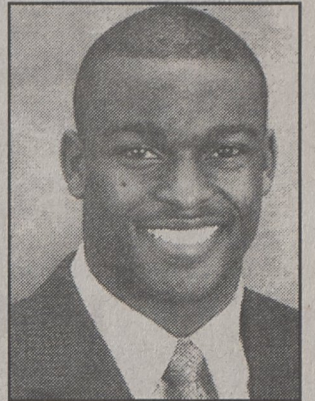
Moore carries a 3.95 GPA and serves as Student Body President, the student government council, and as a student ambassador. He is involved in the school's NAACP chapter and was nominated as a top senior leader by the Harding faculty.

He is a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Youth Group and

volunteers for numerous charities, including the Second Harvest Food Bank, Samaritan's Purse, the Charlotte Rehabilitation Center, and Alexander's Children's Home.

The Donnie Shell Award, named for former Carolina Panthers' player Donnie Shell, is sponsored by Harris Teeter.

Kings Mountain High School's Jiris Toney was a finalist for the award.



Matthew Moore

## Duckpin Bowling League

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Ducks R Us 4, Philczyk 4 Ducks - Greg Evans 136 game, 361 set Philczyk - Zeke Rybczyk 114 game, 329 set. No Ideas 6, Buckshot Bowlers 2

No Ideas - Ed Philbeck 130 game, Jessy Wright 350 set. Buckshot - Bob Paramore 131 game, 357 set.

Thursday, Dec. 11 Alley Cats 4, Duck Masters 4

Cats - Allen Myers 147 game, 381 set. Masters - Tommy Barrett 129 game, Zeke Rybczyk 348 set.

Lucky Ducks 6, Mighty Ducks 2

Lucky Ducks - Greg Evans 150 game, 412 set. Mighty Ducks - Bob Paramore 153 game, 344 set.

Tues., Nov. 25 Philczyk 6, Buckshot Bowlers 2

Philczyk - Zeke Rybczyk 130 game, 341 series. Buckshot - Bob Paramore 128 game, 348 set.

No Ideas 6, Ducks R Us 2

No Ideas - Ed Philbeck 146 game, 374 set. Ducks - Greg Evans 148 game, 373 set.

# Mountaineers pin North Gaston

Kings Mountain freshman Gary Bennett scored a pin in the last match of the night to give Kings Mountain a 42-39 victory over North Gaston last week.

Other winners for the Mountaineers were Steven Byrd, Matt Hord, Austin Cantrell, Josh Haraszkiewicz, JT Putnam and Jiris Toney.

"Bennett did a great job stepping up for us," said Coach Kenny Bridges. "Kings Mountain and North Gaston have always battled in years past, so to have a freshman come through to win for us at the

end was very exciting. We also had some big wins from our football players, who have just been out at practice for a couple of days. These football players are definitely going to help us this season. The recent playoff run has really given them a lot of confidence, and that confidence is contagious.

"Our practices are definitely going to be more intense now because we have the conference season just around the corner."

Kings Mountain travels to Ashbrook Saturday for the Green Wave Duals.

## Belcher wins Freedom Patriot Invitational

Kings Mountain junior Torrey Belcher went 4-0 with four first period pins to win his weight division in last weekend's Freedom Patriot Invitational in Morganton.

"Torrey is a very talented kid," said KM Coach Kenny Bridges. "He is very strong. He needs to work on his conditioning because

he can be as good as he wants to be."

Jiris Toney placed third for the Mountaineers.

"Jiris made an early mistake which cost him the match," Bridges said. "He will learn from the error, which will drive him to get better. He, too, can have a great year."

Other Mountaineers with strong finishes were Ty Schultze fourth, Gary Bennett fifth, Steven Byrd fifth, Quincey Toms sixth, Josh Haraszkiewicz sixth, Dustin Stone fifth and JT Putnam fifth.

# KMHS makes grade in Best High Schools

By EMILY WEAVER EDITOR

Kings Mountain High School has received its second consecutive bronze award and recognition as one of America's Best High Schools in the recent "U.S. News & World Report."

The magazine "analyzed academic and enrollment data from more than 21,000 public high schools to find the very best across the country," according to usnews.com, using data from 2006-07 school year.

The top schools are placed into

gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention categories. KMHS is one of only 1,321 public high schools to be honored with the bronze award.

After receiving the same honor last year, Principal Ronny Funderburke said that he wasn't sure if they had won the recognition again or if he was just looking at the same information from last year. "But then we received the letter from U.S. News & World Report," he said. "Given how hard our teachers and administration work, I'm tickled that they get the recognition they deserve."

KMHS was the only high school

in Cleveland County to receive the honor this year and was one of only 41 institutions across the state to be listed as either gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention.

Funderburke credits the extra efforts of his staff, the support from the community, and the students who take advantage of the opportunities given to them for this honor. "I think this shows a willingness of (our) teachers to work before and after school, outside of school hours, to help our students learn and succeed," he said. "But even that wouldn't be possible if students weren't willing to stay or the par-

ents weren't willing to drop them off and pick them up."

"With all of the success KMHS has had over the years, the support we get from the community is unbelievable as well," Funderburke said, adding that the positive support from the community really helps a student or teacher feel proud about where they attend. "That helps and I don't think that you can measure that."

KMHS has continued to make the list of America's Best High Schools since "U.S. News & World Report" began ranking the schools a year ago.

# Bethware Elementary announces first nine weeks awards

Bethware Elementary recently announced the awards given to students during its First Nine Weeks Awards Day.

Handwriting - Madison Smith, Randy Lyles, Lucy Cao, Brandon Williams, Drew Mannino, Adam Green, Lillian Deon, Anazet Stephens, Jessica Sanchez, Destiny Best, Sallie Presnell, Abigail Pennington, Christopher Reid, Kristina Mauney, Layne Galloway, Niecey Springs, Logan Ghannt, Alissa Bouttavong, Natalie Hammett, Madalyn Harrill, Carrigan Leatherman, Sierra Crocker, Autumn Philbeck, Johnny Lopez.

Cooperative (Kindergarten) - Katlyn Randle, Tanner Lockhart, Nathan Singletary, Alex Nivens, Ashlynn Marr; Listener (Kindergarten) - Aden Darnell, Kennedy Barnes, Seth Henson, Yajayra Santiago, Selena Rivas.

Most improved - Marcus Odums, Darren Phaengkhamhak, Daniel Thomas, Joda Allen, Nickolas Wright.

Character (Respect) - Hannah Lemming, Randy Lyles, Heather Hill, Cameron Vongphakdy, Jordan Stacks, Devin Dixon, Abigail Velez, Eli Radford, Payton Goforth, Myla Athitang, Kelsie Allen, Robert Harmon, Alyssa Thompson, Cassey Jones, Jada Roberts, Cailey Sheppard, Sammy Moore, Mackenzie Ramsey, Travis Wright, Christian Parsley, Macy Bridges, Kaitlyn Moss, Carmen Henwood, Zachary MacDougall. Character (Re-

sponsibility) - Madison Smith, Nicholas Burrows, Adam Metts, Kenli Withers, Kimberly Stacey, Alissa Hunter, Keaton Berryman, Isaiah Cremeans, Janiya Black, Sara Brooks, Cameron Strickland, Abigail Pennington, Mahogany Brown, Dustin Parker, Layne Galloway, Peyton Green, Drew Gibbs, Paige Rollins, Paloma Dettloff, Carl Balberan, Tamara Adams, Ashton Withers, Emily Parker, Jessica Dulin.

Terrific Kids - Jordan Parker, Olivia Green, Garrett Yancey, Susan Wilson, Alyssa Sims, Grace Clark, Gricelda Mayo, Josh Giles, Tyshawn Crocker, Logan Patrick, Tristan Blanton, Traveyana Gemes, Abigail Velez, Zackery Gladden, Macie Sims, Eli Radford, Abby Aldridge, Madison Philbeck, Tristan Henson, Nia Smith, Amber Douglas, Shannon Smith, Isaiah Dato, Aniaya Gidney, Chloe Thomas, Serita Pegram, Cassey Jones, Henry Varner, Daisy Hernandez Mayo, Kameron Marr, Skylar Smith, Frank Stump, Sammy Moore, Brooklyn Lewis, Kayla McClain, Parker Rollins, Tori Halvorson, Yogin Patel, Aniaya Wilson, Christian Parsley, Gordon Varner, Sabrina Burton, Ashton Withers, Landon Ervin, Emily Parker, Alex Thomas, Octavio Perez, Alexis Conner.

Top Buccaneers - Justin Visoso, Jasmine Clark, Cheyenne Mullinax, Havon Surratt, Taylor Wilson, Dylan Sanders, Shaylynn Sharpe, Blake Davis, Nicholas Bur-

rows, Emma White, Brandon Bullock, Austin Brown, Grady Hopper, Kenli Withers, Destiny Adams, Addy Hudachko, Joseph Stalker, Lucy Northcutt, Alexandralynn Darnell, Keaton Berryman, Kylie Bearfield, Randy Horn, Bryce Fisher, Alley Ogle, Myla Athitang, Luke Johnson, Ashlee Anthony, Deon Folsom, Eleyana D'Angelo, Anne Scott Baker, Joshua Toppel, Alyssa Thompson, Dustin Parker, Karmen Houser, Jordan Goins, Jada Roberts, Cailey Sheppard, Peyton Green, Morgan Lanier, Tevin Perry, Emilee Cloninger, Jordan Chapman, Charneice Crocker, Hunter Blanton, Makayla Bradley, Carl Balberan, Levi Johnson, Tamara Adams, Kaitlyn Moss, Kassidy Hamrick, Carmen Henwood, Elliott Mann, Jessica Dulin, Paul Gamble, Landen Hunt, Isaiah Dato, Jessica McClure, Brooklyn Lewis, Isaac Wilson, Brandon Ball.

Principals Award - Ryne Smith, Isaiah Gregory, Noah Moore, Grady Hopper, Jordan Stacks, Alissa Hunter, Nyla Scott, Wendy Mendez, Bryce Ball, Sara Brooks, Patrick Butler, Robert Harmon, Mahogany Brown, Quinton Grier, Alex Chanthavong, Haley Spurlin, Kaniya McClain, Quincy Lattimore-Grier, Cherlissa Barnes, Brittany Walker, Kayla Capps, Jacob Merchant, Lea Hamm, Dylan Thrift.

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First grade - Josh Ball, Tristan Blanton, Sammy

Campbell, Devin Dixon, Ruthie Dover, Traveyana Gemes, Adam Green, Alissa Hunter, Mary Cameron Lowrance, Lucy Northcutt, Kaleb Peterson, Joseph Stalker, Abigail Velez, Alexandralynn Darnell, Jaylin Odum, Justin Mathis, Katlynn Barnette, Keaton Berryman, Kushel Koneni, Lillian Dean, McKenzie Easler, Nyla Scott, Roderick Turner, Tyler Hayes, Zackery Gladden, Anazet Stephens, Wendy Mendez, Luke Godfrey, Kylie Bearfield, Amber Hall, Sarah Phelps, Macie Sims, Vega Weston, Randy Horn, Eli Radford, Jacob Woods, Brooklyn Seright, Austin Ashe, Isaiah Cremeans, Derek Acuff, Abby Aldridge, Bryce Ball, Gage Baugham, Janiya Black, D'ontae Burris, Bryce Fisher, Payton Goforth, Jessica Sanchez, Caleb Jackson, Khia King, Vince Mann, Jozie Nail, Hanah Neely, Alley Ogle, Zachary Petras, Madison Philbeck, Bailey Philbeck, Myla Athitang, Destiny Best, Dawson Bledsoe, Sara Brooks, Noah Dettloff, Nicholas Falls, Justyn Friday, Tristan Henson, Luke Johnson, Timothy Sisk, Nia Smith, Josh Visoso, McKenzie Williams.

Second grade - Ashlee Anthony, Morgan Bell, Patrick Butler, Hannah Chambers, Lucas Goforth, Emily Graham, Jasmine Guy, Emily Johnson, Caleb Mayes, Sallie Presnell, Deon Folsom, Shannon Smith, Anne Scott Baker, Eleyana D'Angelo, Robert Harmon, Malachi King, Georgia Moss, Abigail Pen-

nington, Alyssa Thompson, Anthony Williams, Baylee Marr, Caroline Ross, Cassey Jones, Dustin Parker, Gisselle Duran, Harley Jones, Karmen Houser, Morgan Vongphakdy, Nathan Parker.

Third grade - Sierra Suffecool, Jada Roberts, Cailey Sheppard, Skylar Smith, Maurrissa Springs, Frank Stump, Tommy Edwards, Peyton Green, Madison Shubert, Makenzie Wright, Jordan Chapman, Emilee Cloninger, Cameron Johnson, Nathan Lease, India Patterson, Paige Rollins, Austin Sperling, Natalie Hammett, Paloma Dettloff, Charneice Crocker, Hunter Blanton, Travis Wright, Dylan Dixon.

Fourth grade - Carl Balberan, Madalyn Harrill, Brooke Patterson, Makayla Bradley, Tamara Adams, Macey Bridges, Kayla Capps, Brian Jenkins, Levi Johnson, Carrigan Leatherman, Destiny NeeSmith, Gordon Varner, Grayson Carter, Jaylee Mills, Gavin Shockley, Traci Stewart, Kelsi Withers, Elliott Mann, Emily Parker, Carmen Henwood, Alex Thomas, Clint Thomas, Jessica Dulin, Zachary MacDougall, Sierra Crocker, Landon Ervin, Cassidy Hamrick, Jacob Merchant, Trevor Rhea, Ashton Withers.

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First grade - Deven King, Michael Thomas, Harley Walker, Joshua Pinnix, Lamisha Robinson, Galand Yancey, Tyler Williamson, Angelica Harmon, Dylan Williams, Kelsey Mertz, Stephanie Ramsey, Malaysia Roberts, Issac Watson.

Second grade - Dre' Shaun Davis, Christopher Gray,

Tyler Skarpalezos, Bella Sherrin, Kaylee Ashe, Raegan Buchanan, Daniel Morton, Jami Nivens, James Parsons, Haylee Pearson, Barbara Trahan, Brady Williams, Latosha Burns, Andrew Castellano, Christian Godwin, Samantha Mayes, Kayla Ruiz, Chloe Thomas, Josh Toppel, Katherine Yarulin, Kristina Mauney, Courtland Douville, Cheyenne Daugherty, LaNasia Hamrick, Quinton Grier, Hailey Nance.

Third grade - Jordan Goins, Layne Galloway, Michael Brown, Micah Randall, Nic Morris, Haley Spurlin, Ezyia Woods, Harley Bradley, Breanna Broome, Makensi Corn, A'Kira Duncan, Logan Ghannt, Drew Gibbs, Ame Hall, Sammy Moore, Noah Parker, Ryley Brown, Sabrina Hiser, Kayla McClain, Mackenzie Ramsey, Parker Rollins, Landon Skidmore, Phithamae Perry, Tori Halvorson, Holden Bullock, Anna Blanton, Cherlissa Barnes, Cooper Scarborough, Caleb Smith, Justin Watkins.

Fourth grade - Stephanie Berard, Grayson Chambers, Dalton Costner, Karly Floyd, Deveon Gamble, Darin Guffy, Jazmyn Vickers, Christian Parsley, Melissa Stacey, Sabina Burton, Deyawna Rollinson, Ryan Randle, Chelsea Wray, Megan Allen, Lea Hamm, Autumn Philbeck, Garrett Allen, Alex Jenkins, Alexis Conner, Cameron Camp, Cassidy Rudnick, Destiny Dover, Diamond Wesley, Dylan Thrift, Johnny Lopez, Octavio Perez, Paul Gamble, Kay'era Armstrong, Karen Gray, Brianna Greene, Logan Mayhue, Kaitlyn Moss, Reggie Wells.

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