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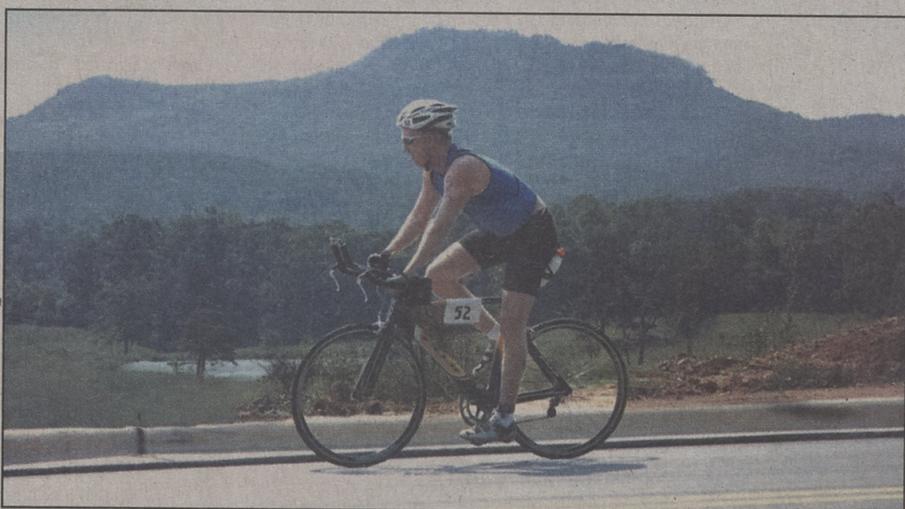


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A bike rider with the mountain in the background practices for the OTM Triathlon.

Photo by ELLIS NOELL

OTM Triathlon set for May 18

Kings Mountain will host the annual Over the Mountain Triathlon expected to attract 500 triathletes to the city on Saturday, May 18.

As part of the North Carolina Triathlon Series (NCTS) and sanctioned by the USA Triathlon, this Olympic-length race will be the same length as the triathlon in last summer's Olympic Games in London, England.

In its 14th year, the race will follow a familiar route, a 1 mile swim across Moss Lake, a 30 mile

bike ride (through four counties, three area parks and two states) and finish with the recently redesigned 10K run through the streets of Kings Mountain. The race has received many accolades including being voted best bike portion in the 16 race series by the NCTS triathletes and the best triathlon overall in the Charlotte Metro area.

"It amazes me with all the changes that have happened over the last 14 years of producing this race," said Ellis Noell, City of KM Events Director. "Fourteen years

ago, not many of our residents were certain what a triathlon was about. Now we have teams originating right here in Kings Mountain and others throughout Cleveland County and still drawing competitors from around the U.S. and around the world," added Noell.

Spectators will gather at the swim start, swim finish, the halfway point water station at the Superintendent's office at Kings Mountain National Military Park

See TRIATHLON, 5A

Prayer, Attitude, Faith



Tina and Rick Hahn

Hahn, "Life is good!"

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Shag dancing is Tina Hahn's best medicine to fight cancer.

Her dance partner and husband of 23 years, Rick Hahn, calls her his inspiration.

The friends she meets at shag competitions in Gastonia, Shelby, and Myrtle Beach, SC agree and say Tina's smile is contagious.

Prayer, attitude, and faith keep her strong in the belief that she will beat Stage 4 adenocarcinoma. She keeps dancing to

build up her stamina and she encourages people everywhere she meets to fight cancer with a vengeance. They look at the vivacious, 52-year-old woman and say "you look too good to have cancer."

Her doctors told her the same thing when she was diagnosed July 5, 2012 when a mass was found in the pleural lining of her right lung. The non-small cell cancer had metastasized to spots in the lymph nodes and adrenal glands.

"I really started hurting in my back and blamed it on stress and

See HAHN, 5A

New memorials, names to be added to wall

Names of 28 servicemen killed in action in World War II and eight servicemen killed in action during the Korean War will appear on the new memorials at Patriots Park for Memorial Day services conducted by the City of Kings Mountain May 28.

Area people who want to make changes or add more names to these lists are encouraged to contact the City of Kings Mountain, 704-734-0333, as soon as possible since the names have to be engraved on the monuments in time for the dedication service.

Korea war dead: Billy Owens, Harvey Lawson, Dan Brevard Lail, Ralph Whetstone, Rufus G. Huffstickler, Pickney Roberts, Johnny Alexander Millon and Herman C. Tate Jr.

World War II war dead: David Homer Barber, Johnny William Blackwell, John C. Bridges, Grady Candler, James Gideon Darracott, Jr., Moffett D. Davis, Charles M. Ewing, Marvin Foster, Howard B. Gantt, Roy E. Harmon, Jacob C. Huffstetler, Harold D. Jackson, Horace E. Lantham, Winfield V. Long, Sidney E. Lovelace, Felmer L. Lynn, J. C. Medlin, William Robert Miller Jr., Walter Manly Moorhead, Lester Pinkney Moss, James Calvin Nickels III, Robert Earl Owens, Everett Paysour, Elmer M. Propst, Colon B. Reynolds, William F. Smith, John C. Stewart, and Haskell Thrift.

"We want to be sure that we have all the names and encourage residents to call us as soon as possible to add names or correct spellings," said mayor Rick Murphy.

Relay this Friday

Fireworks, music, womanless beauty pageant, and more!

Fireworks will light up the sky Friday at the 15th annual Relay for Life which kicks off at 5 p.m. and culminates with the fireworks show at 12 midnight.

Everyone's reason to Relay for Life is unique as their own personal story of cancer, and Kings Mountain teams are hard at work making plans for Friday's Relay to be bigger and better than ever.

This year's Relay at the Kings Mountain Walking Track promises to be entertainment for all ages packed into seven hours compared to all-nighters in past Relays. Goal of the 2013 campaign to fight cancer is \$100,000.

Tina Gettys, entertainment chairman, said a sure event to watch is the Womanless Beauty Pageant at 11 p.m. Men participating in the event should be dressed in their fancy attire and at the stage at 10 p.m.

Dance students from "Dance Magic" will perform at 5:15 p.m. and the opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. will include the Survivors Lap, the caregivers lap and the 21 teams walking around the track followed by music by vocalist Donna Landers. During the evening The Overthrown dance, Kings Revue from Kings Mountain High School, Step-Out Dance Production, and Music by Harvest will be on the stage prior to 9 p.m. when the luminaire ceremony is scheduled. The popular tricycle race at 9:40 p.m. and Zumba dancers at 10 p.m. will precede the beauty pageant

5-5:15 p.m. - Kings Mountain Relay for Life starts at the KM Walking Track Friday, May 3. All events will take place at the walking track

5:15- 6 p.m. - Dance Magic performs

6-6:30 p.m. - Opening ceremony/Survivors Lap/ Caregivers Lap/ Team Lap; vocalist Donna Landers

6:30-7p.m. - Overthrown Dance

7-7:30 p.m. - Kings Revue of KMHS

7:30-8 p.m. - Step-n-Out Dance Production

8- 9 p.m. - Music by "Harvest" on stage

9 p.m. - Luminary light-up - A moment of silence as we remember those we have lost to cancer after which "Harvest" will continue with music.

9:40-10 p.m. - Tricycle Race

10-11 p.m. - Zumba dancers on the stage

11-11:30 p.m. - Womanless Beauty Pageant. All participants must be dressed and at the stage at 10 a.m. for further instructions.

11:30-12 midnight - Fireworks and closing ceremony.

Officials remind all that no pets, bikes, skateboards or scooters and no smoking permitted at the 7-hour event

from 11-11:30 p.m. Teams will offer plenty of food and drawing for prizes for the public to enjoy.

Co-chairs Frank Burns and Tammy White invite the community to turn out and support their teams and enjoy an evening of fun. "We all working together for a good cause," said Burns.

Day of Prayer events May 2

The annual Mayor's community-wide prayer breakfast - will be hosted by Family Worship Center Thursday, May 2, at 8 a.m. in the Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road.

Rev. Roger Woodard, pastor, invites the community. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the church office or at Kings Mountain City Hall, 704-734-0333.

Prayer - Kings Mountain citizens will pause for prayer Thursday, May 2, at 12 noon in front of Kings Mountain City Hall.

The brief service, featuring prayers and music, will be conducted by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and is in observance of World Day of Prayer.

KMHS ranked #37 in NC

Kings Mountain High School is ranked among the best schools in the state and nation, according to a 2013 report by U.S. News & World Report, a national news magazine.

"Several years ago KMHS received this same honor as a bronze medal winner and we were so excited. And now to be recognized with a silver medal we are even more excited. This is just another indicator of how hard our teachers, students and staff work," said Principal Ronny Funderburke.

Kings Mountain High School ranked No. 37 in North Carolina and 2,028 nationally.

Burns High School at Fallston was ranked No. 27 in North Carolina and 1,751 nationally.

Both Cleveland County schools received silver medals.

The data is based on the 2010-2011 school year.

U.S. News calculates values based on student performance on state exit exams and internationally available exams on college-level course work. The report showed that 86% of KMHS students are proficient in Algebra, on the district av-

erage 69% are proficient in English, 73% are proficient in Algebra, and 23% are college-ready. At KMHS the college readiness figure is 17.7%; the percentage of economically disadvantaged is 46 percent, according to U.S. News.

KMHS students have the opportunity to take advancement placement course work and exams. The AP participation rate is 30 percent.

The KMHS student body of 1,338 is composed of 51% male and 49% female and the total minority enrollment is 32%. Eighty-nine full time teachers are on the staff.

In the national ratings, 500 schools earned gold medals, 1,790 earned silver medals and 2,515 took bronze medals. The two Cleveland County schools honored were among 49 traditional and magnet schools in the state on the list.



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