

## Central United Methodist Church setting for Meghan Potter-Lane Wood marriage

Meghan Casey Potter and Lane Alexander Wood exchanged marriage vows August 12, 2006 at Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain.

Pastor Janice Combs, Pastor Steve Jessen and Pastor Reg Alexander officiated. A program of wedding music was presented by pianist Stephanie Edwards, flutist Kristi Covil, organist Libby Putnam, guitarists Bryan Davis and Daniel Hodges, and vocalists Kyra Alexander, Brandon McSwain, Christen Blanton, Linda Dixon and Nathan Story.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Pat Potter of Kings Mountain. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Casey Durham and the late Dr. T.G. Durham of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Jeannine Potter and the late Les Potter of St. Louis, MO. She is a 2002 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 2006 graduate of UNC Wilmington. She is employed by Samaritan's Purse in Boone.

The groom is the son of Larry and Cindi

Wood of Kings Mountain. He is the grandson of Charles Alexander and the late Ruby Alexander of Kings Mountain, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood. His great-grandmother is Mrs. Pearle Horne of Kings Mountain.

He is a 2003 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and will graduate in December 2006 from Appalachian State University. He plans to attend seminary at Southeastern in Wake Forest, NC.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white strapless satin A-line gown with side drape and beaded bodice and chapel train.

Matron of honor was Christen Blanton, friend of the bride, of Gastonia. Maid of honor was Lesley Potter, sister of the bride, of Kings Mountain.

Bridesmaids were Susie Potter, sister of the bride, of Kings Mountain, and friends of the bride Elizabeth Schultz of Wilmington, Brooke Holliday of Wilmington, Lara

Anderson of Wilmington, Katie Russell of Asheville, and Kristen Atterholt of Wilmington.

Junior bridesmaids were Libby Potter and Jamie Potter, cousins of the bride, of St. Louis. Flower girl was Carley Johnson and ring bearer was Nathan Phillips. Camille Bagwell was wedding director.

Larry Wood of Kings Mountain was his son's best man. Groomsman were Brandon Wood, the groom's brother, of Nashville, and friends Justin Roper of Kings Mountain, Brady Sweat of Raleigh, Adam Hobbs of Wilmington, Joel Nevius of Wilmington, Lee Dixon of Atlanta, and Eric Anthony of Kings Mountain.

The couple's parents hosted the wedding reception at the Patrick Center. The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal BBQ at First Baptist Church Activity Center.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will live in Boone.



MRS. LANE ALEXANDER WOOD (Meghan Casey Potter)

## ENTERTAINMENT

# On a path to stardom

Kevin Young hopes first big music break leads him to the top

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Kings Mountain's Kevin Young sang at The Big Chill in Charlotte Saturday night as part of a promotion with 646 Entertainment, a new independent recording company that he recently signed with. After a successful run with "Give me the Mic, Charlotte" last year, he realized how much performing meant to him and has been focused on achieving the performer's dream ever since.

"He has worked so hard to get to this point," said his sister Freida Young. "We are all so proud of him." Two sisters, one brother and sister-in-law were in attendance Saturday night to support him. Other family members and friends, filling up two and a half tables, traveled to the club to hear him sing. They provided the loudest and proudest cheers of the night. Kevin's mother, Mary, wanted to attend but sacrificed to stay behind and look after the grandchildren. She sent her prayers and well-wishes with him and required a full report later from the rest of the group.

Kevin, a soft-spoken, reserved guy one-on-one became a bright light on the stage, infusing the audience with life, foot tapping and clapping. His first song, a rendition of Stevie Wonder's "Superstitious," brought at least half of the audience to their feet, swaying and clapping. Most of the rest of his songs were those that he had written. A modest showman,



Kevin Young performs at The Big Chill in Charlotte

he gave credit to the band and back-up singers allowing them to have equal share in his spotlight. On his final note, the crowd cheered and like a pro, he left them wanting more.

"I get more nervous when I'm in front of just one or two people," he said, before the show. "I think it's easier to be in front of a crowd of people."

After graduating from Kings Mountain High School, he attended ECPI and earned a degree in Computer Technology. "I ended up starting my own company, which I just closed to focus more on music," he said. His business, K&D Audio & Video Solutions, was open for about a year and a half. While there, he installed commercial video and sound systems, like for

malls and restaurants. But he quickly tired of the work, knowing that it was not what he really wanted to do.

Freida said their mother has always stressed the importance of having a career and working hard to obtain life's goals. "She impressed on us that we could be and do anything if we worked hard enough," Freida said.

So he set up a studio in his room, where Freida said he is constantly listening to music, singing and writing his own song lyrics. A regular exercise routine keeps him in good physical shape. "You've got to keep yourself conditioned," he said. "I'm teaching myself to play the piano right now (which helps with song-writing)."

"It's a lot of work. You definitely have to do your

research and your homework," he said, in regards to choosing the right recording label and avenues to pursue. But most importantly, faith, hope, patience and determination keep him steady on his track.

Since "Give me the Mic, Charlotte," he has done several commercials for Harris Teeter, Food Lion and other businesses. He signed with 646 Entertainment about four months ago and his first R&B album is anticipated to hit record stores this fall. Most of his music is entirely self-created with influences from his background in Gospel music.

Kevin was told that professional scouts might also have seen him at The Big Chill Saturday night and he is excited. If 646 Entertainment links up with a major label, then their artists will have the increased advertisement, promotion and publicity offered by the prominent labels that make the star a star.

"I've been singing since I was an elementary kid," he said. "I've always loved it and it was something I've always wanted to do."

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## Children's play 'Cinderella' opens Friday at KMLT

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present the children's play "Cinderella" this weekend September 8 and 9 at 7:30 pm and September 10 at 3:30 pm and the following weekend September 15 and 16 at 7:30 pm. This play is a retelling of the classic Cinderella story. It is being performed by high school students from Kings Mountain, Shelby, Gastonia, Bessemer City and Charlotte and is for children of all ages. Some children will be allowed to sit on the stage during the performance so parents and grandparents are urged to bring their young ones.

The play was written by Dr. Rupert Barber, Jr. who was the theater professor at

Davidson College when the director Andy Neisler attended in the 1970's. Andy saw the play two years ago when his daughter Virginia Neisler, currently enrolled at Davidson, played the roll of Storyteller. When Andy wrote to Dr. Barber for permission to perform the play Dr. Barber's wife Carol responded with the sad news that Dr. Barber had died unexpectedly that day. Ms. Barber graciously allowed the production of the play on condition that the Little Theater make a donation to the Rupert Barber Scholarship in his honor. This play also is being performed in his honor.

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