

## ENGAGEMENTS



JENNIFER LYNN KIES  
HO NGOC NGUYEN

### Kies-Nguyen

Jennifer Lynn Kies of Kings Mountain and Ho Ngoc Nguyen of Cherryville have announced their plans to be married on May 17, 2003 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Gastonia.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kies Jr. of Kings Mountain. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and attends Gaston College where she is pursuing a medical office degree. She is employed by ABC Human Resources.

The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuong Nguyen of Cherryville. He is a graduate of Cherryville High School and received a Bachelors in Criminal Justice from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is employed by Yamato.



MARY ANN McCLAIN  
KEITH NORMAN CONNOR

### McClain-Connor

Mary Ann McClain of Kings Mountain and Keith Norman Connor of Gastonia have announced their plans to be married on May 24, 2003.

Mary is the daughter of Joann H. McClain of Kings Mountain and the late Howard McClain Jr. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Howard McClain Sr. She is a 1981 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School and a 1982 graduate of King's College. She is employed by Watson Insurance Agency, Gastonia.

Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russ Lee and Ophelia Barber Connor of Gastonia. He is a 1979 graduate of Ashbrook High School, Gastonia, and a 1982 graduate of Gaston College, Dallas. He is employed by Freightliner of Mount Holly. He sings with the gospel recording artist group "Focused."

## WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. BRYAN THOMAS CHAMPION  
(Brandy Michelle Hamrick)

### Champion-Hamrick

Brandy Michelle Hamrick and Bryan Thomas Champion exchanged marriage vows February 14, 2003 at First Baptist Church.

Dr. Chip Sloan officiated. Shirley Stamey presented a program of wedding music.

The bride is the daughter of Howard and Lori Hamrick of Kings Mountain. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Fannie Hamrick and the late Howard Hamrick, and the John and Betty Walker. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Daisy Russ.

The bridegroom is the son of Dennis and Kathy Champion of Kings Mountain and Barbara and Steve Flint of Charlotte. He is the grandson of Mrs. Evelyn Champion and the late Gene Champion, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Welch, all of Kings Mountain. He is attending Cleveland Community and is a police officer.

The bride was given in marriage by Howard Hamrick. She wore a strapless princess style gown made of satin with a chapel length train attached. The gown was embellished with delicate lace in the bodice, the front of the gown and the train with lace trimming the hem of the gown. Delicate flowers with pearl centers adorned the gown. The head piece was made of pearls  
See Champion, 2B



MRS. RYAN DANIEL ROPER  
(Wendy Ann Wright)

### Roper-Wright

Wendy Ann Wright of Kings Mountain and Ryan Daniel Roper of Fallston exchanged marriage vows January 11, 2003 at 3 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene in Kings Mountain.

Michael Daugherty officiated. Joy Dellinger, pianist; and Susan Mauney and Doug Phillips, soloists, presented a program of wedding music.

The bride is the daughter of John S. and Cathy G. Wright of Kings Mountain. She is a 1995 graduate of Kings Mountain High School. She is a 2000 graduate of Gaston College School of Nursing and is employed in the Intensive Care Unit of Cleveland Regional Medical Center, and Kings Mountain Fire Department. She is the granddaughter of Lucy Gaddy of Kings Mountain, Gertie Wright of Grover, Otis Wright of Kings Mountain and the late Thurman Gaddy. Her honorary grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Leigh of  
See Roper, 2B

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