

LIFESTYLES

Three generations of Early family gather together

Three generations in the Early family of Kings Mountain gathered with Ross relatives for the annual reunion Saturday at Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

Louise Early Johnson of Kings Mountain, who arranged the get-together, planned a first anniversary wedding reception for her brother, Rev. Tom Early and his bride, Linda, a former missionary to Brazil, and the

couple cut a three-tiered wedding cake which was served to guests along with lunch in the church fellowship hall. Rev. Early, of Holland, Michigan, was also the keynote speaker for the event.

Paul Early Jr., son of Paul (Ed) Early Sr. of Orlando, Fla. and the late Lyvonne Lindsay Early, also formerly of Kings Mountain, had fond memories of growing

up in Kings Mountain, along with other Early kin. The Earlys took Paul to church at Kings Mountain Baptist Church just a few days after his birth in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Johnson said that she and her eight siblings grew up on a farm and during the early days fished in a creek and she recognized her four living siblings and their families who participated on the program. Mike Early was master of ceremonies.

"Kings Mountain is our Christian heritage," said Mrs. Johnson, who said the large gathering was a time for the Earlys to return to their roots.



Above right: Paul Early Jr., Louise Early Johnson and Paul (Ed) Early Sr., left to right, reflect on growing up years in Kings Mountain at the annual Early-Ross reunion Saturday at Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

At left: Rev. Tom Early and his bride, Linda, were surprised with a wedding cake and a ceremony honoring them during the Early Family Reunion Saturday. The Earlys returned to their roots, they said, for the get-together. Monica Early at right cut and served the cake to guests.



McCullough, Schwantes announce engagement



Anna McCullough and Tim Schwantes

Bill and Nancy McCullough of Casar announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna McCullough, to Tim Schwantes, son of Rev. Harold and Darlene Schwantes of Shelby.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of the late Allan and Joanna McCullough and the late Sam and Emeth Thomas. She is a 1999 graduate of Burns High School and a 2003 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill. She earned her Master's of Social Work degree at UNC in 2007, a Master's of Public Health at UNC in 2008 and is employed by the UNC Tobacco Prevention and Evaluation Program. She resides in Carrboro.

The groom-to-be is the grandson of the late William and Clara Schwantes and the late Max and Dorothy Ward. He is a 1998 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 2002 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill. He earned his Master's of Social Work degree at UNC in 2007 and a Master's of Public Health at UNC in 2009. He is employed by Active Living By Design at the UNC Institute of Public Health and also resides in Carrboro.

Both grew up in Cleveland County.

A wedding is planned to be held Sept. 26, 2009 at the United Church of Chapel Hill.

Resurfacing to begin Sunday

Road resurfacing will begin in Kings Mountain on Highway 74 Business (King Street) starting at Phifer and continuing to Battleground Avenue near the historic overhead bridge. The milling will start Sunday night and construction crews will be working for

several days on this project.

Rep. Tim Moore said, "I am pleased to see highway funds are being used for needed road improvements, and I will work to accrue additional funding for road improvements in our county."

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Mancuso and Suzanne Amos are working with a committee of dedicated volunteers to bring you things you said you liked such as the Mountaineer Christmas from last holiday season.

MPI just finished providing the Beer Garden for the Beach Blast event and will now set to work creating the Kings Mountain Merchants Market.

In addition to these events, MPI is also responsible for initiating and supporting advertising, marketing, and sales pro-

motions to encourage shopping at our downtown merchants.

When the NC Main Street Program awards us our main street designation in October (we are being optimistic as our application for Main Street Status was just submitted), the program will enhance the ability of MPI and its volunteers to promote downtown business and civic life through things such as car shows, open air markets, shopping campaigns, art fairs, summer concerts, and outdoor movies.

The NC Main Street pro-

gram will also enhance the capacity of MPI to sell our community to a broader market of potential retailers and consumers as a lively and viable center of commerce and civic life.

EMILY WEAVER/HERALD

Insurance agent and sharpshooter Suzanne Amos, of Amos Agency LLC, shares a little about herself and her business at last Wednesday morning's Women's Networking Breakfast at J. Oliver's held by the Chamber of Commerce.

Spicer, Boyst exchange vows at Charleston Harbor

Maegan Nichole Spicer, of Kings Mountain, and Cory Marc Boyst, of Eugene, Or., exchanged marriage vows May 16, 2009 at Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina, Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Mr. Matt Morris and Dr. David Rister officiated. Soloist and guitarist Lane Wood presented the wedding music.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Spicer of Kings Mountain. She is the granddaughter of Dean and Betty Spears of Kings Mountain and the late Beuford and Gloria Spicer of Kings Mountain.

She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is employed as a teacher with Cleveland County Schools.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stovall, of Springfield, Or., and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Boyst, of Eugene, Or. He is the grandson of Lenore Stuyvenberg, of Kimberly, Wis., the late Kenneth Stuyvenberg, and the late Don and Dorothy Boyst.

He is a graduate of South Eugene High School in Eugene, Or., and obtained a degree in Aviation from San Juan College, NM. He served as a member of the United States Marine Reserves and is currently a captain with Delta Express.

The bride was given in marriage by her father Tim Spicer.

She chose a rich lace-over-satin princess style gown. The gown featured a strapless sweetheart neckline, corset back and a deli-

cate, sweeping train. Bugle beads, sequins and pearls embellished the entire gown.

The bride wore her paternal grandmother's pearls and her maternal great grandmother's pearl brooch. She carried a bouquet of roses, stephanotis and gardenias.

The bride's sister, Stacey Leigh Spicer of Raleigh, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Carrie Brinkley of Charlotte, Wendy Leigh of Kings Mountain, Tara Fort of Louisville, Kent., and Colleen Witherspoon of Mooresboro.

The groom's brother, Kenneth Boyst of Springfield, Or., served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Donald Boyst of Eugene, Or., Scott Stovall of Springfield, Or., Jared Spicer of Kings Mountain, and Michael Jones of Boston, Mass.

Baylor Albritton of Peachtree City, Ga.; Victoria Boyst and Harrison Boyst, niece and nephew of the groom from Springfield, Or.; and William Spicer, cousin of the bride, from Kings Mountain served as child attendants.

A rehearsal dinner was presented by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stovall, at The Mills House in Charleston.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was given by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Spicer at the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina.

After a wedding trip cruise to the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Bahamas, the couple resides in Kings Mountain.



Mrs. Cory Marc Boyst (Maegan Nichole Spicer)

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Zero,
Nada.
nothing.

That's what joining the Cleveland County Family YMCA on Saturday, July 25th will cost you. Pay nothing on July 25th and have your first month's fees drafted on Tuesday, July 28th. **Cool.**

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