

CHURCH BRIEFS

Good Hope Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain, will celebrate its annual Family and Friends Day Sunday, June 10 at 3 p.m. Speaker will be the Rev. W. Flemon McIntosh Jr. of Green Street Presbyterian Church in Morganton. The public is invited. For more information call 704-739-1062.

Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church, corner of Cansler and Ellis streets, Kings Mountain, will host the Men of Faith 2007 All Male Fashion Show in the Family Life Center June 16 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Children two years of age and younger will be admitted free.

Salvation Station, a newly formed church at 2138 Hillcrest Dr., Bessemer City, will host Cross Reference in concert June 10 at 6 p.m. For more information call Pastor Timmy Whitaker at 704-747-2630 or assistant pastor James Meadows at 704-629-2703.

Crowder's Mountain Baptist

Church, 125 Mayberry Lane, will host The Songsters in concert Saturday, June 9 at 6 p.m. For more information call Ponda Thacker at 704-739-5553.

Carolina Praise and Worship Center, 201 North Main St., Grover, will host a family crusade with nationally known gospel singing ventriloquist team David and Rusty, at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 24 and continuing Monday-Wednesday, June 26-27 at 7 p.m. The crusade will include games, gospel illustrations, prizes, Bible stories and refreshments. For more information call 704-937-7541.

South Mountain Baptist Camp, located in Burke County, will be celebrating its 50th year Saturday, August 18. Former staff members, speakers, campers, camp committee members and others who have contributed to the work at SMBC are asked to contact Norma D. Moose at 704-739-5600 or bna14@earthlink.net.

RELAY

From 1A

raise money but couldn't camp. "We've done really well this year. In years past we have been in the \$80 thousands but our economy as it is now with gas prices it's hard to raise that much," she said. "It's taking all of our money just to put gas into our cars."

Kings Mountain's Relay for Life, which is usually held in April or May, came a little later in the season this year sharing the weekend spotlight with the Over the Mountain Triathlon.

Whether it was the timing, the heat or the economy which kept several people at home, the powerful message of Kings Mountain striving to eradicate cancer came through as clear and as strong as ever.

Survivors of about 70 strong still walked the night's first lap. The hundreds of candles in the luminary still glowed in their

solemn might. Laughter from the Womanless Beauty Pageant still echoed through the valley and for the first time this year a piper invoked extra emotion through her bag pipe melodies. Hogue said that all of the night's events carry special meaning to her. The first time she walked in Kings Mountain's first Relay 10 years ago, her mother was battling cancer. Now she walks in remembrance of her and to fight for the cancer-free future of her daughters.

KMHS Class of 1962 planning its reunion

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1962 is planning its 45th year reunion for October 6 at Deer Brook Golf Club in Shelby.

To update address or for more information contact Gale Morrison at 704-756-5486 or galemorrison@bellsouth.net.

LIFESTYLES

BETHWARE

From 1A

Bethware Elementary is also the only school in Kings Mountain that has ever been in the top 10 fund-raising teams. The school made the top 10 in 2005 when they raised \$2,968 and in 2006 when they raised \$3,025. So far this year, they have raised \$4,248 for the KM cause.

Fourteen cancer survivors, one a student, some teachers, grandparents and aunts set off on the afternoon's first lap - the Survivor's Lap. The other students, faculty and relatives lined up around the perimeter of the track to cheer them on. Every step was a giant leap towards a cure for the disease that has plagued them and continues to haunt so many others.

After the survivors, the different grade levels took turns walking the track, enjoying entertainment and snacks in the hot sun. The littlest ones in pre-school (Head Start) and Kindergarten took the track about 12:30, while the 1st and 2nd grades enjoyed some entertainment at the stage near the middle of the track and the 3rd and 4th graders had a snack.

About every 30 minutes the grade levels traded off. The 3rd and 4th graders were the last to walk the path and although the sun's heat had slowed many of them down, at least one class chanted "We are awesome" during their trek.

Fourth grade Magician Austin Anthony entertained the littlest ones with tricks from his black bag. He pulled the lid off of a "can of jelly beans" and two large green snakes leaped from its confinement into the audience. The crowd continued to be in awe as he went through his tricks. "Did you know that we had a magician at this school?" Assistant Principal Jada Hardin asked the children.

One little boy yelled "I saw him in the library," sure to score points with the famous magician and the crowd since he had



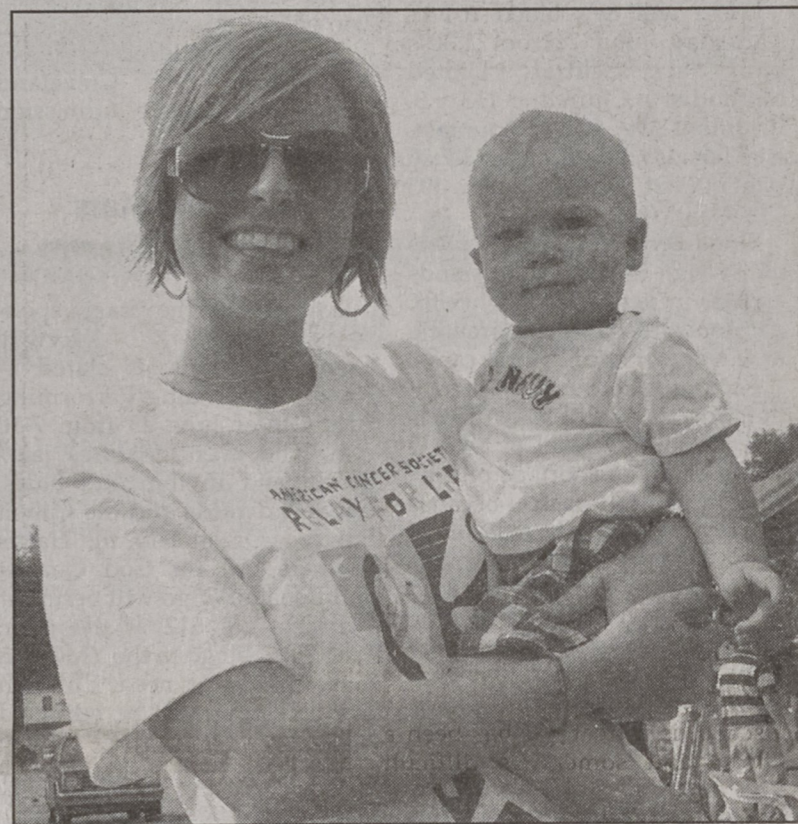
EMILY WEAVER/HERALD
The 1st and 2nd grades took to the walking track at Bethware Elementary on Friday at 1 pm. They raised over \$4,000 for cancer research. Below, little Camden Cobb enjoyed his first Relay on Friday night with his mom Lauren Cobb, from the A Kut Above team.

known him before his debut.

Every child got to make their own luminary bag in honor or in memory of a loved one. The bags, although not lit, lined the track with just as much esteem. All of the students and faculty gathered near the stage around 2:15 for the closing ceremony.

They ended the ceremony with a release of 500 purple and white balloons and with a moment of silence for those who have lost their battle to cancer. Hardin, team captain for the school, was beaming with pride on Friday afternoon.

"All of the schools do something special for Relay, but we wanted to do something really special and everyone has worked so hard," she said. Bethware had events every day leading up to Relay. In order to participate they had to fill their piggy banks with 40 quarters.





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