

## PEOPLE

# Susan Smith joins KM dental practice



DR. SUSAN SMITH

Dr. Susan Neisler Smith has joined Dr. G.K. Howard Jr. in his Kings Mountain dental practice.

Dr. Smith, a native of Kings Mountain, is the daughter of Reginald Lane Smith of Myrtle Beach, SC and the late Sue Hunnicutt Smith.

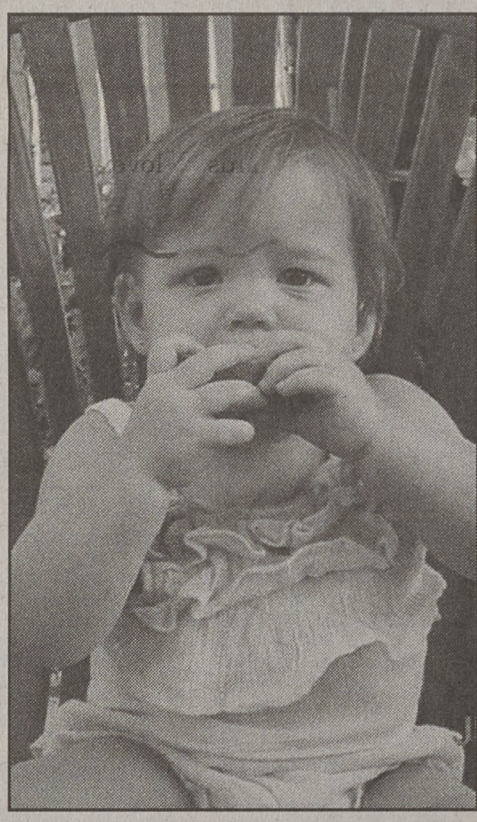
Dr. Smith attended Kings Mountain High School, graduated from North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in 1996, and received a B.S. in Chemistry from Washington

and Lee University in 2000. Dr. Smith graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry in May and joined Dr. Howard's practice in June.

Dr. Smith is engaged to be married to dental school classmate Dr. Benjamin Aaron Thompson of Gastonia in November.

Dr. Howard and staff will host a Patient Appreciation Night Friday, August 20 from 6-9 p.m. at which time patients can meet Dr. Smith.

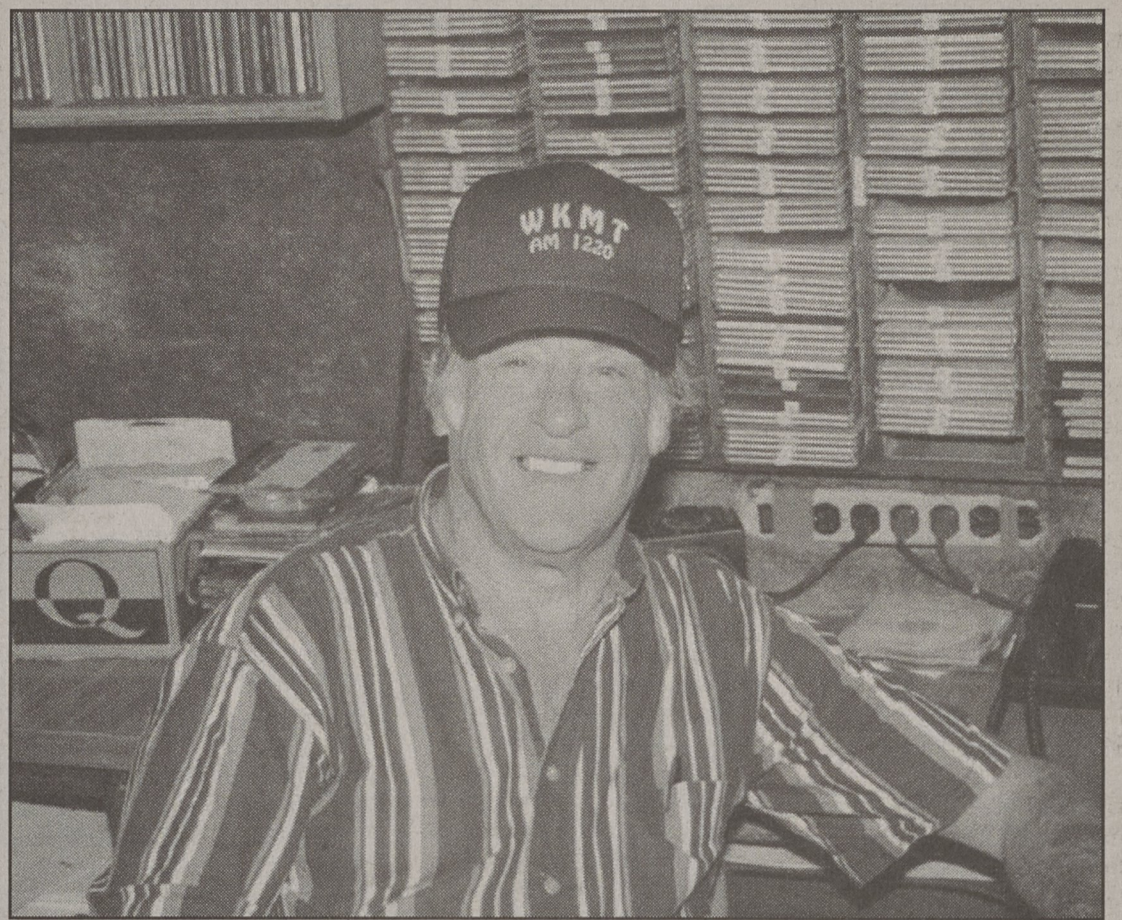
## KIDS CORNER



The Buchanan quads, children of Tim and Carol Buchanan of Kings Mountain, enjoyed eating watermelon on a recent hot day. In photo at top are Carson and Calen. Bottom left is Maggie, and bottom right is Mallory.

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Share your children's pictures for Kids Corner. It can be of birthday parties, fun at the park or other special events. Bring them by The Herald at 824 E. King St. or e-mail them to kmhnews@aol.com. They must be identified and include parents' names and phone number.



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Country singer and WKMT disc jockey Jim Arp has been inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame.

## Jim Arp inducted into Rockabilly Hall of Fame

BY JIM HEFFNER  
Staff Writer

"Spins and needles" is how Jim Arp describes his job as a disc jockey at WKMT-AM in Kings Mountain.

Arp, a Belmont resident with friends and relatives all around the area, has been a mainstay at the station for 35 years.

He has recently been honored with induction into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame in Burns, Tennessee.

A native of Blue Ridge, Georgia, Arp's family moved to this area when he was a small child. He has been involved, one way or another, in the music business all his life.

An Elvis look alike as a young man, Arp played the country music circuit for several years. He performed as the lead singer for several groups, and as a solo as well.

"I came from a musical family," he said. "There was always some kind of music around the house."

From his first harmonica, Arp moved on to the guitar, and then vocals. He grew up during the rock and roll boom of the 50's and was an active participant.

"I've tried most of the entertainment outlets," he said. "I've written for a chain of newspapers, wrote science fiction and fantasy stories, a couple of books, many songs and poems and 20 to 30 of those songs have been published."

Arp has written two books on Hank Williams and was friendly with Williams' sister Irene until her death a few years ago.

He has also opened shows for artists such as Carl Perkins, the Royal Teens, Jerry Lee Lewis, Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn. Arp traveled for several years with the Del Rays as their lead singer.

Music, during the first years of the 1950s was evolving. The big bands were beginning to fade and the coming entertainment medium was TV. Country music was making inroads into the public vista, and rock was emerging.

The two genres began to meld together as

people such as Elvis Presley, Ricky Nelson, Ferlin Huskey, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash and others produced music utilizing both styles. Country songs began to hit the pop charts and vice versa. Somebody, during that period of time came up with the name Rockabilly, and the label stuck.

Rockabilly has been described as the Memphis sound because of Sun Records, an independent company that recorded Presley, Cash, Perkins and Lewis in their early years. It's really edgy, countrified rock sounds with hard driving guitar chords.

It is one of the purest forms of American roots music, and most of it was written by people such as Arp. Wherever they found themselves they picked their guitars, experimenting with different sounds and chord progressions and jotted down lyrics on anything they could find.

Arp has written so many songs he can't recall them all. Several different artists have recorded his music, including Narvel Felts, James Williamson and Frank Anthony, all well-known in the world of rockabilly.

During his years of performing, Arp, sometime called "Little Lonely" because of his resemblance to Presley, became extremely popular in Europe. Some of his recordings were high on the charts overseas for several years. One of his most popular recordings was a tune called "Not Too Young," penned by Carroll Ludwick.

A new generation of young musicians has discovered rockabilly in recent years, and are playing the music in small venues all over the country. The music has remained popular in Europe, and Arp's CDs still sell.

Even though WKMT ownership changed hands recently, Arp will remain on the 12-6 p.m. shift. He continues to write music, stories and poetry.

Anyone can contact him and purchase one of his CDs by writing him at 710 Ann St. in Belmont.

Arp has a special page on the Rockabilly web site at [www.rockabilly.com](http://www.rockabilly.com).

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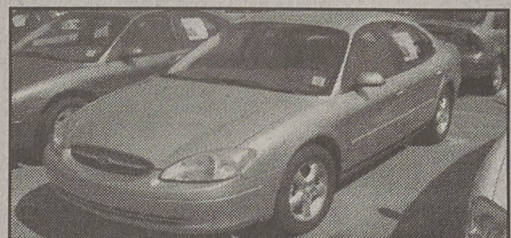
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