

LIFESTYLES



MR. AND MRS. DAVID MICHAEL EVANS
(Anna-Marie Goforth)

Goforth-Evans couple wed at home of bride's parents

Anna-Marie Goforth and David Michael Evans, both of Gastonia, were recently married at the home of the bride's parents in Kings Mountain. Rev. Richard Spencer officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Debbie Goforth of Kings Mountain. She is the granddaughter of Jean Porter Spencer and the late Charles R. Porter, Charles E. Goforth and Mary Schenck Goforth. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain

High School and works at AGI Media.

The groom is the son of Gary and Debra Evans of Winchester, IL. He is the grandson of Harold and Geraldine Boes of Hannible, MO and Eleanor Evans and the late Theodore Evans of Winchester, IL. He is a graduate of Winchester High School and is employed at AGI Media.

Following the ceremony, Paul and Debbie Goforth hosted a reception at their home.

RAILROAD

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she was 29. After her master told her, her husband, Jon, and the rest of his slaves that he was going to possibly sell some of them soon, she told Jon that they either had to flee or risk being sold and separated. He did not see the point in escaping, so she packed a few belongings and left that night without him. Although she found freedom and refuge in the North and was wanted in the South, she made at least 19 trips back South to save around 300 slaves, most of them mere strangers to her. One wanted poster claimed a \$40,000 reward on her head. There was a close call or two along the way, but she carried a weapon with her and never got caught. When other slaves in the Underground Railroad were in her company seeking freedom and had second doubts, she said that she just showed them her weapon and "never lost a single one." "You'll be free or you'll be dead," she declared. After all of her efforts in that dark time of America's history, she made a difference in the world, if to none other than those 300 slaves. She asked the audience, "What y'all doing to make this world a better place?"

Hickling acted out another brave hero in the abolitionist movement, Henry "Box" Brown. He was born a slave in

Richmond, Va, and shipped himself in a wooden crate to freedom in Philadelphia with a little help from Mr. Smith (Ostergaard), a shoemaker and shoe store owner in Va. "I spent most of the (26 hour) trip on my head. Nobody cared about the printing that read 'This side up,'" she said.

Levi Coffin (Ostergaard) was coined "President of the Underground Railroad" for his clever ways of helping slaves escape. On one trip to freedom, 28 slaves were about to pass a bridge controlled by slave hunters. Their only hope was to act like a procession of mourners for a funeral. He gave the women mourning cloths and told them to keep their heads down. They passed by without a hitch. John Parker bought his own freedom and helped 4,000 slaves in all to safety, Ostergaard said.

Many other heroes helped change the course of history and break the bondages of slavery. Ostergaard said that they honor all Americans, past and present, who stand up for what is right.

Children's Librarian Christy Conner said that the library will have Bright Star Children's Theatre back this summer for an interactive mystery show during Summer Reading. Ostergaard and another actress performed Aesop's Fables for Summer Reading last year.

'The Mousetrap' opens Friday at Kings Mountain High School

Kings Mountain High School presents this year's winter play, *The Mousetrap*, written by Agatha Christie and directed by teacher Misti Arter. Performances will be held in the Barnes Auditorium at KMHS on February 23 and 24 at 7 pm and on Sunday, February 25, at 3 pm. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, children six and under get in free and KMHS Renaissance Club benefits apply.

According to Arter, "The Mousetrap is the longest running play in London. It is a murder mystery centering around the newly established guest house

ran by Mollie (Jennifer Cole) and Giles (Andrew Turner). As their new guests arrive a snow storm begins and traps the guests together as a killer is on the loose. This is a suspenseful drama that keeps the audience on the edge of their seats and guessing up to the final scene."

For some of the talented students this play will be their last performance in high school. Cole has also "played in *Everything I Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* and co-directed *This is a Play*, which won a superior rating, an excellence in directing award, and two acting awards at

the NC Theatre Conference Play Festival," Arter said. "Turner may be remembered from *Scooter Thomas Makes it to the Top of the World*, *Guys and Dolls* and *Flowers for Algernon* for which he won honorable mention for best acting at the 2006 NCTC. Eric Pardo, who plays Trotter, was Harry the Horse in *Guys and Dolls* and Harry Grimer in *Don't Pet My Rock*, both at KMHS. Adam Pasour, who plays Christopher, was Milton in *All of the Timing*, the 2006 KMHS Senior play. Ben Hart, who plays Major Metcalf, has been Jonathan in *How to Succeed in*

Business Without Really Trying, Professor Nemur in *Flowers for Algernon*, for which he received an honorable mention in acting at the 2006 NCTC Play Festival. Megan Bradshaw, who plays Mrs. Boyle, was General Matilda B. Cartwright in *Guys and Dolls* at KMHS. Lorrin Plyler, who plays Miss Casewell, and Alex Lopez, who plays Mr. Paravincini, will be debuting in this production of *The Mousetrap*.

For more information, contact Misti Arter at KMHS at 704-734-5647.

COCKTAILS

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Susan Champion, wife of Mimi's Director Jim Champion, plays the actress Lu White. The play-book said that she "is a veteran of many KMLT performances, including the *Nunsense* musicals, *Same Time Next Year*, *Dearly Departed*, and *A, My Name is Alice*." She met Champion, "the love of her life", when he was directing her first performance with KMLT.

Punkin Higginbotham plays the incomparable Dody de Vries. "She debuted with KMLT 20 years ago in *The Sound of Music*. Through the years she played in *Murder takes the Stage*, *Catfish Moon* and *Steel Magnolias*. Her favorite roles have been Betty in *Catfish Moon* and Truvy in *Steel Magnolias*. She also directed KMLT's *Forever Plaid* and *Harvey*."

Dena Blalock plays the wife of Mimi's lawyer. According to the playbook, "Since Dena started volunteering at KMLT and by

being on the Board of Directors, she has wanted to get back into performing in plays. She said, "I always had an interest in performing, since last appearing in *Lil Abner*, *Cats* and *On Broadway* in high school (many years ago). I am a little rusty. I would like to dedicate this new start to my new first grandbaby, Jaden."

Eighteen-year-old Alex Fields plays Lester Calthorpe, Edith's boyfriend. He has been involved with the theatre over the past four years. He describes himself as an "iconoclast who aspires to

be the king of Dominaria." John Bennett, who plays the Butler, "has appeared in *Annie Get Your Gun*, *The Fantastiks* and was last seen on stage singing the part of Jim in the Greater Shelby Community Theatre production of *Pump Boys and Dinettes*. He also appeared in *Titanic: The Musical* in Gastonia and *Art for a Steal* in Cherryville. He is also an active director."

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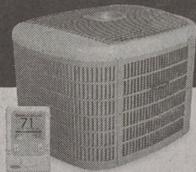
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