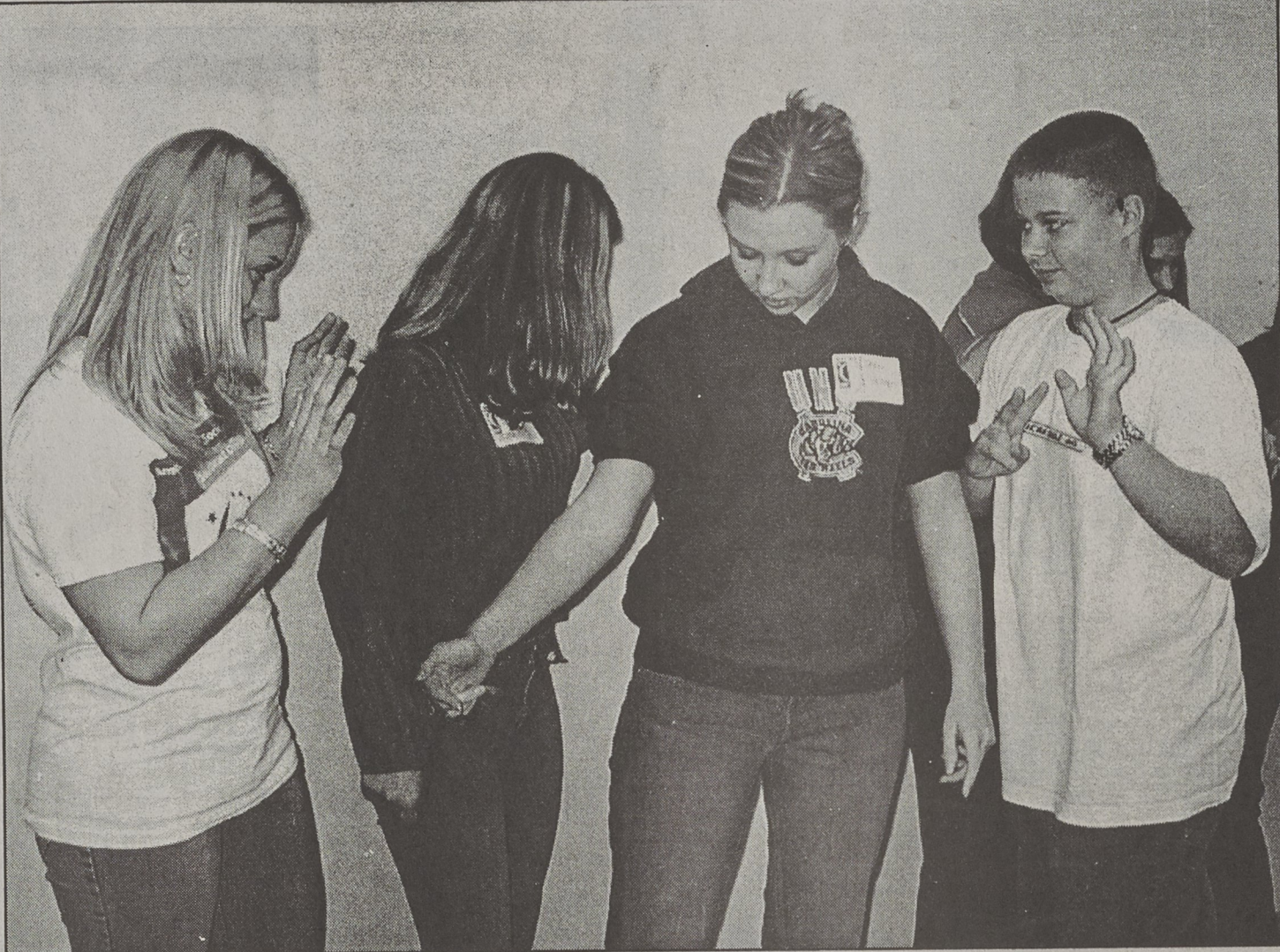


OBITUARIES



Kings Mountain Middle School students from the Sundancer team play a teamwork building game during the Relay for Life kick off.

Kings Mountain kicks off 2004 Relay for Life event

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Staff Writer

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life has already raised \$1,325 in Kings Mountain even though the event won't take place until late April.

Organizers held a kickoff party Monday night at the Patrick Senior Center. Seven teams signed up, each paying the \$100 registration fee. Tracy Bledsoe's Fishin' for a Cure team turned in \$720 from a Home Interiors fund raiser members held.

More teams are expected to sign up. "Last night was just the beginning," Bledsoe said.

This is the seventh year Kings Mountain has held the overnight walkathon. This year's event will be April 30 and May 1 at the walking track at the YMCA.

The event is a combination fund raiser and community camp out. Teams set up tents, sell food and entertainers amuse the crowds with performances and games. Probably the most com-

elling part of the event is the survivors lap and luminary ceremony honoring and remembering people with cancer.

"It gives me goose bumps," said Tim Whitesides who has volunteered with the relay for seven years.

This is the second year Whitesides has formed a team with his First Baptist Church Sunday school team. Last year they called themselves Christians Against Cancer.

Whitesides described the overnight relay as a celebration of months of fund raising and planning. The event takes place overnight to signify that cancer never sleeps, Whitesides said.

Diane Whetstine participated in her first relay in 1999. Newly diagnosed with breast cancer, Whetstine was introduced to relay by Mary Ann Hutchins who suffered from the same disease. Hutchins has since died.

As Whetstine walked in her first survivors lap in 1999, she vowed to have a team of her own.

"I said if God lets me live, next year

I'll have a team."

The following year her team raised around \$5,600. Last year that number climbed to over \$7,000.

Whetstine has met many others with cancer through the relay. She describes these people as lifetime friends.

"Once you meet somebody, they stay in your life forever," she said.

As survivors, they share stories of treatment options.

"I could talk to people about it. You want to hear the good and bad," she said.

Some of those friends live on in Whetstine's heart though their earthly lives were taken by cancer.

"I've lost a lot of people. Mary Ann is one of them. It makes you want to fight," Whetstine said.

Anyone who wants to join the fight may call event chairs Dena Blalock at 704-739-1564; Tracy Bledsoe, 704-937-3249; Melissa Davis, 704-739-9655; Kathy Lovelace, 704-937-9268 or ACS staffer Andrea Whitesides at 704-730-1227 or 704-674-3214.

DEE DORDOUANGNARY
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dee Dordouangnary, 87, 113 Elmag Drive, died November 3, 2003 at Hospice of Wendover, Shelby.

He was a native of Vientiane, Laos and widower of Khampha Dordouangnary. He was a farmer and was of the Buddhist faith.

He is survived by his sons, Chanh Sananikone and wife Kay of Kings Mountain, Keota Dordouangnary of Vientiane, Laos, and Thongkhanh Dordouangnary of Australia; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Visitation is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THELMA WRIGHT
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Thelma Wright Wright, 78, 117 Larch Lane, died November 1, 2003 at her residence.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Jim and Pearl Hamrick Wright and wife of the late Coleman Edward Wright.

She was a homemaker and retired from the textile industry. She was a member of Allen Memorial Baptist Church, Grover.

She is survived by her son, Edward John "Sonny" Wright and wife Linda of Grover; daughters Jo Ann Carroll and husband Steve of Spartanburg, SC and Judy Wiggins and husband Earl of Kings Mountain; sisters Dorothy Dellinger and Mary Ella Reeves, both of Cherryville; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Allen Memorial Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Allen Memorial Baptist Church, 1222 Long Branch Road, Grover, NC 28073.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

VIRGINIA BARBER
CHARLOTTE - Virginia Estelle Barber, 92, died November 1, 2003 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Home in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late George Preston Barber and Margaret Graham Ware Barber. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Charlotte, and prior to retirement was employed as a statistician with Carolinas Medical Center.

She is survived by her sister, Pearl Barber Teague of Charlotte; nephew Marion Barber and wife Ruby of Charlotte; nieces Cornelia Suggs and husband Bill, Estelle Turner, Iris Biddy, Shirley Whitaker and husband Bill, all of Kings Mountain, and Marguerite Wright of Shelby; several great-nieces and great-nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by Dr. Charles d. Pate and the Rev. Michael Cummings at 2 p.m. Monday at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Charlotte, P.O. Box 31046, Charlotte, NC 28231.

Hankins and Whittington Dilworth Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

PAULINE HURDT
BANNER ELK - Pauline Elizabeth Hurdt, 70, formerly of Shelby, died November 1, 2003 at Life Care Center of Banner Elk.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Will and Beulah Whetstine and wife of the late John Junior Hurdt. She was also preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

She was a textile employee and member of Faith Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Barry and Tina Hurdt of Iron Station, Thomas Hurdt of Kings Mountain, Billy and Connie Hurdt of Kings Mountain, and Joe and Tina Hurdt of Shelby; daughters and sons-in-law Penny and Barry Greene and Cynthia and Joey Davis, all of Grover; brother and sister-in-law Johnny and Shirley Whetstine of Kings Mountain; sisters Margie Hurdt and Annie Mae Leigh, both of Kings Mountain; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Barry Goodman at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Faith Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home, Shelby, was in charge of arrangements.

KM WEATHER REPORT

Cleveland County Health Department inspected the following food-handling facilities during the week ending October 31.

**Denotes 2 extra points when an employee attended an approved food-handling course.

Restaurants
Country Store Grill, Kings Mountain, 96.
Hallelujah Acres Cafe, S. Post Rd., 91.5.
Kentucky Fried Chicken, Grover St., 97**
Kings Mountain Hospital Cafeteria, 98.5**
Polygrug-UMG Mfg., Battleground Ave., Grover, 97**
Subway, Kings Mountain Truck Stop, 98.
The Diner, Dixon School Rd., Kings Mountain, 94.
West Warren St. Cafe, Farmers Mkt., 94.
Wendell's BBQ Rest., S. Battleground Ave., Kings Mountain, 90**
Yamato Express II, KM Plaza, Kings Mountain, 93.5.

Food stands
Food Lion Deli, Shelby Rd., Kings Mountain, 99**
Little Caesar, E. King St., Kings Mountain, 88.
One Stop, Shelby Rd., Kings Mountain, 94.
The Pantry, E. Marion St., 95.
Woodbridge Handymart, Kings Mountain, 99.
Elderly Nutrition Site, West Warren Manor, 98.5**

Meat markets
Food Lion, Shelby Rd., Kings Mountain, 97.
Sparks Grocery, Polkville Rd., 97.

School cafeterias
East Elementary Cafeteria, Kings Mountain, 98**
Kings Mountain Middle School Cafeteria, Kings Mountain, 98.5**

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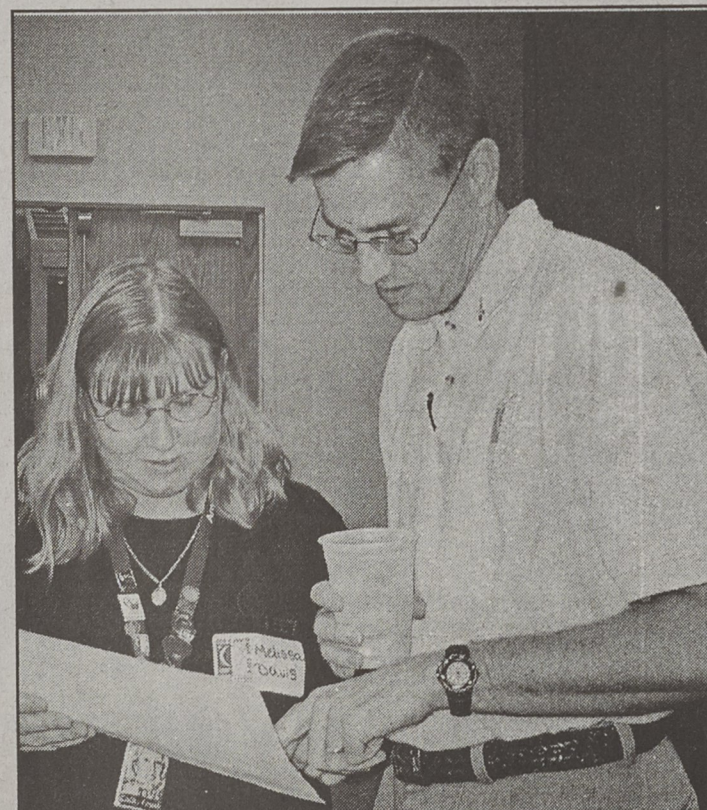
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Melissa Davis helps Tim Whitesides sign up his Relay for Life team during Monday night kickoff festivities at the Patrick Senior Center. Davis is walking in honor of cancer survivor Cathy Powell.

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