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Seeing Pink?

Yes today, the Herald is pink –from front to back. Why? To bring awareness in October to one of the deadliest forms of cancer. October, is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



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Lake levels are lowered for repairs

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Although it may look like drought conditions at Moss Lake in the coming weeks, there's no cause for concern.

The city is partially draining the 1,500-acre man-made body of water in order to make some routine repairs on the spillway, a mechanism that protects the lake's earthen dam.

In the next three weeks, millions of gallons of water will be gushing out of the lake in order to drop the water level by eight to 10 feet, according to Dennis

Wells, the City of Kings Mountain's Water Resource Director.

That will give contractors from Shelby's Strickland Concrete access to the surface of the spillway, which they will resurface and shore up as necessary.

The cost of the project, which is expected to take about six months, is coming in at just under \$600,000, Wells said. The city has been draining the water in the lake for almost two weeks through a 52-inch siphon pipe located at the dam, which is at the

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Upcoming election facts

Thumbnail facts on the upcoming general election

OCT. 23: One stop early voting begins in Kings Mountain at the Woman's Club, East Mountain St., from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23; Friday, Oct. 24; Saturday, Oct. 25; Monday, Oct. 27; Tuesday, Oct. 28; Wednesday, Oct. 29; Thursday, Oct. 30; Friday, Oct. 31; and on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

OCT. 28: Last day to request absentee ballot by mail from the Cleveland County Board of Elections, 215 Patton Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Same day registration won't be allowed during early voting and Election Day ballots taken to the wrong precinct voting place Nov. 4 won't be counted. If you don't know location of the precinct in which

you should be casting your vote, call the Cleveland County Board of Elections in Shelby at 704-484-4858.

Photo ID is not required at the Nov. 4, 2014 general election.

NOV. 4: Polls open at 6:30 a.m., close at 7:30 p.m. at these Kings Mountain area locations: Kings Mountain North, Patrick Senior Center, 909 E. King St.; Kings Mountain South, Mauney Memorial Library, 100 S. Piedmont Ave., enter at back of building through Harris Funeral parking lot; Bethlehem Baptist Church Activities Center, 1017 Bethlehem Road; Oak Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 2022 Oak Grove Road; and in Grover at Grover Town Hall, 207 Mulberry Road; and in Waco at Waco Community Building, 200 S. Main St., Waco.

Together we fund the fight to find a cure for cancer

Look around you and you will see pink in the 24 pages of the Kings Mountain Herald today.



Lib Stewart
Managing Editor

Visit the Kings Mountain Hospital and the Kings Mountain Post Office this month and you will see the staff of the Radiology Department wearing pink, decorating a "Tree of Hope" and distributing information – the good news that many women – and men – can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early.

The 58 member staff of the Kings Mountain Post Office is pushing the theme, "Fund the Fight, Find a Cure," and for every single breast cancer stamp purchased you can place a circle of hope in honor or memory of a loved one on a community board designed by Miriam Bell.

For every book of breast cancer stamps purchased you can also place a photo of your loved one in the circle of hope on the community board in the post office lobby.

The 2014 Breast cancer research forever semi-postal stamp, originally issued in 1998, mandated by the U. S. Congress and signed into law by President Clinton, has been reissued this year.

Each stamp costs 60 cents

which includes the 48cents first class postage plus 11 cents that directly goes to Breast Cancer Research. Kings Mountain postal employees are first in this postal district to beef up the campaign by sporting pink shirts with the stamp logo and white shirts with the stamp logo.

Your mail carrier at your door delivering the pink Herald will be wearing a pink shirt today and every day this month. Postmistress Angela Greene, lead clerk Teresa Greene, and clerks Becky Bennett, Tim Lynch, Pam Wilson and Sandra Hamrick will be in pink greeting you inside the post office.

"Early detection is the best prescription for successfully treating breast cancer," says Wanda Summit, Assistant Director of the Radiology Department and a mammography technician at Kings Mountain Hospital.

The staff, which also includes Director Kyle Hentchel and mammography technicians Elaine Dixon, Ava Gash, and Susan Porter, have decorated a white "Tree of Hope" with pink ornaments to call attention to the month-long celebration of life.

Summit said digital mammography improves the quality of images as she pointed to the new Hologic Selena Dimensions equipment that the hospital has used for over a year.

Statistics show progress in the battle against cancer.

By the grace of God and



Vivian Duncan, Doris Cloninger and Betty Spears, left to right, all Pink Ladies at Kings Mountain Hospital, are shown at the pink and white "Tree of Hope" decorated by the KMH Radiology Department in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Radiology staff is also distributing materials about how early detection by a mammogram saves lives.

Photo by LIB STEWART

early detection by a mammogram I am a 26 year survivor. After a mammogram and two biopsies I was told that no lump could be found, yet the mammogram was "suspicious."

I left the doctor's office with great news only to get as far as the car and was called back to the surgeon's office.

The late Dr. Sam Robinson and retired KM Hospital pathologist Dr. Gentry had found the malignant cell and surgery, which required no treatment, was performed at

the local hospital on May 23, 1988.

Health officials will tell you that regular screenings that result in early detection and awareness about the disease will keep statistics going in the right direction.

National Breast Cancer Month in October is a chance to raise that awareness.

Today's pink pages are dedicated to survivors, families and warriors as "together we fund the fight to find a cure" and pray that all cancer will someday be eradicated.

Locavores delight: Dinner Saturday night benefits Farmer's Market

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On Saturday evening, downtown will be the site of an unusual – and refreshing – kind of feast.

Whole chickens from a Cherryville farm. Squash, tomatoes and collards from Bessemer City and Kings Mountain farms. Baked goods from Bessemer City. Local trout and pork barbecue. Harvest in the Garden, a farm-to-table event and

a fundraiser to benefit the Foothills Farmer's Market, will be held in the gardens next to the Joy Theatre from 6-9 p.m.

Popular eatery 238 Cherokee Grill is donating its manpower and resources to put together the buffet-style dinner, which is all made from locally-sourced foods.

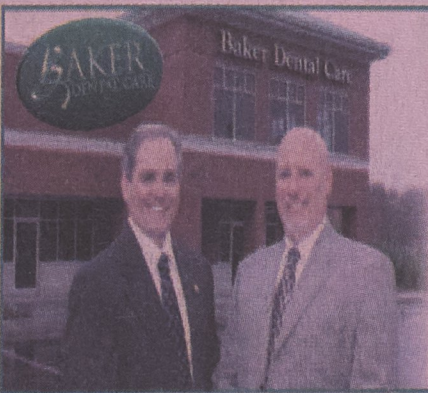
The restaurant's general manager Leon Camaj is coordinating the event. And owner Robert Bolin will be working a 500-lb smoker into the wee hours Friday smoking pork butts.

"It's a privilege to be taking part of something like this," Manaj said. "Even though the national

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SMITHS TO PARIS - Jack Smith (a former Kings Mountain resident) and Lindsie Smith took a copy of the Herald to Paris on October 12. They stand before one of the most picturesque sites in Paris, the Eiffel Tower, holding a copy of the Kings Mountain Herald.



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