

New Junior Women's Club is an advocate for children

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Disadvantaged children have a new advocate - the Kings Mountain Junior Women's Club.

The organization formed earlier this year and has made children its focus. Club members met with guidance counselors Thursday to distribute boxes containing socks, underwear and tee shirts.

The club held a consignment sale in March to raise funds for the project. SaraLee Intimate Apparel and Wal-Mart also contributed.

Project coordinator Estelle Grabert told the guidance counselors that it wasn't until her children started school that she saw the needs.

"I didn't realize what kids who come to school with my children have to face."

Club members hope to expand the project to include the intermediate, middle and high schools.

"As children get older, the issues become more challenging," Grabert told counselors. "As you see other needs and once the program is in place, we hope to address those needs."

Guidance counselors say the underwear will enable children to stay at school after an accident. Before, parents sometimes had to take time from work to take their child home to change clothes.

Mary Accor, Kings Mountain District Schools director of administrative services, praised the program.

"This is what we need, schools helping the community and the community helping the schools."



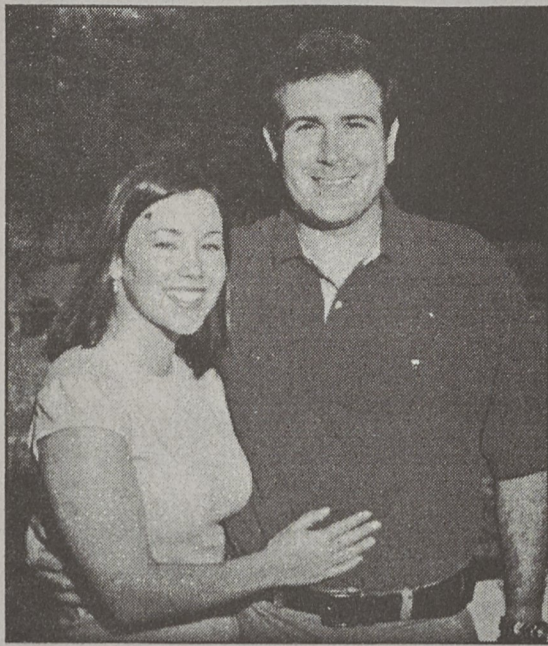
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Estelle Grabert (right) hands Janet Suber, Bethware Elementary guidance counselor, a box of clothing for students.

The club will hold its next consignment sale Sept. 20 from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Kings Mountain Women's Club.

Both clubs are part of the North Carolina

General Federation of Women's Clubs.

To donate clothing, contact Grabert at 704-739-4734. For membership information, call Dana Blanton at 704-730-0817.



NICOLE ELIZABETH ORMAND
DAVID ANTHONY COLETTA

Ormand-Coletta

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ross Ormand of Kings Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Elizabeth Ormand of Charlotte, to David Anthony Coletta of Gastonia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anthony Coletta of Gastonia.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mrs. Robert Davies of Kings Mountain and the late Mr. Davies, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Meek Ormand.

She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She is employed by Equifirst Corporation.

The bridegroom-to-be is the grandson of the late Tony Coletta and Mrs. Alice Coletta of Gastonia, and Mrs. Ruth Kennedy Burton of Kings Mountain.

He is a graduate of Ashbrook High School and is employed by Tony's Ice Cream Company.

An October 4, 2003 wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Gastonia.

Assisted Living Week activities planned

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Kings Mountain residents age 65 and older are invited to a "senior" prom at Summit Place Assisted Living Center Sept. 9.

While some of the residents are able to dance, others cannot. Summit Place administrator Kristi Anthony believes these folks will enjoy watching others on the dance floor.

The prom is just part of a week full of activities celebrating National Assisted Living Week.

On Sunday, residents grandchildren and staff's children will celebrate National Grandparents Day with a cookout.

Department heads will arrive at work 6 a.m. Monday in their pajamas. They'll serve breakfast in bed to residents who usually walk to the dining room.

Monday and Thursday will be big bingo days. Anthony says prizes are "bigger and better" than usual. Bingo is a favorite pastime at the facility.

"They're real excited about it," Anthony said.

The Sun Dancers from Kings Mountain Middle School will perform on Monday. On Thursday, Kings Mountain High School choral students will take the stage. Vocalist Anthony Cirillo will also perform.

The week ends with Fast Food Friday. McDonald's double cheeseburgers, fries and other treats are on the menu.

"A lot of the residents miss that (fast



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Mae Sue McGill, Summit Place administrator Kristi Anthony and Faye Payseur visit.

food)," Anthony said.

The Tuesday prom will be the highlight of the week. Staff members are searching thrift stores for dresses and are borrowing some from a church theater group.

While seniors from the community are invited to the prom which begins at 6:30 p.m., there are other activities planned just for residents.

Residents will take limo rides through town that afternoon. Then they'll return to Summit Place for a candlelight steak dinner.

"We're probably more excited than the residents are," Anthony said.

The next day, they'll all watch a video of the prom on a big screen television rented just for the week. The television will also be used during a movie night.



MR. AND MRS. BURNS NOW



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Mr. and Mrs. Burns note 50th anniversary

Thurman and Jewel Burns celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a private dinner. They were married June 7, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns have three children - Charlotte and husband Boyd Maloney of Grover, Kim and husband Tony Navey of Cleveland, NC, and Tracy and wife Jacque Burns of Cleveland, NC.

They have seven grandchildren - Wendy and husband John Summey of Grover, Mendy Maloney of Grover, Billy Navey of Cleveland, Daniel Burns of Cleveland, Scott Burns of Ellenboro, Brandon Burns of Shelby, and Tyler Burns of Cleveland.

They also have two great-grandchildren, Aprylle Champion and Juliana Summey of Grover.

Mr. Burns is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Burns of Kings Mountain. He retired as a supervisor of Celanese Corporation in Cleveland in 1997.

Mrs. Burns is the daughter of the late Odell and Ethel Burton of Gastonia.

They are both active members of Community Baptist Church in Cooleemee, NC where Mr. Burns is a Deacon.

Hannah Caroline Bunch born June 30

Captain and Mrs. Mathew F. Bunch, Ft. Campbell, KY, announce the birth of their second daughter June 30, 2003.

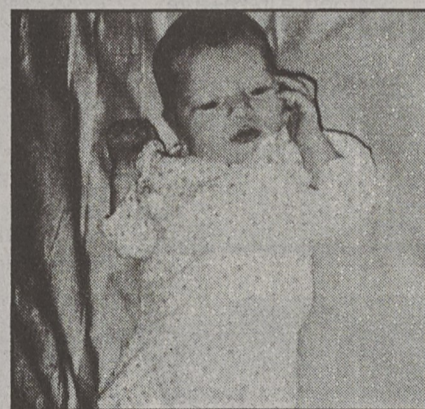
Hannah Caroline weighed in at seven pounds and 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Hannah has a big sister, Katelyn Meredith. Katie was three years old in April.

Mrs. Bunch is the former Edie Hicks.

Grandparents are Phillip and Diane Bunch of Kings Mountain, Glenn and Vickie Hicks of Kings Mountain, and Hal and Carolyn Falls of Gastonia.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bunch of Kings Mountain, Sidney Hicks and the



late Reba Hicks of Kings Mountain, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Kings Mountain, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sturhke of Wilmington, Delaware.

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