

BABY

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a tour of the hospital. Ridge is breast fed every two hours by his mother and is getting used to the idea, Lori says. Ridge came on the heels of his father's December graduation from Winthrop University with a B.S. degree in education and leisure services.

"Graduation, Christmas and this great New Year's present, my son," said a jubilant young father.

After ultra sound tests, Lori knew that her first baby would be a boy when she was five months pregnant. She tried to keep the news a secret.

"I wasn't going to tell Eddie but it kind of slipped out," she said.

Lori gained only 21 pounds during her pregnancy. She watched her diet and exercise closely. Hubby works in Respite Care for Gaston-Lincoln Mental Health Department. Lori is a full time homemaker.

Eddie said he had known Lori all his life but they didn't date until she was a senior in high school and

he was in college. Lori graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1990. Eddie graduated from KMHS in 1987. They were formally introduced by Lori's best friend, her cousin, Scott Layton, who lives near their home on Tiara Drive.

Eddie said the first baby born in the United States in 1994 was to a couple in San Francisco, California.

"They told us at the hospital that New Year's babies used to get big gifts and the mothers-to-be raced to see who could be first to deliver," said Eddie. "But we don't need any gifts, we have him right here."

KM students make dean's list at ASU

Eight Kings Mountain students were selected to the Appalachian State University dean's list for the fall semester. To make the list a student must either be enrolled for 12 to 14 hours and attain a 3.45 grade point average, or be enrolled in 15 or more hours and attain a 3.25 grade point average.

Students selected were Donna Kathryn Goforth, a sophomore majoring in history; Michele Ann Heatley, a freshman majoring in anthropology; Shannon Paige Herndon, a freshman majoring in criminal justice; Charity Nicole Jackson, a junior majoring in elementary education; Leigh Miriam Kendrick, a sophomore majoring in biology, secondary education; Crystal Denise McDaniel, a senior majoring in music education; Rebecca Jane Senter, a freshman majoring in mathematics, secondary education; and Angela Marie Subler, a senior majoring in history, secondary education.

KM students on Abbey list

Four Kings Mountain students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Belmont Abbey College.

They are Binh Davis, Center Street; Julie C. Denlinger, New Camp Creek Church Road; Amy T. Hord, Shelby Road; and Cristi G. Putnam, Scism Road.

CLERK

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this made for the smooth transition when I took office in December of 1990. As the duties and responsibilities of Clerk of Superior Court become more complex each time the legislature convenes, it is even more important to have a knowledge of the many facets that are dealt with in the Clerk's office. Many times the Clerk has to sit in a judicial capacity as well as being responsible for the preservation of the many important records that are held in the Clerk's office."

Thrift said that \$25 million was

administered through her office during the last fiscal year. The office collects and disburses child support and alimony fees, and collects court fees and fines. It administers trust funds being held for minors and collects numerous other miscellaneous fees and judgment.

"This office has a reputation of being one of the best in the state," she said. "I attribute this to my past experience and a dedicated and efficient staff."

Thrift said the office has undergone extensive renovation during the past three years and that the office is making great strides in computer technology. The Criminal Division is interfacing with the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles

allowing it to access state-wide information which is often beneficial to judges. Computer technology is also used for tracking and keeping payments current for child support, and the office is converting to a new financial management system.

Thrift is a native of Cleveland County. She graduated from Burns of Fallston High School in 1962 and attended Catawba College in Salisbury and King's College in Charlotte.

She and her husband, Toby Thrift, have two daughters, Raquel Brogden of Kings Mountain and Amanda Thrift, a student at Appalachian State University; and they attend Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby.

ROGERS

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work in the community set him apart from the other candidates.

"I have been involved in the work of the Democratic Party of North Carolina almost all my adult life," he said. "I am personal friends with many of the present members of the General Assembly, and I have had a close working relationship with almost every member of the executive branch of government."

Rogers serves as chairman of Shelby Precinct 2 and is a past treasurer and chairman of the Cleveland County Democratic

Party, chairman of the N.C. Democratic Party's 10th District Executive committee and a member of the state party's executive committee.

He is a charter member of the Shelby Optimist Club with a 41-year perfect attendance record and a charter member of the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department. He is a past president of the Cleveland County Chamber.

If elected, Rogers said issues he would address in Raleigh include crime, more and better jobs for our work force, the court system and the prison system, education and economic development.

"We don't need any more words or slogans, we need action," said Rogers.

Rogers, owner of Rogers Music Shop in Shelby and partner in R.H. Rogers Family Real Estate Holdings, is a US Army veteran. He is president and director of Historic Goodwin House Foundation, chairman of the official board of Central United Methodist Church of Shelby and a Sunday School teacher. He is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the American Legion, and a member of the Piedmont Shrine Club and Oasis Shrine Temple.

CENTRAL

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Members of the task force Tuesday night talked about ways to get parents involved and prepared conflict resolutions which they hope can get to the root of teen problems.

"If guns are out there, we want to stop them before a tragedy occurs," said Jean Thrift, who is coordinating the program with volunteers representing a broad segment of the community.

"Although the task force is focusing on guns, we hope that kids will use the stickers we are distributing at the schools and use the Crimestoppers hot line," she said.

"Kids are afraid to report their friends because they fear retaliation," said Thrift. "The hot line is one way they can do it without fear."

McRae said the Board of Education has made a commitment that schools will be safe. "We will get a handle on violence whatever it takes," he said.

McRae said another "biggie" for the system this year will be the revisions of the school improvement plan. This is the first year of implementation of the school based accountability program. School improvement plans are ongoing at each school.

Refining the computer assistance learning program is another ongoing project. In 1993 computers went in all grades 3-5 classrooms.

Monday night, the Kings Mountain Board of Education will meet at East School at 7 p.m. for a special presentation by Josten Company, which installed the computers. East School is being designated as a demonstration site for the computer learning program.

Church Briefs

Singing slated at Macedonia

The Whisnants of Morganton will be in concert January 16 at 6 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1101 South Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain.

A nursery will be provided. The public is invited.

Gospel singing set at Allen Memorial

There will be a gospel singing January 8 at 7 p.m. at Allen Memorial Baptist Church, Long Branch Road, Grover.

Featured will be the "Golden Valley Crusaders."

The public is invited.

Bible study set at KM Baptist

The winter Bible study on the book of Hosea will begin with an introduction Sunday morning, Jan. 9 at Kings Mountain Baptist Church, 101 West Mountain Street.

The study will continue on Sunday and Wednesday nights at 7 p.m.

Rev. Dan Silver will be the teacher.

Gospel singing set at Holiness church

There will be a gospel singing Friday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at True Gospel Holiness Church, 1608 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain.

Featured group will be "The Freemans."

Rev. Jerry Morrow, pastor, invites the public.

CORRECTIONS

A recent article about the tutorial program at Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church contained three errors.

The article stated that members started a tutoring program after school. It should have stated that the pastoral staff started a tutorial program after school.

The article also said that older children learn computer skills from Clifford Shank, a supervisor at Clevefont Mill. It should have stated that computer skills are made available to the older children.

The article also stated that Hazeline Abernathy, a retired teacher, is the Program Director. It should have said Mrs. Margaret Leach, a retired teacher, is the Program Director. Hazeline Abernathy assists Margaret Leach in the program.

CITY

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said that the city must get its reserves back up and its water/sewer fund stand on its own.

"The state's economy is continuing on a path of economic expansion and as time goes on this expansion is gaining strength and stability," he predicted.

Neisler said he will push city-wide beautification in 1994 with an eye toward revamping the appearance committee. He wants to see new and larger street signs on US 74 and focus on beautifying all entrances to the city. He said results of a traffic signal study by the Department of Transportation will be presented to City Council in January and means that signals can be adjusted to better control traffic flow. He also wants to improve the Christmas decorations in town and, if funds permit, to light the trees in the business district.

Although Wood said he is "cautiously optimistic" about the economy, he said that Kings Mountain's big money project in 1994 is state-mandated. A liner or clarifier at Pilot Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant could cost from \$250,000 to \$450,000 if a concrete liner is used instead of plastic rubber.

Wood is continuing to interview for the position of Personnel Director, a position left vacant by the resignation of Charles Webber.

Neisler said he hoped to get the ball rolling soon on city beautification, encouraging garden clubs to choose gateways to the town to brighten up. The mayor wants to use prison labor to do some of the work at \$1 a day plus pay to the supervisors. "Why not put them to work?" he says.

Neisler says he wants to take advantage of other resources to help Kings Mountain and he has a big wish list to present to Council members at the next planning retreat in the spring.

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