

Engagements



JAMEIKA DENISE KNOX
SHAWN LAMAR PRESSLEY

Knox-Pressley

Jameika Denise Knox of Gastonia and Shawn Lamar Pressley of Kings Mountain have announced their plans to be married on December 31, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onell and Rosetta Brackett Jr. of Gastonia. She is a graduate of Hunter Huss High School. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Ms. Betty Pressley of Kings Mountain. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

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CYNTHIA KAYE ROBBS
(Bride-elect of Kevin Eugene Cooke)

Robbs-Cooke

Bill and Kaye Robbs of Kings Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Kaye Robbs, to Kevin Eugene Cooke, son of Gary and Christy Cooke of Kings Mountain. The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and holds an AFA from Gaston College. She presently attends UNCC and is employed by Regal Graphics. The bridegroom-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Kings Mountain High School. He attends Gaston College and is employed by Lowe's Foods. A March 6, 1999 wedding is planned.

Cooking Corner

(Ed. note - The recipes in today's cooking columns come from a cookbook published by the Junior League of Gaston County.)

SESAME CHICKEN MRS. DAVIS PATTON

Prepare 12 hours ahead
Freezes well, serves 8
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons onion, minced
1/8 teaspoon red pepper
2 tablespoon sesame seeds
1 tablespoon sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon instant minced garlic
2 chickens
Combine above ingredients except chicken. Cut chickens in quarters or pieces and pour mixture over chicken and marinate for 12 hours. Cook chicken on grill until done.

MARINATED PORK CHOPS HOPE PARKS

Prepare ahead
1/2 cup lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
8 pork chops, 3/4 to 1 inch thick
1/2 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons fresh ground ginger, chopped
Combine ingredients and pour over pork chops. Refrigerate for 6 hours or over night turning once. Cook on outdoor grill.

VEGETABLE BEAN SOUP PREPARE AHEAD GINNY RATCHFORD

1/2 cup green pepper, chopped
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1 small clove garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1-20 ounce package frozen corn
1-13 3/4 ounce can single strength beef broth
1-12 ounce can tomato juice
1 teaspoon cumin
2-15 ounce cans red kidney beans, drained
1-20 ounce can tomatoes, undrained and cut in pieces
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 tablespoon sugar or 3 packages of Sweet N Low
1 cup Cheddar cheese, shredded

In a 4 quart pan saute green pepper, onion and garlic in oil 5 to 7 minutes or until tender. Add remaining ingredients except the cheese. Bring to a boil over medium to high heat. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle each serving with 2 tablespoons cheese.

SPAGHETTI COOKIE JACKSON

May prepare ahead
2 pounds ground beef
olive oil
large V-8 juice
large tomato juice
3 onions, chopped
2 bell peppers, chopped
celery to taste, chopped
fresh mushrooms to taste, chopped
1 clove garlic, chopped
1-8 ounce can tomato paste
Italian dressing
1 box vermicelli
Brown beef in olive oil and drain. Bring to simmer V-8 and tomato juice. Add chopped onion, pepper, celery, mushrooms and garlic. Add browned beef and tomato paste. Sprinkle beef with fresh olive oil before adding to vegetable mixture. Season lastly with Italian seasoning to taste. Cook vermicelli

with a little cooking oil. Serve sauce over noodles. Serves 8.

LEMON SOUFFLE PIE ANNA DECKER

MAY PREPARE AHEAD
3 egg yolks
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon lemon rind
3 egg whites, beaten
1/2 cup sugar
1-8 inch pie shell, baked
Beat yolks until thick. Add lemon juice, 1/2 cup sugar, salt and rind. Cook over hot water stirring until thickened. Beat whites until thick and gradually add 1/2 cup sugar. Fold into yolk mixture. Pour in shell. Bake at 400 degrees until a delicate brown. About 5 minutes.

PICKLED SHRIMP or elegant salad in avocado half

EVA ANN McLEAN
Prepare ahead
3 pounds medium shrimp
2 pounds crab meat
3 medium onions, Vidalia when available
4 lemons
bay leaves
1-8 ounce bottle Catalina dressing
1-8 ounce bottle Russian dressing
Boil and clean shrimp, do not over cook. Slice onions and lemons as thinly as possible. In large 5 quart plastic covered container layer shrimp, crab meat, onions and lemons placing 2 to 3 bay leaves for layer. Pour bottled dressings over and close tightly. Marinate 2 to 3 days in refrigerator, inverting container or stirring gently daily. Serve with crackers.

Scholarship to honor Sylvia Holmes

A scholarship designed to help young women achieve higher education at an accredited college or university has been established in honor of Sylvia L. Holmes, former executive director of the Pioneer Girl Scout Council. The Sylvania L. Holmes Scholarship was created by Holmes' family to honor the many contributions she made during her distinguished tenure as Girl Scout executive director. Ms. Holmes served as executive director for sixteen years, from 1980 until she retired in 1996. The scholarship fund will be administered by the Community Foundation of Gaston County.

Individuals who are eligible to apply for the scholarship must be female high school seniors and residents of the Pioneer Girl Scout Council five-county service area (Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Rutherford, and Polk Counties). The young woman does not have to be a Girl Scout to apply, but participation in the Pioneer Girl Scout Council will be looked upon with favor.

The scholarship criteria is based upon character and academic achievement. Applications are available through the Pioneer Girl Scout Council and the Community Foundation of Gaston County.

Applications must be received by the Selection Committee or postmarked on or before February 1, 1999.

Sylvia L. Holmes and husband Ray Holmes are residents of Denver, N.C. They have two children, Lindsay Meakin and Christopher Holmes. Christopher and his wife Midred live in Washington, DC, and Lindsay and her husband Dr. Charles Meakin reside in Gastonia, N.C.

For more information on the Sylvania L. Holmes Scholarship, contact the Pioneer Girl Scout Council or the Community Foundation of Gaston County.

Contract awarded for KM connector road

The N.C. Board of Transportation awarded \$34.9 million in highway contracts for projects in 15 counties at its meeting on December 4 in Raleigh.

The contracts were for projects in Caswell, Chatham, Cleveland, Cumberland, Davidson, Duplin, Gaston, Jackson, Johnston, Lee, Mecklenburg, Onslow, Randolph, Rutherford, and

Sampson counties.

Work to be performed in Cleveland and Gaston counties will include building a two-lane highway connecting Phifer Road (S.R. 2256) and U.S. 74 Business near Kings Mountain. Tennoco Construction Co. of Candler was awarded the \$1.9 million contract. In addition, the board awarded contracts for repaving 173.4 miles of state primary and secondary road in

Sampson, Duplin, Onslow, Cleveland, Caswell and Gaston counties.

Other highway work to be done in Cleveland County will be replacement of the bridge over Buffalo Creek on N.C. 198 at the South Carolina state line. Carolina Bridge Co. of Orangeburg, S.C. was awarded \$1.6 million to handle the job.

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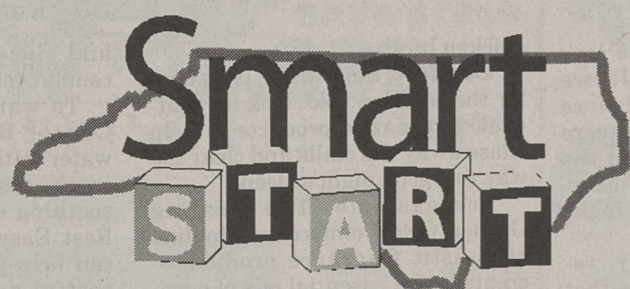
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