

## ENGAGEMENT

## SOCIAL BRIEFS



WENDY ANN WRIGHT  
RYAN DANIEL ROPER

### Wright-Roper

Wendy Ann Wright and Ryan Daniel Roper have announced their plans to be married on January 11, 2003.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of John S. and Cathy G. Wright of Kings Mountain. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lucy Gaddy, Mrs. Gertie Wright, Otis Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Stough Wright, and the late Thurman Gaddy.

She is a 1995 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 2000 graduate of Gaston College School of Nursing. She is employed by Cleveland Regional Medical Center Intensive Care Unit, and Kings Mountain Fire Department.

The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Randall A. and Joan L. Roper of Fallston. He is the grandson of Marie Lewis, the late Daniel Lewis, and the late Katie and Albert Roper.

He is a 1992 graduate of Burns High School and a 1994 graduate of Cleveland Community College. He is employed by Spectrum Dyed Yarns in the maintenance department.

### Barrett Family holds reunion

The annual reunion of the descendants of Ben and Lilly Barrett was held October 27 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Attendees included Zelma Greene, Odell Barrett, and Rev. Wray Barrett, children of Ben and Lilly.

A short business meeting preceded the meal, which consisted of everyone's favorite covered dish recipes. The tables were decorated with a Fall harvest theme and a drawing was held for door prizes.

Everyone joined hands for the closing prayer.

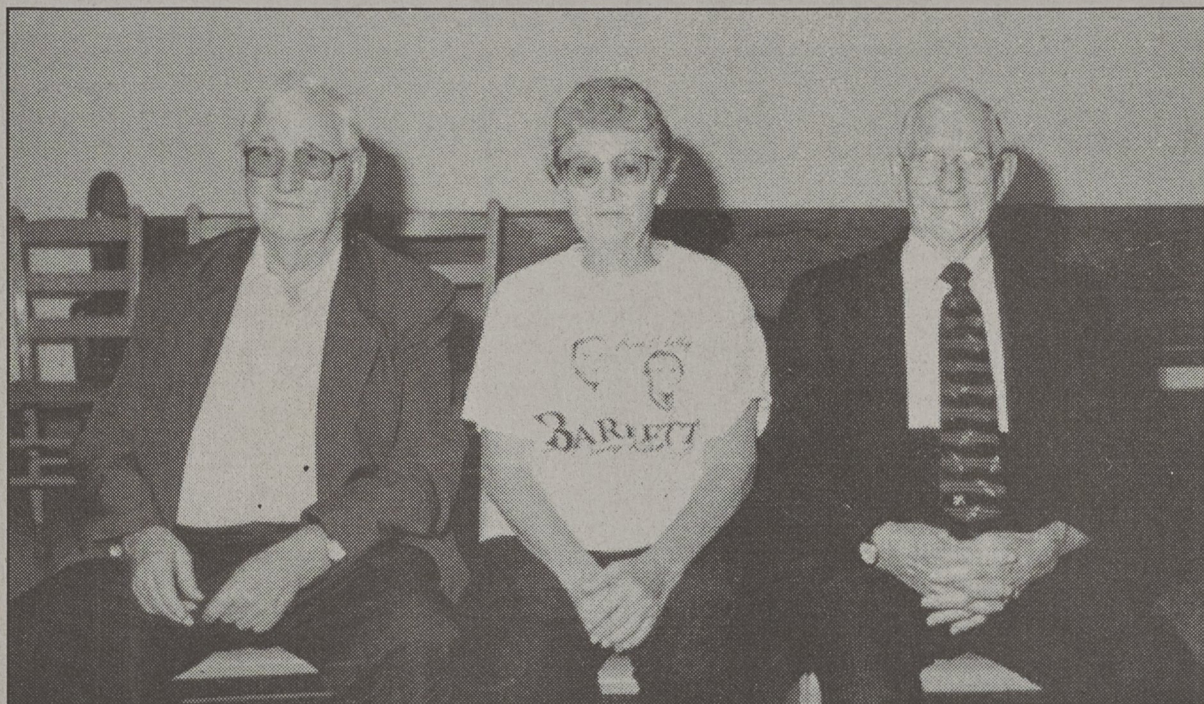
### KM Hospital plans Tree of Love

Contributions for the "Tree of Love" are being taken by the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary. For a contribution of \$10 or more a crystal angel will be placed on the tree in honor or memory of someone. The auxiliary will send acknowledgements of the contribution to the person being honored or to the family of the one being memorialized and invite them to the tree lighting ceremony to be held December 4 at 5 p.m. in the lobby of Kings Mountain Hospital. The public is also invited.

There will be a short program. Peggy Baird, Auxiliary President, will introduce the program. There will be music and a devotion given by a local minister.

All contributions will go into the scholarship fund with the auxiliary paying all expenses for the project. The scholarship will be presented to a high school senior going into a medical career. There were two \$2,000 scholarships given last year.

For more information call Jessie Collins 739-5503.



Odell Barrett, Thelma Barrett Greene and Rev. Wray Barrett at annual reunion of the descendants of Ben and Lilly Barrett.

### Vocal competition at Lincoln Center

The Heafner/Williams Vocal Competition will be held April 12-13, 2003 at the Lincoln Cultural Center. The event seeks to identify and offer assistance to highly talented vocalists and to encourage the theatrical vocal arts.

Over \$3,000 will be awarded in cash prizes. Competition is open to singers ages 17-40 who are residents of Burke, Catawba, Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln and Iredell counties.

Deadline for applying is January 15, 2003. For more information call 732-9055.

### Fiddlers, Bluegrass convention slated

The 11th annual Ellenboro Fiddlers' & Bluegrass Convention will be held Saturday, November 23 at 6:30

p.m. at Ellenboro School Auditorium.

A barbecue supper will be held at 4 p.m.

Prizes will be presented to winners.

Concessions will be sold.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$1 for children under 10. For more information call (828) 453-7457.

### Earl yule parade slated December 1

The 5th annual Earl Christmas Parade will be held Sunday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m.

The parade theme is "Honoring those who protect and serve."

There will be judging of floats. For information about entering a unit in the parade call Mayor Arrie Ellis at 487-8807. There is no entry fee but entries must be received by November 21.

### 'Mostly Smiles' grief program set

Cleveland County Hospice will host its "Mostly Smiles Winter Wonderland" Saturday, November 23 at the Hospice Administration Building.

The one-day retreat is for children ages 6-16 who have experienced a death in their lives.

The retreat is free and will offer children an opportunity learn about emotions, grief, and self-esteem through activities, art and games.

For more information, call 487-0800 Ext. 111. (Kim Strange).

### Christmas party at KM senior center

The annual Kings Mountain Senior Center Christmas party is Friday, Dec. 20 from 2-4 pm. There will be entertainment, refreshments and door prizes. For more information call 734-0447.



# THANKSGIVING DAY BUFFET

## FEATURING HAM, CARVED TURKEY & STEAK

Served with all the Trimmings  
Includes Sundae & Dessert Bar  
with Pumpkin Pie

Serving From  
11:00am Until 4:00pm

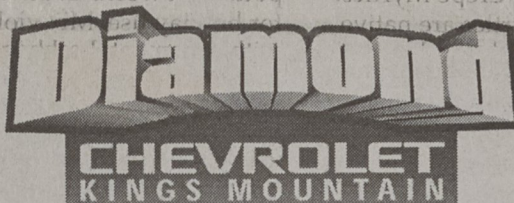

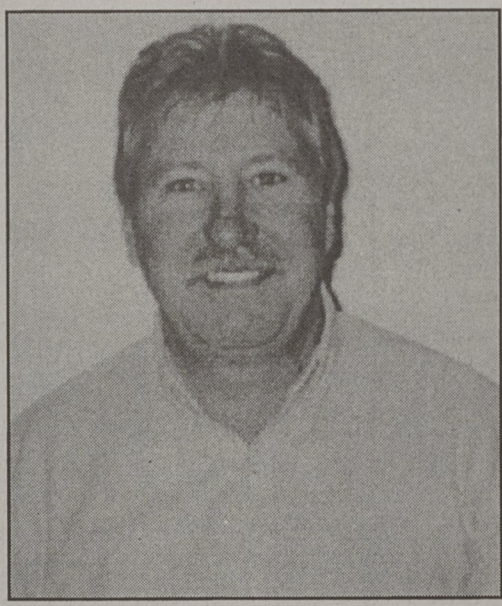
Breakfast Served All Thanksgiving Weekend  
Thurs. - Sun.  
7am - 11am

# \$8.99



1108 East Dixon Blvd. • Shelby, NC 28152  
(704) 481-8283

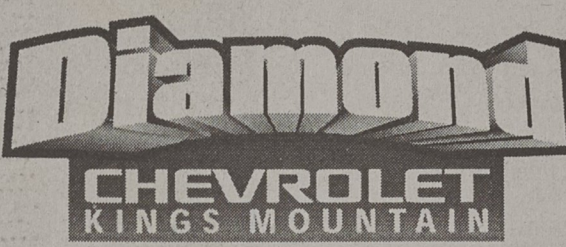
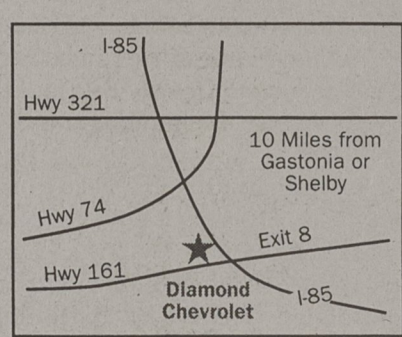
2300 E. Franklin Blvd. • Gastonia, NC 28054  
(704)868-7118

**Gary Autry**  
Body Shop Manager

**Our Body Shop Offers:**

- General Motors & ASE Certified Technicians
- Modern Down-Draft, Bake Spray Booth
- Free Estimates
- Computerized Alignments
- Towing and Rental Cars Available

**704-739-6011**  
Exit 8, I-85/Hwy 161, Kings Mountain, NC