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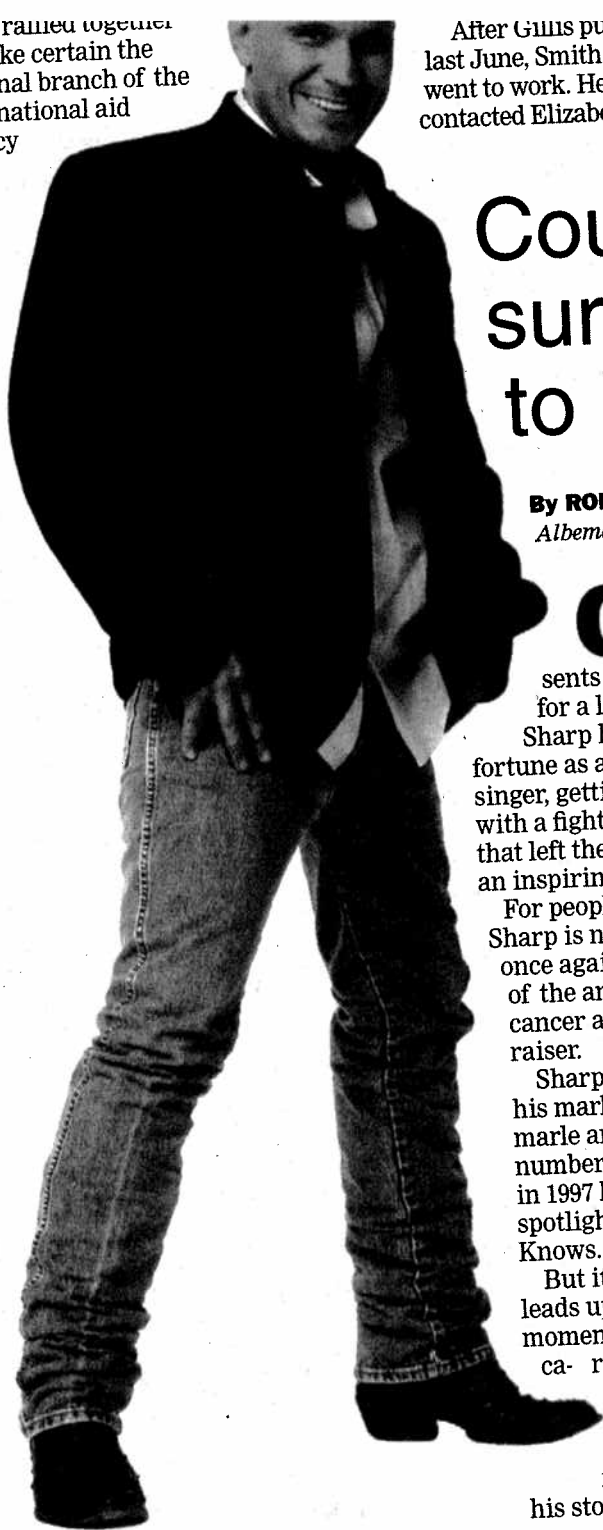
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After Gillis put out that plea  
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“Two Currituck residents wanted  
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# Country music star and cancer survivor Kevin Sharp returns to benefit Relay for Life

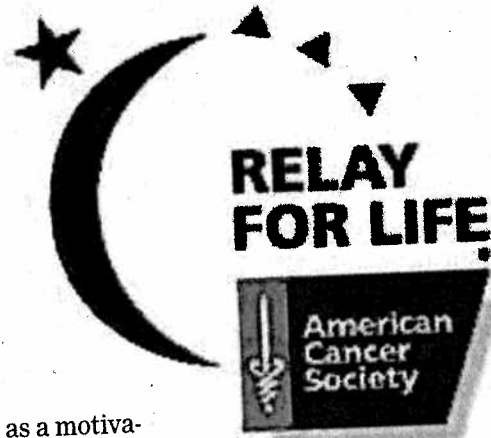
By **ROBERT KELLY-GOSS**  
*Albemarle Life Editor*

**C**ountry music star Kevin Sharp represents strength and hope for a lot of folks. While Sharp has had some good fortune as a top billed country singer, getting there began with a fight against cancer that left the Idaho native with an inspiring story to tell.

For people in the Albemarle, Sharp is no stranger. He will once again perform as part of the annual Relay for Life cancer awareness fundraiser.

Sharp has been making his mark around the Albemarle and the nation for a number of years now. Back in 1997 he hit the national spotlight with “Nobody Knows.”

But it's the story that leads up to that seminal moment in the performer's career that inspires many, cancer patient or not, to pick up and move forward. Sharp shares his story while performing



or as a motivational speaker.

When the Idaho native was 18 he was playing high school sports. He began complaining about fatigue and inexplicable pain.

While some of that might not be too unusual for a young athlete on the move, doctors were concerned. It seems sharp had a rare form of bone cancer, Ewing's Sarcoma.

The cancer had spread to his lungs, a serious development. Sharp was forced to undergo chemotherapy along with experimental drugs. He was serious ill.

Then the Make-A-Wish foundation stepped into the picture. Through the organization that specializes in granting special wishes to terminally ill young people,

Sharp was able to meet performer and record producer David Foster, a man who would later be instrumental in Sharp's career.

After Sharp went into remission, he and Foster began working on the young cancer survivor's singing career. Sharp also eventually became a Make-A-Wish Foundation spokesman.

Sharp will appear at College of the Albemarle's Community Auditorium

Saturday, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and can be purchased by calling Amy Twiddy at 338-1919, ext. 228 or Kim Sawyer at the Currituck Sheriff's office.

## IF YOU GO

**What:** Kevin Sharp concert, a Relay for Life benefit

**Where:** COA Auditorium

**When:** Saturday, 7 p.m.