



Boy Scouts and city department heads ready to work Friday.  
Photo by Don Crawford

## SCOUTS: go to work at City Hall

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hand to accompany their young "shadow" to their jobs.

Eleven Boy Scouts participated in the activities. They included: Dylan Graham, KM Police Department, and Kaleb Es-  
ridge, KM Fire Department, both of

Troop 92; Landon Brown, Landon Brown, Administration and Adam Carpenter, KM Police Department, both of Troop 95; Jared Lewis, Public Works, and Caleb Carroll, Water Department, both of Troop 91; Stephen Velley, Gas

Department and Kirby Hullender, KM Fire Department, both of Troop 93; Chance Kezziah, Codes Department, and Orlandus Gamble, Mayor for A Day, both of Troop 39, and Judson Bayne Sprouse, Library.

## LOCKHARTS: after 53 years of marriage believe love can overcome all obstacles

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either!"  
This was enough to make them realize that the love they had for each other was enough to overcome any problems they might have.

Eddie grew up in the Mt. Sinai area south of Shelby, and Erma grew up in Kannapolis.

So how did the farm boy from Mt. Sinai end up in Kannapolis? "I got tired of working on the farm and my brother and cousin had told me about a construction company in Kannapolis where we could all three get a job. That was all it took for me to pack my bags and hit the road," said Eddie.

When the three boys arrived in Kannapolis, in 1958,

they rented a house across the street from Erma's family. The guys would have to go to Erma's house to get water because they didn't have a well at their house. Eddie would see Erma peeking at him through the window. They have been teased that Eddie met his "woman at the well."

They dated for a couple of years, but would sometimes go as much as two weeks without seeing each other. Eddie's cousin told Eddie that he wanted to date Erma. "Go ahead if you want to," Eddie told him (knowing she wouldn't date his cousin!)

Early one summer, Erma was going to New Jersey to visit her sister and babysit while her sister worked. Her mother asked Eddie to drive

Erma to Salisbury to the bus station. As Eddie was walking away from the bus, he saw Erma pointing him out to the man seated beside her. She later told him that she had told the man that Eddie was her husband, hoping that would keep the stranger from "hitting" on her.

At the end of the summer, Eddie went back to pick Erma up at the bus station with her mother.

Out of the blue, Eddie asked Erma to marry him. Did he have to ask her parents' permission? "No, because we eloped," Eddie grinned.

They went to Eddie's church in Blacksburg and asked a deacon to lend them enough money to get married in Gaffney. They still re-

member Judge W.R. Douglas marrying them, and they later paid the deacon back the money which they had borrowed.

Back in Kannapolis, no one knew about the marriage, and they each stayed in their own homes for a few days. Erma had hidden the marriage certificate under the piano lid and her cousin found it and told her mother.

After "Mama" found out about the marriage, Eddie moved in for about three weeks then he and Erma moved to another house about a block away.

After moving several times, always near "Mama" they moved to Kings Mountain in 1973, and lived at #65 Pine Manor, which was a brand new apartment.

On May 5, 1976, Eddie and Erma moved to their new home they had built off Long Branch Road in Grover, where they still live today.

After Eddie worked for Daniels Construction and Erma worked for Fiber Industries for a while, they were both hired by the Kings Mountain School System. Eddie went to work at Grover School March 9, 1975, one week after being hired by the school system. Erma started in the lunchroom at the high school, but

like Eddie, ended up at Grover.

Eddie retired in December 1999, but worked until school was out in June 2000. He has been off and on with the school system ever since. He is currently a crossing guard at the middle school.

Erma retired from Grover School in 2002 after working for 27 years, first in the cafeteria, then as a first grade teacher's assistant.

Eddie is a frequent visitor to Grover Elementary, where he is loved and teased by the staff, as well as teasing with them. He has been known to say that if his dinner isn't ready when he gets home, he is going to pack Erma's bags. The staff is quick to tell him that his bags will be the ones packed if he doesn't get on home!

Eddie and Erma have one son, William Lamont, and have raised Orlando Williams as their own since he was eight weeks old.

When people used to ask if Orlando was Eddie's grandson, Eddie would explain that he was his foster son...until one day at McDonalds when someone asked the question, which Eddie answered, and little Orlando, about five at the time said "I'm not your foster son because foster means 'not real.' Lamont is your

real son and so am I!" Needless to say, that was the end of "foster son." Orlando graduated from Kings Mountain High School, and a few months later joined the Marines. He served four years in the Marine Corps, serving tours in Kuwait and Afghanistan.

The Lockharts have a 25 year old granddaughter, Paige who works for the City of Atlanta. Erma says "she's spoiled rotten!" "Wonder who spoiled her?"

Eddie and Erma love to travel, and enjoyed going out west when Orlando was stationed in Yuma, AZ. While in the area, they went to the Grand Canyon then on to San Diego and other areas of California.

Eddie continues to preach at the Divine True Holiness Church in Blacksburg. This marks the 41st year he has preached there. He originally started preaching there on a temporary basis, "just 'til they could find somebody." "Guess they haven't been looking too hard..."

Erma enjoys her time going to the Patrick Senior Center where she sings in the choir and attends the Healthy Lifestyles class.

Here's wishing the Lockharts many loving years ahead, and a Happy Valentine's Day!



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## RELAY: shorter hours for 2013

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and 2006 the Kings Mountain Relay was in the top 10 campaigns in the nation for money raised per capita for the American Cancer Society.

"We want to challenge each business in town to become Friends of Relay by donat-

ing \$25 to the campaign," said Burns.

Next team meeting is March 11 at 6 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Fire Department.

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## Auxiliary jewelry sale

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