

## News-Reporter to publish annual 'Christmas Tree Babies' edition

On December 24, *The News-Reporter* will publish its 36th annual Christmas Tree Babies edition. The full color feature will include children born to Wilkes County families during 2009 whose announcements appeared in *The News-Reporter*. Qualifying families are invited to be a part of it.

Pictures will be made by Mercer Harris at his studio on Friday, December 4, from 9 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Parents should call *The News-Reporter* at 678-2636 to set up an appointment. If arrangements are not made through *The News-Reporter*, the child's photo will not be included on the Christmas Tree pages. **The deadline for making appointments is Tuesday, December 1, at 5 p.m.**

The \$35 charge will not only help to defray printing costs but will provide parents with three copies of the special section. For \$15 more, an additional color photo package which includes one 5x7, one 4x5, and four wallet-size photographs will be available. Additional 8x10s, 5x7s, and wallets can be ordered at the time pictures are made. Other packages will be available as well.

Because it may not be possible for some to attend the photo session, other photos may be accepted. **Submitted photos must be professional quality** and at least 4x5 inches in size. Printouts of digital photos are not acceptable but digital picture files may be allowed if of sufficient resolution (must be at least 300 dpi at the size to be printed on the Christmas tree). If photos are not made by Mercer Harris Photography, the cost for participation will be \$50 due to additional production and preparation requirements. Parents submitting photos made by Mercer Harris Photography anytime other than the December 4th sitting will be required to pay the regular \$35 charge to *The News-Reporter*. When any special arrangement is made, *The News-Reporter* will not place a child's name on the Christmas Tree list until the fee is paid and the photo is submitted and approved. *Any special arrangement photograph must meet the deadline of Tuesday, December 1 at 5 p.m. We reserve the right to reject any submitted*

## Wheelis Women on Mission group meets November 2

Mary Burt presented a most interesting program to members and guests of the Frances Wheelis Women on Mission Monday evening, November 2, when they met at the home of Melanie Wells.

Mrs. Burt, introduced by Rosemary Hopkins, spoke on the mission trip she took to West Virginia with more than 100 others from the Kilpatrick Association of the Georgia Baptist Convention. While in West Virginia, they conducted Bible clubs, did building, as well as many other hands on activities to witness God's love. She showed a video to emphasize the activities on the trip and to show the areas they worked and ministered.

Prior to her program Melanie Wells presided and led the group in the WMU Watchword.

A business meeting was held. Kay Nelms gave the mission action report and members voted to continue their support to Shaped by God in Canada and Rick's Institute in Liberia. They also voted support to Ray Moore on his medical missionary trip to Haiti with a monetary gift that he would use to help supply the hospital there. Other projects included snack bags for the ball players and the Shoe Boxes of Love for Seniors project during the holidays.

Associational updates were given and members were reminded of the revival December 6-9 and the annual Christmas caroling and soup activity on December 14.

Louise McClearn led the missionary prayer calendar and the meeting closed with a prayer for the missionaries and those with special needs by Mrs. Wells.

Present for the meeting were members, Bobbie Johnson, Ann Tiller, Melanie Wells, Gail Hunter, Kay Nelms, Cheryl Edwards, Julia Palmer, Elizabeth Pope, Rosemary Hopkins, Priscilla Moore, Louise McClearn, Nancy Madden and guests, Mary Donna Lunceford and Mary Burt.

photos.

Also, **SPACE IS LIMITED on the two trees.** *The News-Reporter* will give first priority to babies whose parents submitted a birth announcement and also live within Wilkes County. Grandchildren of Wilkes County residents may be included if space permits and a timely birth announcement was run. On November 20 grandparents may call for appointments on a first-come-first-served basis. Deadlines will be strictly observed. Once the trees are full, no others will be accepted and there can be no exception.

The pictures should be available about one week prior to publication. You may pick up your pictures at the Mercer Harris Photography studio and your newspaper sections at *The News-Reporter*. For additional information, contact *The News-Reporter* at 678-2636.

## Logan Orr enjoys first birthday party October 25

Logan Thaxton Orr, son of Jonathan Orr and February Choe of Athens, celebrated his first birthday with a party at the home of his grandparents, Patrick and Robin Lahr in Washington, on Sunday, October 25.

Guests enjoyed traditional Korean barbecue along with hamburgers and hot dogs.

To celebrate his Korean heritage, Logan donned the traditional tol-bok (clothes) which were colorful and dressy for the Tol Celebration (first birthday). Logan wore a tol-bok in blue and lilac with a long tol-ddi (a belt that wraps around the body twice) for longevity and a tol-jumuni (pouch) for luck.

Silk cloth was used to make the tol-jumuni that was folded at the top with a colorful thread pull-string to open and close and holds money given to the baby. This was part of the celebration of Logan's first year and to wish him good luck and health in the years to come.

Logan's special guests included his parents; his grandparents, Arnold and Chong Lester and Patrick and Robin Lahr of Washington and Keeve Orr of Baton Rouge, La.; his great-grandmother, Sandra Baynes of Greensboro and Josephine Orr of Athens; his great-great-grandmother, Lois Hardy of Washington; also Jill and Tyler Harris, Gary, Jessica and Jane Ellyn Hardy, Gloria Hardy of Washington, Wes, Tracey and Elsie Summers of Athens, Clay and Kate Messer of Roswell, Steve, Marie, Andrew and Melissa Tyler of Snellville, Neal, Robin, Jeff and Chris Jones of Lincolnton, Faiz and Kelly Momin of Atlanta; Christina and Saiya Glanton, Kyleigh and Devyn Tucker, DJ and Davon Quick, Meghan and Jessica Tucker, all of Augusta.

## Gresham-Saggus WOM members meet November 5

The Rhett Gresham-Terry Bennett Saggus Women on Mission met in the Jesse Mercer Chapel of the First Baptist Church Thursday afternoon, November 5.

Mabel Johnson presided in the absence of Gladys Reese. She welcomed everyone and led in the repeating of the WMU Watchword.

During the business meeting Mrs. Johnson, secretary, and June Chafin, treasurer, gave their reports. Members also voted to make a donation to help with the postage for the Samaritan's Purse project.

Helen Miller, assisted by the group, presented the program, "Plowing Concrete," from *Mosaic* magazine. The program told of the hardships of missionaries trying to take the gospel to a formerly Communist country where people are skeptical and untrusting. It was noted that it is not easy to engage these people in spiritual conversations; it is like "plowing concrete."

Following the program Mrs. Johnson led the missionary prayer calendar and closed in prayer for the missionaries and those with special needs in the community.

Present were Mabel Johnson, June Chafin, Catherine Thurmond, Gail Craddock, Helen Miller, and Ann Tanner.

# PERSONALITIES!

Social News from the Washington area.

Please call or see Susan Pope -- 678-2330

## Amanda Leigh Woods to marry Inman Curry Hogan III April 3

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Woods of Washington announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Leigh, to Inman Curry Hogan III, of Washington, son of Mrs. Lynda V. Pollock, also of Washington, and Inman Curry Hogan Jr. of Lincolnton.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Woods Jr. of Stephens and the late Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hopkins of Washington.

She is a 2000 honor graduate of Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School and a 2005 graduate of Augusta State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. Miss Woods is also a 2008 graduate of Walden University where she earned a Masters in Elementary Reading and Math Education. She is employed by the Wilkes County Board of Education as a kindergarten teacher at Washington-Wilkes Primary School.

Mr. Hogan is the grandson of Mrs. Sybil W. Veazey and the late Jack Veazey of Crawfordville and the late Mr. and Mrs. Inman Curry Hogan of Lincolnton.

He is a 1995 graduate of Wash-



Amanda Leigh Woods  
Inman Curry Hogan III

ington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School and a 2000 graduate of Augusta Tech where he earned an Associate in Environmental Horticulture degree. Mr. Hogan is employed by Dearfield Tissue in Augusta.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 3, at 5:00 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church in Lincolnton with a reception to follow at the Washington-Wilkes Country Club.



Enjoying a trip to the North Georgia mountains with the Adult Ministries of the First United Methodist Church were (front row, l-r) Pat Landress, Ann Cook, Zella Bennett, Gale Seibert, Wilma Bunch, Linda Smith, Lewis Cook; (back) Gene Gunby, Chuck Bennett and Bill Smith. Bunny Gunby took the picture.

## Members of FUMC Adult Ministries travel to North Georgia October 29

The Adult Ministries of the First United Methodist Church sponsored a trip to the North Georgia Mountains Thursday, October 29.

The group left the church early and enjoyed breakfast at McDonald's in Elberton.

From there they continued to Dillard where they stopped to buy lots of fresh fruits and vegetables at the market.

Lunch was enjoyed at the Georgia Mountain Café in Hiawassee.

## Audra Chapman honored at bridal luncheon Oct. 31

November bride-elect Audra Chapman was feted at a bridesmaids luncheon given by Beth Bunch, Judy Denard, Lauren Bridges and Andrea Ezzell on Saturday, October 31, at the Bunch home on the Lincolnton Road.

For the occasion Miss Chapman chose black slacks and a complementing red and black jacket.

As guests arrived, they were graciously welcomed and served light hors d'oeuvres of grapes, cheese, crackers and sparkling grape juice.

For the luncheon course they were seated at tables that featured green runners enhanced with delicate fall patterns. Centering the runners were large lanterns accented with dried hydrangea.

Guests enjoyed a luncheon of Chicken Piccata, mashed red potatoes, petite green beans, rolls, and apple tarts for dessert.

After the meal, everyone adjourned to the living room where the bride-elect presented gifts to her attendants.

As guests departed, the hostesses presented them favors of bath salts in beautiful jars tied with raffia and ribbon.

Joining Miss Chapman and her hostesses were her mother, Stephanie Chapman of Washington, and grandmother, Audrey Goldman of Lincolnton; the prospective bridegroom, Justin Armour's mother, Denise Armour, and grandmother, Rubye Armour, both of Rayle; also Meredith Williamson, Andie Bridges, April Wheatley, Taylor Goldman of Tifton, Liz Hansford of Augusta and Susan Goldman, Kaylie and Alyssa, of Winterville.

A highlight of the day was a trip to Brasstown Bald, the highest peak in Georgia, where the leaves and scenery were magnificent.

The group returned home by way of Helen.

On the trip were Chuck and Zella Bennett, Lewis and Ann Cook, Bill and Linda Smith, Wilma Bunch, Pat Landress, Gale Seibert and Gene and Bunny Gunby.

## Will Lamar celebrates second birthday Oct. 23

Will Lamar, son Drew and Beth Lamar of Washington, was two years old on Friday, October 23, and celebrated on two occasions.

Will first celebrated his birthday with his family at the Washington Woman's Club on Saturday, October 17. A dump truck theme was used in decorating. Guests received handmade photo invitations made by his mom that encouraged them to "dump everything" and come celebrate. Balloons and streamers in red, orange, yellow and blue added to the festive decorations. A scrapbook of events from the past year was laid on the entry table for all to view.

On the refreshment tables, large toy dump trucks held a variety of refreshments that included spinach dip and chips, fruit with dip, Cheetos, M&M's, brownies, cocktail sausages and a cheese ring with crackers.

After gifts, all enjoyed cake, ice cream and punch.

Celebrating with Will and his parents were Perry and Claudette Morgan, George Morgan, Jerome and Stacey Morgan, Kaelyn, Rachel and Garrett, Sara Wheatley, Kathie Lamar, Guy and Betty Stephens and Gene and Sara Lamar.

On his birthday Will was treated to dinner at LaCabana Mexican Restaurant in Washington by his maternal grandparents, Perry and Claudette Morgan. Maternal great-grandmother, Sara Wheatley, also joined Will and his parents for the birthday dinner.



Mr. and Mrs. Colby Lamar Self

## Andrea Lynn Rollandini weds Colby Lamar Self October 10

Andrea Lynn Rollandini and Colby Lamar Self, both of Colorado Springs, Colo., exchanged wedding vows Saturday, October 10, at four o'clock in the afternoon at Lee-Fendall House Museum in Alexandria, Va. David P. Himes of Springfield, Va., long-time family friend of the bride's family, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Marcee Rollandini of Springfield, Va.

The bridegroom is the son of Jerry and Diane Burton Self of Elberton.

A white tent decorated in a fall theme provided the setting for the ceremony.

Gracenotes Chamber Music Trio of Alexandria, Va., presented the wedding music. The bridegroom's sister, Kelli Self Rice of Greer, S.C., accompanied on guitar by her father, Jerry Self, sang "It Is Well With My Soul."

Mr. Self was his son's best man. David Rollandini of Broken Arrow, Okla, brother of the bride, served as usher.

Allison Rollandini of Broken Arrow, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, was matron of honor. She wore a berry-colored satin dress with shutter pleats and a sweetheart neckline. The dress was accented with grey peep-toe shoes and a grey beaded necklace. Her bouquet was a striking mix of eggplant-colored Calla lilies, orange Tiger lilies, rust roses and ivy.

Isabella and Francesca Rollandini of Broken Arrow, and McKae Rice of Greer, S.C., nieces of the bride couple, were flower girls. Their tea-length white taffeta pick-up dresses with scoop-neck bodices were finished with sage green sashes each accented with a white flower. Instead of flowers, they carried wands with white and sage green ribbon attached and twirled down the aisle.

Nephew of the bridegroom, Trevan Rice of Greer, S.C., served as ring bearer.

The bride, escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, was stunning in a white strapless satin A-line gown with beaded detail at the empire waist, neckline and skirt trim. The gown was floor-length with no train. Accenting the bride's attire were Chuck-Taylor Converse high tops with the date, October 10, 2009, embroidered on the sides.

Her veil, made by her mother, was fingertip-length and accented with a rhinestone tiara.

Her bouquet was an elegant mix of white calla lilies and fragrant stock. The old-fashion casual bouquet also included English ivy and Acuba from the bride's grandmother's garden.

She wore a diamond necklace given to her by her bridegroom on their wedding day.

### Reception

Following the ceremony the bride's parents entertained at a reception on the lawn of the Lee-Fendall House.

Fall chrysanthemums, cattaills, pumpkins, Gerbera daisies, and dozens of twinkling white candles were found throughout the venue creating the celebratory setting.

The reception was a seated buffet dinner consisting of barbecue and all the trimmings. The buffet table was

decorated with small votive candles and a large basket of sunny fall flowers. This "memory" arrangement was in memory of the bridegroom's grandparents, Hugh and Margaret Fuller Burton and Hilmon and Martha Self, and the bride's friend, Pam Young. Framed photos of these dear loved ones made all who walked past smile in remembrance.

The dessert table was covered with an heirloom cloth made by the bride's paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Rollandini. On this table was a colorful fall mix of sunflowers, Tiger lilies, chrysanthemums, roses, cattaills and ivy. Instead of the traditional wedding cake, the bridal couple chose to have pies for dessert. For the pie cutting, the bridegroom's mother baked sweet potato pies, his favorite. Apple, cherry and pecan were the other flavors offered to the guests.

The couple enjoyed a wedding trip to Emerald Isle, N.C., where they spent time with their parents, siblings, nieces and nephews building sand castles, playing games, fishing and getting buried in the sand.

The couple is living in Colorado Springs, Colo., where the bride is a captain in the U.S. Army at Fort Carson and the bridegroom is a police officer at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

### Rehearsal Dinner

Jerry and Diane Self were hosts at a rehearsal dinner at Landini Brothers in Old Towne Alexandria, Va., on Friday evening, October 9.

A dessert party was held after dinner at the home of the bride-elect's uncle and aunt, Randy and Cathy Lichenfels in Springfield, Va.

Out-of-town family and friends celebrated with the couple.

A family cookbook, created by Allison Rollandini, comprised of favorite recipes from family members was presented to the couple.

### Personal Mention

Visiting during the weekend with Grady and Ruth Rogers were Eddie Rogers of Carrollton.

●Gathering Saturday at Talk of the Town for lunch and to spend the day enjoying ArtFest were several members of Washington-Wilkes High School Class of 1964, Phyllis Albea Reese of Augusta, Marie Anderson Miller of Newnan, Betti Adams Wise of Sandersville, Doris Dyson Bradshaw of Gainesville, Carol Duke Cloer of Athens, Mackie Bryson Combs of Appling, Evelyn Clark Waters of Orangeburg, S.C., Susan Hopkins Pope, Phyllis Maxwell Norman, Mary Donna Thornton Lunceford, Janice McAvoy Scott, and Valerie McClearn Jackson.

●Steve and Eleanor Blackmon enjoyed a weekend visit in Thomasville with Raymond Hughes and attended a benefit organ concert presented by Mr. Hughes. Before returning the Washington, the Blackmons also visited the Sam Rogers family in Tallahassee, Fla.

●Dennis and Julia Palmer were in Athens Friday night to attend the annual alumni awards dinner of the University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at Flinchum's Phoenix. They especially enjoyed renewing acquaintances with Leon and Julie Neal of Thomasville.