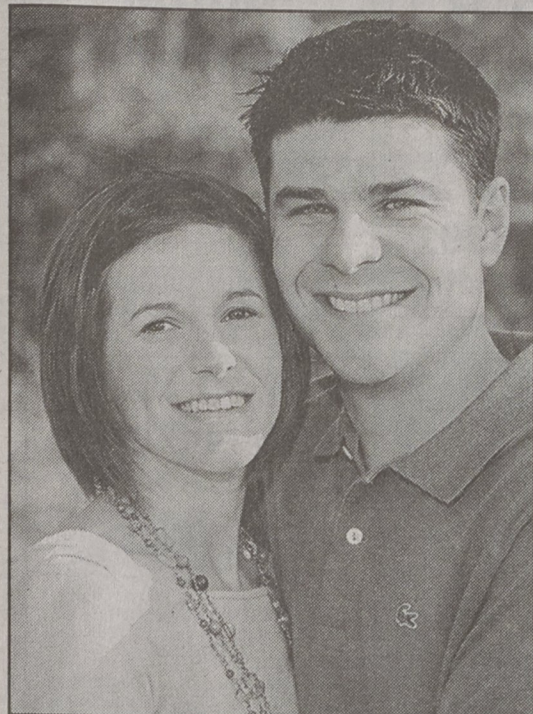


## ENGAGEMENTS



CASEY LYNN GOFORTH  
STEVEN JOSEPH LOCKLER

### Goforth-Lockler

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brown of Shelby and William Goforth of Smyrna, SC announce the engagement of their daughter, Casey Lynn Goforth, to Steven Joseph Lockler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lockler of Charlotte.

A July 29, 2006 wedding is planned at Christian Freedom Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

Casey is the daughter of Tom and Iva Beam and Eugene and Fay Goforth, all of Kings Mountain, and Mr. and Mrs. George N. Lovelace of Pineville. She is a 1995 graduate of Burns High School and earned a BA in Elementary Education from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She is employed with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

Joseph is the grandson of Bill and Sarah Yandle and Ray and Eloise Lockler, all of Charlotte. He is a 1997 graduate of West Mecklenburg High School and earned a BS in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is employed with the City of Charlotte.

### KMNMP to celebrate National Park Week

Kings Mountain National Military Park will celebrate National Park Week April 22-29 to draw attention to the nearly 400 national parks nationwide which preserve natural areas, recreation area and historic sites.

Each day at 4 p.m. park staff will present a program of activity for children ages 5-11. Families and after-school groups are encouraged to participate. The activities include: Saturday and Sunday - Meet Benjamin Franklin and learn about his inventions and experiments.

Monday - Militia drill to teach young recruits how to march and fire a musket.

Tuesday - Spinning yarn into cloth; watch as wool yarn is spun into fabric for clothing.

Wednesday - Colonial medicine - discover how doctors treated patients 200 years ago.

Thursday - Watch as powder horns are made and decorated.

Friday and Saturday, April 28-29 - Use your senses to understand nature; learn about the park's plants and wildlife.

All activities are free. For more information call 864-936-7921.

### Democrat fund raiser is Thursday in Shelby

The bi-annual Cleveland County Democratic party fund raiser, Century Club, will be held Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Cleveland Country Club in Shelby. Speaker will be State Democratic Party Chair Jerry Meek.

Get tickets through precinct chairmen or call Betsy Wells at 739-1545.



TIAH CINTRON  
RICKY CARROLL JR.

### Cintron-Carroll

Ricky Carroll Jr. and Tiah Cintron have announced their engagement and plan to marry on May 20, 2006 at the Patriots Park gazebo in Kings Mountain.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Tangie and Joseph Paulk of Kings Mountain and the late James Caviness. She is employed as a dental hygienist at Kelly & Kelly Family Dentistry in Gastonia.

The groom-to-be is the son of Ricky and Doreen Carroll and Rodney and Regina Ruff of Kings Mountain. He is employed as a lineman with BellSouth in Cleveland County.

### Riley Ray Clark born March 22

Riley Ray Clark was born March 22, 2006 at Shelby Hospital.

The baby weighed eight pounds, one ounce and was 20 inches long.

Parents are Lindsay Bell and Kenneth Clark of Kings Mountain.

Maternal grandparents are Jeanne and Terry Bell of Kings Mountain. Paternal grandparents are Sandra and Johnny Clark of Grover.



### Ben Franklin program Tuesday at KM library

Ben Franklin is coming to Mauney Memorial Library Tuesday, April 25 at 4 p.m.

Free tickets are available at the children's circulation desk.

The magic of reading with Ben Franklin is a world-class school assembly program designed to enlighten children and inspire them to acquire a love of reading that will last forever. Children will learn the secrets of one of the world's best and most famous readers, Benjamin Franklin, as he discusses his life and achievement, and explains how to improve reading habits.

Children become part of the program as Ben challenges them to remember everything he says, and rewards them when they do!

Dr. Rich Davis is an energetic, enthusiastic speaker and author who has found a way to creatively reach large numbers of people with his messages about reading and learning. He is a former college English and public speaking teacher who has also taught extensively in literacy programs.

For more information call the library at 739-2371.

## CLUBS



Olivia Mayhew, incoming president, Grace Talbert, Margie Bridges, club president, and Betty Alexander, beautification committee chairman, are pictured at the gate recently erected by the Open Gate Garden Club which also recently added more Crepe Myrtles in the islands of the Cherokee Street back parking lot downtown.

### Open Gate Garden Club beautifies back parking lot

Spring is bursting out all over in the Cherokee Street parking lot downtown with a beautification project by members of the Open Gate Garden Club.

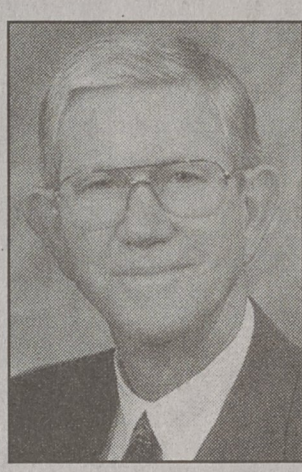
The welcome mat is out by club president Margie Bridges for residents and visitors to drive by or park their cars in the area and enjoy the scenery.

The new, black wrought-iron gate is left slightly ajar in the beautifully landscaped back parking lot to symbolize that the Open Gate Garden Club has spread more beauty and completed a major beautification project that was begun in 1993.

"We started doing a little bit at a time, planting flowers and then Crepe Myrtles in the 12 islands but have recently added 17 more trees for a total of 37 Crepe Myrtles which are really beautiful this spring," said Bridges, club president.

Betty Alexander chaired the committee which has been busy putting the finishing touches on the project, overseeing the construction of the

gate and the new sign. teered long hours in beautification projects in town. See Garden Club, 8A



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