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Vet Day services in KM, Shelby

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Veterans will be remembered and honored today with a parade and ceremony.

A 10 a.m. assembly starts at the Kings Mountain War Memorial located at the corner of Mountain Street and Railroad Avenue.

At 10:15 a.m., there will be a parade from there to the Veterans Memorial at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The North Carolina National Guard, Loch Norman Pipe Band, American Legion Flag Brigade and Kings Mountain Police Explorer Post will participate. There will be a "weasel" tracked assault vehicle pulled on a trailer.

Kings Mountain American Legion Commander Claude Pearson will deliver the keynote address. Mayor Rick Murphrey also will speak.

Shanna Butler will sing the National Anthem. Police Chief Melvin Proctor along with Cub Scout Pack 95 will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rev. Bruce Hobson of El See Vets, 2A

PLAY DAY



ANDIE L. BRYMER/HERALD
 Taking advantage of what may be one of the last warm days of Fall, two-year-old Uriah McCree swings Tuesday afternoon at the Kings Mountain YMCA playground with some help from his mom Christina Michaels. His dad Shawn Love was also part of the outing.

Relay for Life sets \$100,000 goal for 2005

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
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Kings Mountain's Relay for Life 2005 kicked off Monday night at the Patrick Center. Organizers hope to have 50 teams raising \$100,000.

Shelby's Relay Co-Chairperson Jeff Ross revved up the group, telling them how Relay helped him recover from his mother's death from cancer.

"I thought 'my God, how could this happen to me and my family,'" Ross told the crowd.

Describing himself as typically upbeat, Ross said he became bitter after his mother died. Then a co-worker at Cleveland Regional Medical Center asked him to help with Relay.

"Guys, my life changed. In the bitter state I was in, I saw the light. It was Relay," Ross said.

The young man formed a team and set the fund raising goal at \$29,000. His mother lived 29 days after her diagnosis.

While he raised \$3,700, Ross didn't lose his enthusiasm for the American Cancer Society's signature fund raiser.

"As long as you Relay, I Relay, all those others Relay, we'll never lose that battle," he said.

Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey spoke about his wife Sandra Murphrey's battle with inflammatory breast cancer. He told the crowd that initially "the whole world stops." Soon after he and his wife made what he describes as a plan of attack, seeking treatment at Presbyterian Hospital.

"It means so much to me that so many people have come together to fight this dreaded disease," he said. Murphrey described his wife as "tough."

"I don't think I could be that tough," he said.

The group was introduced to Linda Neal who will replace Andrea Whitesides as community income manager. Whitesides will now work in Gaston County. Neal has volunteered with Relay for 15 years. Neal led the group in reading the Relay mission statement.

"This helps all of us remember why we do what we do," Neal said.

She announced a January 29 ACS youth summit which will be held at the Patrick Center. Registration deadline is Dec. 10.

Members of veteran teams like David Baptist were at the kick-off dinner as well as newcomers like the Spectrum Yarn Team.

According to Human Resources Manager Barbara Wright, several employees expressed interest in creating a team. "We've had several who have had cancer," she said. "We thought we'd try it."

Eleven-year-old Victoria Black is heading up the David Baptist team. Her father Don Black died from cancer five years ago.

According to Victoria's mother Renee Galasinao, Relay is a tradition at their church where Pastor Jody Griffin is battling cancer.

"We've had a real personal stake in it, our whole church," Galasinao said.

The 2005 Relay is scheduled for April 29 and 30 at the Kings Mountain Walking Track. The Survivor's Dinner is April 14 at the Patrick Center.

Team captain meetings are Jan. 10, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 11, all from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Patrick Center.



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Linda Neal
 Relay manager

Pizza man takes break

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
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East King Street motorists won't see Jack Bryson waving and holding a Little Caesar's Pizza sign again until spring. Cooler temperatures and earlier sunsets mean Bryson and John Hall, who works with him, are taking a winter break.

"We really appreciate Little Caesar's and the people who have stopped to talk," Hall said. "Jack's grateful for the opportunity."

Passersby have stopped to congratulate Bryson on working. Some have bought him a soda and one treated Bryson to ice cream.

Bryson started the job in May after telling one-on-one worker Hall that he wanted employment.

Since then Hall has watched as Bryson went from shy to outgoing. Now when Bryson visits the mall or library, he eagerly waves at people.

"That was the perfect job for that goal (socialization)," Hall said.



ANDIE L. BRYMER/HERALD
 Jack Bryson, left, and John Hall will be back at Little Caesar's Pizza come Spring.

Bryson is enjoying money for new clothes, shoes and YMCA membership.

"He loved it, getting pay-

checks," Hall said.

At age 19, Bryson decided it was time for his own place. Hall and his family

are making that a reality by renting space to Bryson, who lives there through the week. Most weekends Bryson spends with his parents.

He's got one word for the new living arrangement - "cool."

Bryson and his new "siblings" Abby, five, Lindsay, 11, and Samantha, 16, enjoy teasing one another.

"They like picking on Jack and he likes picking back," Hall said.

Hall jokes that it's nice to have another guy in the home he shares with his wife Norma and their three girls. Hall and Bryson bond over Monday Night Football.

Bryson is currently a student at North Shelby School where he's a goalie on the power soccer team. This Saturday team members will head to Charlotte to play teams from there, Atlanta and Raleigh.

When Bryson graduates, he'll probably work at both Little Caesar's and Harvest Works, a retail store in Shelby.

Ray Canipe can't get mining out of his blood

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
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After working 42 years in mining, Ray Canipe still can't stop playing with dozers and loaders. The 78-year-old retiree has built a mini-mine with toy equipment in a home outbuilding.

"They used to tell me I'd never quit," Canipe said. "It gets in your blood."

Canipe said he awoke two months ago with the idea.

"I went from here to yonder, up in the mountains, yard sales, flea markets," he said.

In two weeks the display was complete. Dozers, loaders - some plastics, others metal - sat atop gravel and sand. Canipe estimates he spent \$80 for over 20 pieces of equipment.

"This one's sitting at a hopper. Just like at the mine, in line waiting to dump," See Canipe, 2A



ANDIE L. BRYMER/HERALD
 Retired mine worker Ray Canipe has collected toy dozers and dump trucks for a display at his home.



ANDIE L. BRYMER/HERALD
 Four-year-old Kaytlyn Bragg colors during Kings Mountain's Relay for Life kick-off Monday night at the Patrick Center. She is part of the Kings Mountain Hospital team.