

ASHLEY LYNN HUFFSTETLER
NATHAN JOHNSON

Couple to wed in June

The engagement of Ashley Lynn Huffstetler of Dallas and Nathan Johnson of Kings Mountain is announced by the bride-to-be's parents, Mark and Pam Huffstetler of Dallas.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Don and Beng Johnson of Kings Mountain and Gary and Teresa Thomas of Vale.

Miss Huffstetler will graduate in May from Catawba Valley Community College with a degree in nursing. She is the granddaughter of Cecil Bumgarner and Brenda Huffstetler.

The bridegroom-to-be is the grandson of Pete and Shirley Johnson. Gaston Fence Company employs him in sales.

The wedding will be an event of June 6 in Corinth Baptist Church in Vale.

Second book in local school series out soon

The second book in a four-volume series, "Tracings: Schools and Schoolings" will soon be off the press for distribution and will feature the history of Kings Mountain and Shelby District Schools.

Retired educator Dean Westmoreland wrote the history of Kings Mountain Schools and is now taking orders at his residence, 704-937-7636. The book sells for \$25.

The first book in the planned series by Cleveland County Retired School Personnel, the history of Black schools in the county prior to the integration of schools, was a sell-out.

Westmoreland, a former Kings Mountain teacher, researched the school history several years and visited newspaper offices, school libraries, and state associations and talked at length to former educators and students at the various schools.

The book tells a number of interesting stories about schools in the Kings Mountain area and Grover and features personalities in those schools.

Grover School is the oldest school in Cleveland County and began during or immediately after the Civil War era. The first school was a wooden structure located beside of First Baptist Church of Grover.

Maldonia Livingston was Grover School principal for many years and was a strict disciplinarian. It was absolutely a 'no no' for a student to smoke. Dean's father, Bert Westmoreland, was one of Miss Livingston's students. "Dad told me that he got caught smoking and the principal made him dig a six foot deep hole but Dad thought he had the last laugh and got down in the hole and lit up a cigarette. Livingston caught him again and Dad dug a second hole." In later years Livingston also taught Dean Westmoreland as a third grader.

Livingston was the first certified principal in the state of North Carolina.

Said Dean, "There are a lot of stories in this book that will bring back many memories for students who attended any of the Kings Mountain District Schools, including the two-room schools.

Church of God benefit April 4

Eighth Street Church of God, 906 S. Eighth St., Bessemer City, is sponsoring a yard sale featuring clothes, household items, tools and more on Saturday, April 4, from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Biscuits, hot dogs and baked goods will be available, all for benefit of the church.



BENDATRA WILSON

Wilson, McDowell to wed

Bendatra Wilson and Danny McDowell announce their engagement. The couple will marry April 3 in a private ceremony.

Wilson is the daughter of James Wilson and Diane Jeter. She is a graduate of Burns High School and has a Bachelor's of Science degree from Western Carolina University and a Master's from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Special Education.

Wilson will graduate from Converse College in August with an EdS in Curriculum and Instruction. She is employed by Cleveland County Schools as a diagnostician/teacher.

McDowell is the son of the late William Wray and Annie Bell McDowell. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School. He has a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Childhood and a Master's in Administration from Appalachian State University.

In 2004, he retired from Cleveland County Schools. He taught at Bethware Elementary and Kings Mountain High. While at KMHS, he was head varsity men's basketball coach. Currently, he is employed at Charlotte Christian High as a varsity basketball coach.

Juvenile diabetes walk Saturday

Kings Mountain High School senior Brantley Blalock is inviting walkers to take part in a walk-a-thon Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at the KMHS track for benefit of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, his senior project.

Blalock, son of Todd and Ruth Blalock, said that donations are appreciated. Call Brantley for more information or to make a donation, 704-937-9354.

Piedmont Peeps Show

Enter our Piedmont Peeps Show Diorama Contest!

How do you like your marshmallow Peeps - soft and squishy or maybe a little dried out? Here at the Kings Mountain Herald we like ours having fun - maybe hiking in the mountains, whitewater rafting, gardening, playing baseball or football, or whatever it is that means fun in the Piedmont region to you.

So what does this have to do with you? We want you to enter our First Annual Piedmont Peeps Show Diorama Contest! Your diorama can be any three-dimensional scene with a painted or modeled background. The rules are simple: Your scene must feature Peeps as the characters and must depict some aspect of living in the Piedmont region. You may work by yourself or as a team.

As you will see below on our entry form we will have several age divisions as well as a business category so our local businesses can depict their workplace and/or employees. We will award first, second, and third place in each category so please, get creative and free the Peeps!

Judges will base their decision on the dioramas design, quality of execution, creativity, and relevance to life in the Piedmont region. All dioramas must be turned in to the Kings Mountain Herald office located at 700 East Gold Street with the entry form attached by 5:00 pm, Friday, April 24, 2009. Judging will take place Wednesday, April 29, 2009. Once received and entered at the Herald office, dioramas will be on display at J. Oliver's Coffee Shop, located on Battleground Ave., downtown Kings Mountain. J. Oliver's is open Monday thru Thursday 6:30 am - 9 pm, Friday 6:30 am - 10 pm, and Saturday 8 am - 10 pm. Stop

down and see what great ideas people have come up with so far. And remember, this is a family contest so please don't take the 'Peeps' show literally! Winners will be announced in the Kings Mountain Herald.



Piedmont Peeps Show Official Entry Form

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Diorama Title _____

Categories (please check one)

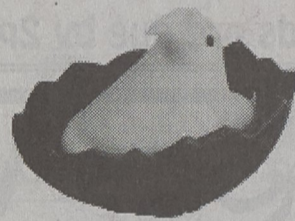
Brief Description: _____

- Ages 0-6
- Ages 7-11
- Ages 12-15
- Ages 16 & Up
- Business

Tape this completed entry form to the back of your diorama and bring the diorama in to:

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by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 24, 2009



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