

PLANNING THE TOUR



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PLANNING TOUR OF HOMES - Miriam Goff, Margaret Pearson and Tina Melvin, left to right, share ideas about a May 1 Historical Tour of Homes to be sponsored by Friends of Mauney Memorial Library. The Goff, Pearson and Melvin homes will be open for the tour from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Goff and Pearson are co-chairs of the Library fundraiser.



Jean Moore hugs grandchildren Sarah Drennan and Wilson and McRae Moore.

Retirement is just a chance to change jobs for Jean Moore

by ELIZABETH STEWART
Staff Writer

Retirement is fun for Jean Moore, who saw her last patient at Cleveland Medical Associates January 28 after a nursing career that spanned 42 years.

By all accounts smiling, hugging and listening to patients were trademarks of her career and more than 150 friends turned out to honor her at a surprise retirement party at J Oliver's.

"I was very humbled," said Moore. It was almost like a "roasting" for Moore as her former patients added to the fun by saying that Jean promised them she "wouldn't be sticking us anymore." But they added, "This nurse gave good shots, we will miss her."

Jean's husband, city councilman Rick Moore, kept the surprise party a secret. He insisted his wife of 42 years accompany him to city hall for a meeting but instead he parked downtown in front of J Oliver's on a recent Sunday and ushered his wife inside.

Rick teased Jean that he was welcoming her as the newest employee of the family owned-business, Timms' Furniture, but Jean has other plans. She and daughter, Karla Drennan, assisted by the Moores' three grandchildren, have started a new business, Lulu Designs, already turning out pretty, ornamental gift cards trimmed with colorful ribbon and paper along with monogrammed invitations and packaging them to offer to the public.

The name "Lulu" came from a nickname given to nine-year-old granddaughter Sarah Drennan by the Moores' grandsons, McRae Moore, 9, and Wilson Moore, 7. The work room at the Moore home is a busy place.

"Nona," the name given to Jean by her grandchildren, spent the first day of retirement having lunch with the grandchildren at West School. After school they rushed downstairs in the Moore home to work on the big card project.

The versatile Mrs. Moore also designs attractive and colorful hair bows on combs attached at the back of pretty caps or hats—a project she started in 1998 to give to her



JEAN MOORE

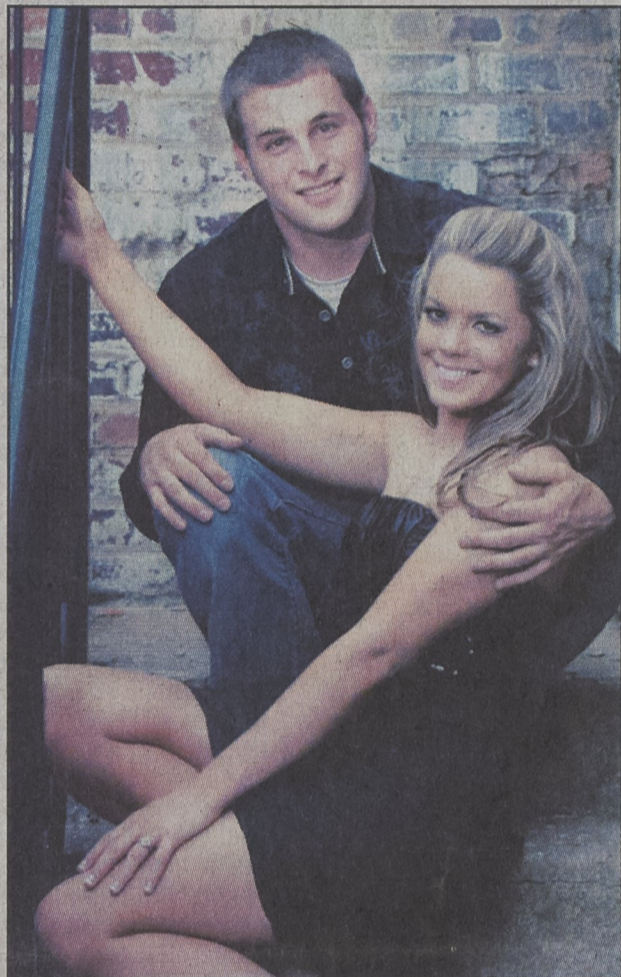
patients with hair loss. Jean was diagnosed in 1994 with Alopecia Universalis, total body hair loss. She looked into hairpieces and found that her own designs helped other women self-conscious about hair loss. "It was actually a ministry that God led me to help others," she said.

The nursing profession has changed "immensely" since Jean graduated in the second class of nurses at Gardner-Webb College School of Nursing in 1968. But she always wanted to be a nurse beginning as a volunteer candy striper at Kings Mountain Hospital.

At age 20 her first job was at a hospital in Anchorage, Alaska where Rick was stationed with the Army. They came home in 1970 and Jean worked at Kings Mountain Hospital and then joined Hendricks-Durham-Lee Clinic and was Dr. Joe Lee's nurse from 1973-95.

Until 1975 family doctors delivered babies. The clinic was always full of patients who came without appointments, no insurance, and often waited but were always treated for a variety of illnesses.

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Ashley Lauren Limbaugh
Russell Adam Stephens

Ashley Limbaugh, Russell Stephens are engaged

Mrs. Susan Limbaugh of Kings Mountain announces the engagement of her daughter, Ashley Lauren Limbaugh, to Russell Adam Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stephens of Gastonia.

Ashley is the granddaughter of the late Mary Sue Long and the late James and Margaret Limbaugh. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School, Gaston College, and Gardner-Webb University with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Ashley is employed by Dole Fresh Vegetables in Bessemer City as an accountant. She enjoys riding motorcycles and being on the water.

Adam is the grandson of Gus and Linda Bowlin of Ranlo and Dennis and Marlene Stephens of Belpre, Ohio. He is a graduate of Ashbrook High School and is employed by Fontaine Truck Modification as a technician in Mount Holly. He enjoys the outdoors and motorcycles.

The wedding will be held July 3, 2010 at East Baptist Church in Gastonia. The reception will follow at The City Club of Gastonia. This wedding date was chosen in memory of the anniversary of the marriage of Ashley's mother, Susan Limbaugh and father, the late Thomas William Limbaugh.

Miss Kitty to reenact slave life at Howser House in April

Kings Mountain State Park's Brigade of Friends is planning to host a special event featuring "Miss

Kitty," a slave reenactor who appeared on the silver screen in the Mel Gibson movie "The Patriot." The event will be held at the Howser House at the park from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on April 17 and will also include other exhibits and live interpreters.

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