

Bethware - then & now



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Bethware High School's Class of 1958 celebrated its 50th reunion on October 25, 2008.

The top photo - Then, shows the graduating class of 1958. Front row, left-right: Arlene Dixon Underwood, Pat Bridges Carver, Sadie Scism Patterson, Beatrice Bridges Warlick, Pat Yarboro Robbs, Becky Falls Scism, Phyllis Welch Lupo, Hazel Neal Watterson, Faye Woods Patton and Patsy Short Moore. Second row, l-r: Paul Camp, Nancy Fite Camp, Richard Ross, Pat Hamrick Webster, Ray Herndon, Daphine Lovelace Putnam, Robert Scism, Johnny Chapman and Harold Blanton. Third row, l-r: James Turner, James White, Jerry Edmonson, Henry White, Gene Hovis, Moffett Scism, Tommy Ledbetter and Morris Mayes. Mascots: Larry Randle and Kay Ware.

Bottom photo - Now: Front row, left-right: Patsy Short Moore, Pat Hamrick Webster, Beatrice Bridges Warlick, Daphine Lovelace Putnam, Faye Woods Patton, Becky Falls Scism, Pat Yarboro Robbs and Sadie Scism Patterson. Second row, l-r: Henry White, Ray Herndon, Morris Mayes, James White, Harold Blanton, Moffitt Scism and Robert Scism. Teacher standing in the middle is Polly Willis Causby.

KMPD offers safety shopping tips

By EMILY WEAVER
Editor

With the economy reeling in recession and the unemployment rate in Kings Mountain and neighboring communities on the rise, more crooks may pose a greater risk to shoppers this holiday season.

KM Police Ofc. Chris Graham advised customers during last Thursday's Ladies Night at Bridges Hardware to beware. He said that when exiting a store this season shoppers should be on alert.

All customers, and especially women, should be ever vigilant of their surroundings, but even more so when they leave a store, he said. Danger could be lurking in the shadows.

But Graham said that thieves are not just waiting for the veil of nighttime to attack an unsuspecting shopper; they'll strike anytime. With Kings Mountain's close proximity to Gastonia and Shelby and easy access to I-85, crooks can snatch your bags or belongings and get back on the road in no time at all, he said.

Graham said that shoppers should be wary about being parked next to vans with sliding doors, especially when the doors are facing the side on which a passenger would normally enter or exit their vehicle. If sliding doors are on your normal entry side, enter the vehicle on the other side or ask for a store clerk or security guard to accompany you to your car.

Before getting into

your car, check the back seat and immediate area surrounding the car. Once inside, lock the doors.

If approached by an attacker, who tells you not to scream, Graham said that your best bet is usually to make as much noise and as much of a scene as possible, especially if there is a possibility that you could be seen or heard by someone else. Most parking lot crimes tend to be crimes of easiest opportunity.

Here are some more shopping safety tips from the Kings Mountain Police Department to keep you safe this season:

- Shop during daylight hours. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid being targeted by wearing expensive jewelry.
- Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash, use checks or credit cards.

- If you carry cash, carry it in your front pocket.

- Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.

- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have a clear sightline.

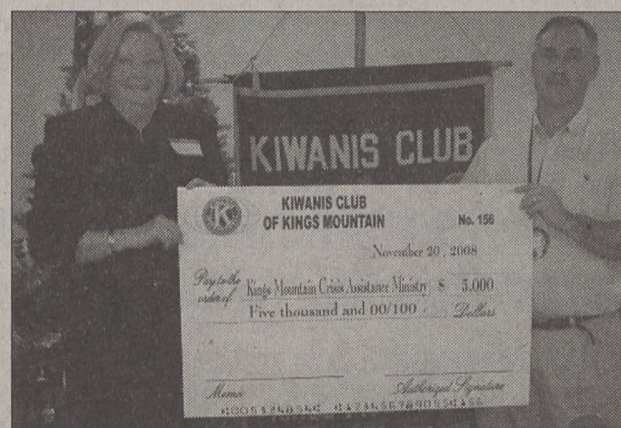
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Any time of the year, con artists may try various methods to distract you.

- Place shopping bags in your trunk before you reach your destination. Do not leave valuables in plain sight in the car.

- Park in a well-lighted space and lock your car doors.

- Remember where you parked and have your keys in hand when approaching.

- When shopping with kids, teach them to go to a store clerk or security person if you get separated.



Kiwanis Club presents check to Crisis Ministry

David Wells, President of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club presents Becky Lineberger of Kings Mountain Crisis Assistance Ministry with a donation check for \$5,000.00 made by the members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club.

Bells will be ringing...



The buckets are out at area grocery stores for the annual bell ringing to support the Crisis Assistance Ministry. Thirty one different churches and civic groups are taking turns hosting a day of bell ringing, to raise funds for the needy in the Kings Mountain area. Here Megan Woodall adds to the bucket as George Hatch of the Kiwanis Club rings the bell.



ENJOYING A CHRISTMAS PARTY - Marsha Morrow, Ginny Causby, Dorothy Humphreys, Yo Yo Lewis and Tina Wright, left to right, enjoy the Christmas party for senior citizens at the Patrick Center Friday.

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Letters to the editor...

To the Editor:
In a year when pretty much everything you hear was bad, the success of the Kings Mountain Football Program was a wonderful thing. It was good for the kids, the school and certainly the city of Kings Mountain.

I congratulate the coaches, players and everyone else involved in the program. Thank you for getting

Kings Mountain football back where it should be and hopefully the success will continue. Personally, I enjoyed every game and look forward with great anticipation to the 2009 season. For some of us Christmas came early. Best wishes for the new year.

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Santa's Cobblers

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Santa's Cobblers will give away 1,500 pairs of new shoes Friday, Dec. 19, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory.

The jolly old elf is getting a hand from elected officials and local and community businesses in giving this Christmas gift to families in need this season.

Shoes will be available, one pair per person, to men, women and children and will be lined on tables and grouped by sizes in the Armory.

A number of Santa helpers will be on hand to assist shoppers.

Volunteers got together Wednesday (today) to arrange the gifts on tables for the convenience of shoppers. In addition to shoes, there are a few other items including shirts and jackets for men and women.

"We appreciate the assistance of friends who want to play Santa Claus and in this way saying merry Christmas," said Mayor Rick Murphrey.

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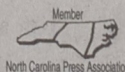
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