

Anderson, Elmore wed



Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Marshall Elmore III
(Shannon Elaine Anderson)

Central United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain was the setting Sept. 24, 2011 for the wedding uniting Shannon Elaine Anderson and Bennett Marshall Elmore III.

The Rev. Rexx Gibbs officiated the double-ring, Unity candle ceremony. The taped nuptial music played by Elizabeth Anderson was "When God Made You" sung by Lauren Proctor and Ty McDowell.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her formal wedding gown of bridal satin was a strapless design featuring a Sweetheart neckline and medium-length train enhanced by sequins. She carried a bouquet of white and blue lilies.

Rachel Chapman of Kings Mountain was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Jada Elmore of Gastonia, sister of the bridegroom, Kristin Scoggin of Dallas and Hope Phongs of Kings Mountain.

All the attendants wore turquoise blue formals featuring knee-length skirts and enhanced by a chocolate-colored bow around the waist and chocolate-colored buttons down the back of the dresses. They carried bouquets of chocolate hydrangeas and white lilies.

Flower girls were Alyssa Pruitt and Cassidy Bridges who wore white dresses and carried baskets of blue lily petals. Logan Green was ringbearer.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Groomsmen were Jake Noah and Mike Judd, both of Gastonia, and Dustin Scoggin of Dallas.

The reception after the ceremony in the church fellowship hall was hosted by parents of the bride and bridegroom.

A rehearsal party on Sept. 23, 2011 was hosted by parents of the bride and bridegroom in the fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Elaine Anderson and granddaughter of Dot Spearman and the late Glenn Spearman, all of Kings Mountain. A 2009 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, she is a May 2011 graduate of Cleveland Community College with an Associates degree in Elementary Education. She is employed by Smart Kids Day Care in Gastonia.

Bud and Debbie Elmore of Gastonia are parents of the bridegroom who is a 2004 graduate of Hunter Huss High School and is employed by Advanced Auto Parts Distribution Center in Gastonia.

After a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, the newlyweds are residing at 1597 Quail Woods Road, Gastonia.



Celebrating Black History Month

Pictured above: Monty Thornburg, director at the Patrick Senior Center, explains to the crowd of people who showed up for the "Black History Month Program" Thornburg had put together, what activities were in store.

At right: Hazelene Abernathy completes her crossword puzzle on Black History Month.



"Now and Then" paintings on display through February 19 at the Depot

"Now and Then"- paintings by James L. Norman - are on display through Feb. 19 in the gallery of the Southern Arts Society at the Depot Center in Kings Mountain.

Norman's talent was, was presented in a one-man exhibit and public reception Feb. 4 by Southern Arts Society.

For more than 30 years, James L. Norman has been constantly exploring this "thing" people call art. Sure, he tries different styles and different media, but what really drives him is finding a different perspective. In his own words, he calls himself a painter as opposed to an artist. "It's up to each person viewing my work to decide whether or not I'm an artist", he says.

This new exhibit featured some older work along with new paintings in acrylic and oil. Oil is James' medium of choice. He only recently began working in acrylic again as it dries quicker and is less of a health hazard than working in oil.

To gain a different perspective, Norman blends judicious amounts of composition, mood and subject. His numerous subject matter and varied style keeps his work fresh...to him and those who have followed his



career. He paints mainly figurative pieces, landscapes and still life.

Being entirely self-taught, he would not recommend that same path to others. However, the numerous awards and collected pieces in Paris, Austria, Japan and across the US tell a tale of diligence and recognition of a work ethic far outside his North Carolina roots.

Norman told exhibitors that he considers himself blessed to be able to do every day what he enjoys the most. And it shows in his work. His brushes are worn and caked with paint which allows him to pick up multiple colors and apply them to the canvas with clarity and brilliance.

"quietly mesmerizing". He further described Norman's work with these glowing words "...the lushness of the painted surfaces gives the piece a strong and deeply engaging emotional context".

Norman is a member of the Gaston County Art Guild and Southern Arts Society. He is available for both private and group instruction and also accepts commissions. James and wife Belinda live in Mt. Holly, NC.

"Now and Then" will be on display in the Reavis Gallery of Southern Arts Society from February 4 through February 29, 2012. This exhibit is sponsored by Southern Arts Society (at the Depot), 301 N. Piedmont Avenue in Kings Mountain, NC. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and by appointment. For more information call 704-739-5585. This is a free event, there is no admission fee.



APP State Athletics director to speak at Rotary March 1

On Thursday, March 1, Charlie Cobb, director of athletics at Appalachian State University, will be the speaker at the Kings Mountain Rotary Club. Cobb graduated with honors with a B.A. in business administration from NC State in 1990.

A second-team all-ACC honoree at center as a senior, Cobb was an academic all-ACC selection and collected the prestigious Jim Tatum Award, presented to the ACC football senior with the highest grade point average, and the Bob Warren Memorial Award, given to the Wolfpack football player that displays the highest integrity and sportsmanship.

After receiving post-graduate scholarships from both the ACC and NFL Charities, Cobb earned a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University in 1992.

In his first six years at Appalachian State, he led the athletics department to unparalleled success including, three NCAA Division I football national championships; new football attendance records at the university; six consecutive Commissioner's Cup Championships; 35 percent of the athletics department's students making the academic honor roll.

Cobb was a member of the athletics department at North Carolina State Uni-



Charlie Cobb

versity from 1998-2005.

His peers recognized him for his many accomplishments at Appalachian State when the National Collegiate Athletics Directors Association (NACDA)

named him the NCAA Division I FCS Southeast Region Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year in 2011.

Prior to returning to his alma mater in '98, Cobb spent six years in Atlanta, Ga., where he held positions with the Atlanta Sports Council, the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl and the Georgia Dome.

The public is invited to attend the Rotary meeting at noon at the Patrick Senior Center. Appalachian State alumni are hereby offered a special invitation to meet and greet Cobb at that time. Please RSVP by contacting club secretary Sam Harrod at 704-445-9219.