## WEDDING



MRS. JOHNNY BRENT BABB (Haley Elizabeth Bridges)

#### Bridges-Babb

Haley Elizabeth Bridges of Kings Mountain and Johnny Brent Babb of Inman, SC exchanged their marriage vows December 18, 1999 at First Wesleyan Church, Kings Mountain.

Rev. Don L. Williams officiated. Rev. James L. Dougherty, organist; Rev. Terry P. Williams, pianist; and Kevin Bolin, vocalist, presented a program of wedding music.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde J. Bridges Jr. of Kings Mountain. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and graduated from Gardner-Webb University with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. The bride's grandparents are Mrs. Margie B. Bridges and the late Clyde J. Bridges, and Mrs. Ruth B. Greene and the late Otis W. Greene.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Babb of Inman, SC. He is a graduate of Chapman High School and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Clemson University with a B.S. degree in Marketing. He is employed by Wachovia Investments. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Reeves and the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Babb.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an A-line gown of Paloma satin. The bodice of the dress was sleeveless with a jewel neckline. The waist was beautifully accented with three bands of Austrian crystals. The back of the gown flowed into a chapel train. The headpiece consisted of a band of crystals. The two layer illusion was accented with scattered crystals attached to a Cathedral length veil. The bride's bouquet consisted of baby's breath and stephanotis.

Matron of Honor was Mary Bridges Etters of Kings Mountain. Bridesmaids were Mitzi Babb Bragg of Boiling Springs, SC, Tracy Babb Brown of Spartanburg, SC, Andrea Case Foster of Inman, SC, Shanon Helms Rabon of Kannapolis, Lori Babb Witt of Inman, SC, and

Dana Lynn Wray of Kings Mountain.

The bridesmaids' dresses were red silk and consisted of two pieces. The tunic top was sleeveless with a sabrina neckline. On the tunic top were bands of satin which accented the waist beautifully. The bridesmaids' bouquet consisted of white roses, miniature carnations,

and baby's breath.

Caje Jacob Etters was ring bearer.

Best man was Johnny Babb. Ushers were
Wallace Kevin Bragg of Boiling Springs, SC,
David Keefer Brown of Spartanburg, SC, John
Benjamin Edwards of Inman, SC, Kevin Glenn
Etters of Kings Mountain, Charles Eric Powell
of Clemson, SC and Tommie Ray Witt II of

The bride's parents hosted the reception at the First Wesleyan Family Life Center. The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Cleveland Country Club.

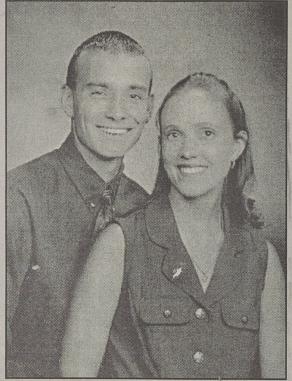
Inman, SC.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico the couple will be at home in Boiling Springs, SC.

Deadline for lifestyles news and information is 12 noon Monday. Items received after that time will run in the current week's paper if time and space permit. If not they will be withheld until the following week.

Bridal and birthday forms are available at the receptionist's desk at The Herald, 824 East King Street.

#### ENGAGEMENT



DONNA ROBIN DOBBINS DANIEL WILLIAM TEDDER

#### **Dobbins-Tedder**

Harriet and David Dobbins of Lincolnton announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Robin Dobbins, to Daniel William Tedder of Kings Mountain, son of Elaine Tedder of Kings Mountain and the late Jimmy Tedder.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lincolnton High School. She will graduate in May from Wake Forest University with a major in Health and Exercise Science and a minor in Psychology.

The bridegroom-to-be is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and the Gaston College Basic Law Enforcement Training Program. He is an officer with Kings Mountain Police

A June 10, 2000 wedding is planned at First Baptist Church, Lincolnton.

# City Council tours facilities in Wednesday orientation

New and returning Kings Mountain City Council members received a first-hand look at how the city operates during a six-hour orientation Wednesday.

Council members took a tour of Public Works, the gas/electric department, water plant, Moss Lake facilities, wastewater treatment plant, pump stations, police department, Transco, the city's natural gas take station; peak generation plant, Senior Center, library, fire department, and city hall. During a break for lunch at the new police department, and again at the end of the day at city hall council members and department heads had a question and

City Manager Jimmy Maney said the tours were arranged "to educate the new council members and review with old council members and the mayor most of the city facilities."

Maney said a first-hand look at how the city operates helps the councilmen make better decisions when they begin the tedious task of formulating a fiscal year budget.

"If you've seen the facilities you know firsthand what is needed, and you understand more than just having a department head come in and try to explain something to you," Maney

"This is a very complex, complicated small city and there are a lot of federal, state and local government guidelines that we have to comply with," Maney said.

## KM mayor goes on record opposing school merger

New Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey went on record this week as being opposed to any school merger in Cleveland County that involves Kings Mountain District Schools.

Murphrey was the Ward 5 representative when City Council adopted a resolution in November opposing a merger.

In one of his first official duties as mayor,
Murphrey reiterated Kings Mountain's opposition to merger in a letter to Cleveland County
Commission Chairman Jim Crawley which was accompanied by a copy of the resolution.

"This is a very sensitive issue not only in or community, but surrounding communities," Murphrey said.

## Senior Center plans activities

The Kings Mountain Senior Center has scheduled a wide variety of activities and amusements for its clients during January. Covering everything from health to crafts, there will be plenty to keep folks who visit the Senior Center busy.

The first Senior Center Social of the new millennium is scheduled for January 21st. Beginning at 7 pm, the get-together will last until 10 pm. Admission is \$3 for the social, and participants are asked to bring refreshments and/or paper products. The social is for adults only.

Beginning January 10th, Mondays at the Senior Center will begin featuring a special event at 10:30 am called "Do You Remember When?" Seniors are invited to join in this lively discussion and sharing of past memories from the good old days.

A special seminar will be held at the Senior Center on January 12 at 11 am. Entitled "The Overactive Bladder," the seminar will discuss the subject of frequent urination in an informative and educational way.

Another health-related event at the Senior Center in January will be the Blood Pressure

Clinic on January 16 at 10 am.
Ceramics will be the subject each Monday morning at the Senior Center from 9:30-11 am when Sue Bullock teaches a course in making your own pottery. Cost of the class is \$5 plus the cost of green ware, paint-brushes, paint, etc. Several seniors sell their wares at the Whistlestop Boutique located in the Senior Center's caboose.

Staying in shape is especially important during winter months, and the Senior Center's exercise classes help out in this regard. Exercise classes are held on Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 pm.

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#### Erika Melton earns degree at UNCC

Erika Randall Melton graduated with honors December 18 from UNC Charlotte with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education. She has accepted a teaching position at East Elementary where she will be teaching fifth grade.

Erika is the daughter of Jean and Merrill Randall and is married to Kevin Melton. They have a three-year-old son, Zachary.

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body, classes in Bible History and Bible Study are part of its regime. Bible History classes are held on Mondays at 11 am and Bible Study classes meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 am.

In addition to these programs, several other events will also take place during January at the Senior Center. Monday, January 14, will see the Alzheimer's Support Group meet at 7 pm. Tuesday, January

15, the AARP will hold a meeting at 2 pm. Friday, January 25, Kristy Key from the Mauney Memorial Library will have a program for all to enjoy at 10:30 am.

All of these activities, plus bingo, shopping, bridge, sing-along, and more are all part of the good time everyone has at the Kings Mountain Senior Center. For more information, call 734-0447.

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communicating with other public officials such as the legislative delegation and the county commissioners. The people in those roles need to know how board members feel about items which affect the schools. Members also have the opportunity to inform these officials of needs about which they may not know. Over the years our board members, in conjunction with others, have helped the system meet a number of these needs through dialogue with the appropriate officials.

Perhaps the thing which takes up the largest part of a school board member's personal schedule are the calls and visits they receive from the general public. Our board members have contacts from community members interested in school matters practically on a daily basis. This not only requires time to listen to the matter at hand but also requires additional time in passing along the inquiry. While our members are interested in citizen input and are glad to do just that, it does

take time from their already busy schedules. They are basically on call 24 hours a day and can never go to non-school functions such as church or civic club without the potential for having to talk schools.

I hope the information in this column helps you better understand how demanding school board membership really is. It's not that candidates for the office don't understand that they will have to give up a good bit of what was previously personal time to serve. It's not that board members mind giving the time to make us a better system. Our members are very gracious in the amount of time from their lives which they do give. It is important, however, that the public understands that school board membership requires much more time than ever before. It's also important that the public understand that we are fortunate to have board members who understand the requirements of the position and who give their time willingly to help us in our pursuit of excellence. During this special month why not take the time to say thank you to these five people who serve us so

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# One of The County's Best Medical Professionals has joined Our Staff



Lois J. Smith, RN, CRNP

Shelby Women's Clinic is pleased to welcome Lois J. Smith, RN, CRNP to its staff. Lois is certified as an Adult Nurse Practitioner from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Ms. Smith is a graduate of University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Lois will be available to see new patients for annual physicals, pap smears, and gynecologic exams, starting January 17.

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