

LOCAL

# BC Relay for Life Friday night

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BESSEMER CITY - The town's fourth annual Relay for Life kicks off Friday night at 7 p.m. at Bessemer City High School.

Close to 20 teams have signed up in hopes of raising \$50,000. Last year the annual American Cancer Society fund raiser brought in \$45,000.

The event begins with a survivor's lap where people who are winning their battle against cancer circle the track. Mayor Allan Farris will give the welcome and Rev. Dick Whitener, the invocation. Boy

Scout Troop #51 will lead the pledge of allegiance. Landyn and Anna Ramsey will sing God Bless America. Honorary Chairwoman Marilyn Best will speak.

Following the survivor's lap, there will be a parade of teams and kid's walk. Then comes music, games and other events.

A solemn 9 p.m. luminary service takes place as skies darken. Candles, sponsored in honor and memory of people touched by cancer, spell out "Hope."

There will be games for kids and food sales. Co-chair Gerri Davis calls

it a "great family event."

A 16-year survivor, Davis got involved with Gastonia's Relay eight years ago. Now she and Jim Hodge are chairing the Bessemer City event.

"It's an opportunity to celebrate that survivorship each year and an opportunity to raise money for the American Cancer Society for research so there will be more survivors," Davis said.

The First Baptist Children's Choir will sing at 8 p.m. Ragan Wesleyan Choir and Allyson Costner will sing at 8:30 p.m.

Music by First Wesleyan Church

will follow the luminary service.

Gary Ray & Ethel Garner will perform at 9:45 p.m. The Happy Tones will sing at 10 p.m. At 11 p.m. there will be a drawing for raffles/scooter/TV, etc. At 11:10 Elvis impersonator Davis Taylor takes the stage.

A celebrity impersonator contest is at 11:40 p.m. Other events include a womanless beauty contest at 12:15 a.m., a kid's P.J. contest at 1:15 a.m., a celebrity look-alike contest at 1:45 a.m., karaoke at 2 a.m., pie-eating contest at 3 a.m., hula hoop contest at 3:30 a.m. and closing ceremonies at 6 a.m.

## Coastline Band to play at final concert Saturday

The City of Kings Mountain will wrap up its third Summer Nights Concert Series Saturday when the Coastline Band performs at City Hall Amphitheater from 7 to 10 p.m.

The free concert was originally scheduled for the municipal walking track but after neighbors complained of noise after the last concert, officials moved it to city hall.

"We're trying to be sensitive to that," said Ellis Noell, city events coordinator.

The Coastline Band is well known for its beach music and has shared the stage with Jerry Lee Lewis, Percy Sledge, The Platters, The Drifters, Maurice Williams and Clarence Carter, according to a press release.

## Car show planned at Gateway Festival

Classic cars will be part of the Gateway Festival.

Judged classes include street rods, originals, imports, convertibles, muscle cars, best paint, best engine, mayor's award, custom, classic trucks, pro street, 4x4's, sport trucks, best interior, best of show and people's choice.

The trucks can be seen Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the center city parking lot on Cherokee Street.

Advanced entry is \$10. On show day it's \$15. Registration is from 8 a.m. to noon. Trophies are awarded at 4 p.m.

Entry fee benefits the New Life Family Worship building fund. For more information, call D.J. Rogers at 704-739-2502.

## KM WEATHER REPORT

Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller

	Sept. 1-7	Last Year
Total precipitation	6.20+	.10
Maximum one day	5.50 (7th)	.10 (4th)
Month to date	6.20+	.10
Year to date	38.58	73.61
Low temperature	64 (2nd)	61 (6th)
High temperature	85 (1st)	85 (1st, 7th)
Avg. temperature	73.4	72.9

## HEFFNER

From 4A

Don't think I understand, I don't think he shot himself on purpose. I don't think he has that kind of courage.

Kerry wants everybody to shut up about his Vietnam service except those who

support him, including the media.

What he has succeeded in doing is opening up all those old wounds among Vietnam veterans. It has taken most of them over 30 years to get over that war, and how they were treated upon their return. Some of them, and most of us know

a few, have never recovered, nor will they.

So Kerry comes along, thinking we've all forgotten what he did when he returned from Vietnam, and struts around bragging about being a hero in Vietnam.

It makes me want to throw up.

## MEDITATION

From 4A

we say things we wish we hadn't said. Those are times when we need to avail ourselves of the opportunity of exchanging forgiveness.

It's a shame we sometimes choose to carry a grudge against someone who made such a mistake

against us. Instead, we really ought to remember that we're all out in the weather together and we, too, sometimes find ourselves in the place of that young clerk.

Jesus once said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before

the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

We will live a richer and happier life here in this fine community if we would heed these words.

(Rev. Hensley is pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church).

# Bonded by blooms

Senior citizens help each other with flower beds

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Four senior citizens have bonded over blooms. The women, all apartment dwellers, live off Railroad Avenue.

They spend many evenings tending the beds "if we can quit talking long enough to work," according to Thelma McKeehan.

The beautification project started years ago when a resident who lived in what is now Mrs. McKeehan's apartment planted her beds. The lady went on to help her neighbors dig beds. She also shared cuttings.

Hosta, marigolds, wax leaf begonia, seed roses, petunias, cock's comb, day lilies, candy tuft, zinnias, flox and roses are some of the plants they grow.

The gardening tradition of sharing cuttings continues. Pauline Bridges has shared a vine the women believe is a wild clematis with Maxine Allen and Bonnie Horne.

The three describe Mrs. Horne as the top gardener. "She's got a green thumb," Mrs. McKeehan said.

The foursome also have added yard art to their porches and flower beds. Swirls of blue, green and yellow glass hang from Mrs. McKeehan's porch. A bird bath surrounded by ceramic ducks turned zinnia-filled planters sit in front of Mrs. Horne's yard. She also grows tomatoes.

A pinwheel spins in Mrs.



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Friendship has bloomed for neighbors Pauline Bridges, left, Maxine Allen, Thelma McKeehan and Bonnie Horne.

Allen's yard and Mrs. Bridges has several wind chimes.

Mrs. Horne's dachshund hound terrier mix, Little Dot, and Mrs. McKeehan's Chihuahua, Rudy, often join them while they work.

"They'll go up and give each other sugar," said Mrs.

Allen.

Mrs. Bridges has a Quaker bird, Pettie, to keep her company when she returns inside from the garden.

The four say the apartment's management are supportive of their work. "They encourage it," Mrs. Horne said.

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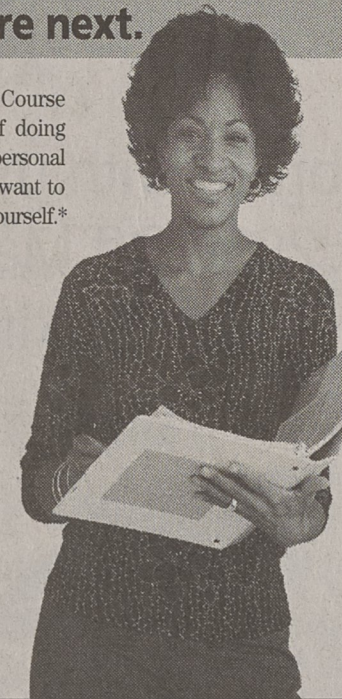
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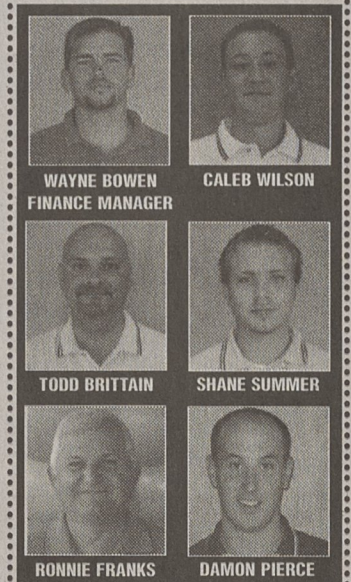
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