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50 teams needed for Relay for Life

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Kings Mountain's Relay for Life hopes to have 50 teams this year. So far around 30 have registered though there is time for more to get in on the American Cancer Society's signature fund raiser.

Tammy White, a five-year team captain for Kings Mountain Hospital, shared some advice for others considering heading up a team.

"Focus on your team members.

Keep them motivated," White said. "Don't forget to keep it fun."

This year the hospital team is racing for a cure with a NASCAR theme. The theme memorializes hospital vice-president Regina Gregg who died earlier this year.

"Mrs. Gregg loved racing," White said.

The hospital has used a touch down for a cure and Hawaiian theme in past years.

Renee Galasinao is helping her 11-year-old daughter Victoria Black

captain a team at David Baptist Church. They are using a Christmas theme with decorations and lights at their campsite. Galasinao has been involved with Relay for three years.

"I can't think of a better way to reach out to my community," she said.

Her first husband died from cancer. Galasinao's fear of the disease's hereditary potential also fuels her work.

"I'm fighting for her (daughter Victoria's) future," she said.

Galasinao likes the community spirit of Relay.

"There's a lot of unity between us," she said.

The ACS recommends teams have 10 members though there is no minimum number. Civic groups, workplaces, churches, families and other groups can form teams. Members don't have to come from any specific geographical area. Kid's team Angels Battling Cancer have raised the most money so far, \$2,500.

Relay hopes to raise \$100,000 in 2005.

"We're not holding anything back this year," David Ozmore said.

Anyone interested in starting a team should attend a captain's meeting March 21 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Patrick Center. For more information, call Linda Neal at 704-473-0815.

Relay for Life takes place April 29 and 30 at the Kings Mountain walking track.

FAST TRACK

Singer Hammett earns gig on national TV

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A Kings Mountain man will sing on national television April 2.

Shane Hammett beat out nine others Saturday night during a contest at Ham's Restaurant in Shelby. The restaurant and Sonic

Records are sponsoring the Fast Track To Fame contest.

Hammett said he was excited about the contest and admitted to being a little nervous. While he didn't have all the details Monday, Hammett said there was potential for a recording contract.

Saturday Hammett sang "God Bless the U.S.A." by country recording artist Lee Greenwood. Hammett was a semi-finalist in the Give Me The Mike Charlotte contest last summer. He sings country in contests and leads music for a contemporary worship service at his church.

Hammett and his wife Lynda Hammett have two children, Jordan, 7, and Natalie, 4. He is a 1989 Kings Mountain High School graduate and works for the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.

Hammett's performance will air at 1:30 a.m. on the WB channel.



10-month-old Makayla Jarvis was first place winner in the 0-18 months division in the American's Most Beautiful Girls pageant held Saturday at Kings Mountain Women's Center. She is the daughter of Greg and Lyndsie Jarvis.



Kings Mountain Chevrolet owner Charles Winton stands with staff members Melissa Andre, office manager, Luis Bolanos, new car manager, and Phil Jackson, general sales.

Winton enjoying selling cars in Kings Mountain

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After working as a certified public accountant and management consultant for a decade, Charles Winton switched gears and started selling cars. Today Winton owns Kings Mountain Chevrolet.

After graduating from Christian Brothers College in his native Memphis, Winton joined a national firm which worked with auto sellers. Winton was intrigued enough by his clients' work to sell his home and move to Dallas, Texas. He calls the transition both "scary" and "the best thing I ever did."

The Lexus dealership gave him two weeks of training.

"It's just relating to people, making them feel comfortable," he said.

After six months, the group he worked for moved Winton to Amarillo to work as the chief financial officer. He helped take the company public. Meeting with potential investors gave Winton a chance to travel to Europe and across the United States.

Five years later in 1999 Winton moved to

Charlotte to work for Saturn. In December he fulfilled a long time dream when he bought the Chevrolet dealership. Kings Mountain looked appealing.

"I wanted my first store to be in a small community I could grow with," Winton said.

He likes both the location on Interstate 85 and the close knit community.

"Everyone has been extremely friendly to me," Winton said.

Working in management gave Winton a chance to build a team and treat people how he had wanted to be treated before becoming a supervisor. Owning the company means now being responsible for providing jobs, Winton says.

"You have a responsibility and obligation to the people who work with you," he said.

When he's not working, Winton spends time with his wife Melanie and their sons C.J. and Martin. He also is an associate pastor at St. Paul's Baptist Church in Charlotte where he works with the men's fellowship. Winton is an avid reader enjoying books about history.

REAL DEAL

Retired KMHS band director still playing tenor saxophone

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Don Deal has traded in his band director's uniform for a park ranger's badge. After retiring in 1985, Deal took a job at Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Deal gives talks on the Revolutionary War and weapons used during that period, patrols the trail and works in the visitors information center.

Never one to slow down, he also plays tenor saxophone in the Frank Love Orchestra, a big band-style group. He played in the band mid-Century and then joined again when Love started it back in 1989.

"I never thought I would be doing that at my age," Deal said.

Deal leads the Resurrection Lutheran Church choir too. His wife Betty Ann who just retired as organist sings in the choir.

Deal led Kings Mountain High School's band for 17 years. Before that he worked in Bessemer City, Dallas and Lincolnton. He calls the career "exciting."

"There's never a dull moment," Deal said.

To be successful takes hours of practice before and after school. He considers himself one in a line of devoted band instructors like Paul Hendricks, Joe Hedden and Chris Cole.

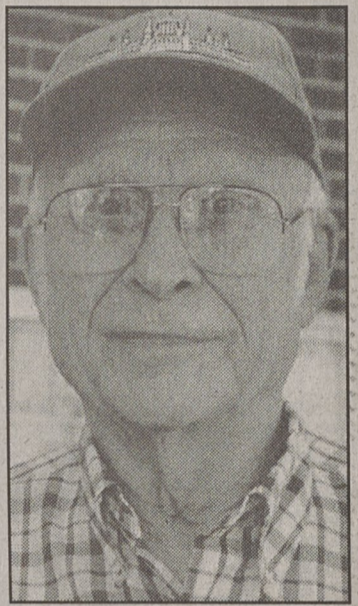
Since retiring, Deal and his wife have traveled to Hawaii, Slovakia and San Francisco.

Some of his favorite composers are Bach, Mozart and Beethoven. Chorale music and good jazz are other favorites. He's concerned that today's music doesn't meet that standard.

"I like any kind of music as long as it's well done," he said.

Deal plays the tenor sax and clarinet.

He also plays bridge, works crossword puzzles and enjoys reading. Some top picks are books about World War II, the Civil War and the American Revolution. Some of his recent favorites are biographies of John Adams, Ben Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt.



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Sanitary District gets grant

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Cleveland County Sanitary District received a \$40,000 grant from the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Senator Walter Dalton's office announced last week.

The money will most likely help pay for testing involved in the application process for a new reservoir, according to CCSD Manager Butch Smith.

The district hopes to build a new reservoir but first must get the go ahead from approximately nine agencies, Smith said. An archeological study has been completed. Environmental impact and core drilling studies are now under way.

"We're trying to get permitted," Smith said.

He predicts it will be two to four years before CCSD knows for sure if it will be allowed to build the reservoir. The district has spent \$600,000 in the application

process so far. No land has been purchased. Smith said the new reservoir would meet needs for the next hundred years.

CCSD is the 19th largest in the state. It serves 52,000 customers including most of Cleveland County and extends into Burke and Lincoln counties and South Carolina.

The district was first established in 1983 as the Upper Cleveland Sanitary District. The name changed in 1989 as it expanded.

The Town of Boiling Springs also received a \$40,000 Clean Water Bond Capacity Building Grant. The money was part of the final round of grants from the Clean Water Bonds, an \$800 million infrastructure package approved in 1988, according to a press release from Dalton's office. The senator serves on the Rural Center Board of Directors.

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