

Amy McCormick is Lilesville Fire Queen



Amy McCormick of Lilesville is the Lilesville Fire Queen. As queen she will participate in the Homecoming Parade, the Ansonville Parade, the Wadesboro Christmas Parade and the Lilesville Christmas Parade.

Amy is a senior at Anson County Early College. She plans to transfer to a four year college, but has not decided where yet. She works part time at Papa Joes. Her parents are Joey and Janet McCormick.

Anson Community Hospital is Ready to Help During Breast Cancer Awareness Month

A lump in a woman's breast is not something to be taken lightly. Pauline Stroud, an emergency room nurse, knew that better than most. "But one of my first inclinations was to ignore it," Stroud said. "It's just human nature." Eight years ago, Stroud, 70, was an independent woman who had no problems keeping up with the younger nurses during her years in nursing. "At 62, I was as wide open as you can get," she said.



Pictured here from left, Jill Lucas, Heather Lear, Stephanie Hartsell, and Dr. Carolyn Pomeroy show off the dessert cookbook that will be presented to patients receiving a mammogram during the month of October.

Stroud didn't want to even entertain the possibility that her body could have been invaded by cancer. She noticed a lump in her right breast on a Monday evening. It took her until Thursday to get up the courage to tell the physician she worked with at Anson Community Hospital.

Once she did, a force was put into motion. The physician examined her, and Stroud's life was never the same again. Before she could even get dressed after her examination, the girls from the radiology department at ACH were in the room, Stroud said. "They said to come on, that I was going to get a mammogram right then," she said.

When the results were ready, Stroud, a resident of Morven, was asked where she wanted to go to have her biopsy. "I told him I wasn't going anywhere but here," she said. "They called the doctor and the surgeon before I even got out of the office." Stroud canceled the cross-country trip her family had planned. Instead, she had a biopsy that Friday and a partial mastectomy the following Tuesday.

"You don't have a I thank God for Anson Community Hospital," Stroud said. "That radiology department... they are just good folks who look after people. I know they are special." That was eight years ago, and Stroud remains cancer-free since her recovery. But she wasn't surprised to learn of the radiology department's latest project. "God put humans on earth to look after each other, and I was definitely looked after," she said. Radiology employees put together a 44-page book of dessert recipes from employees and local breast cancer patients.

"The idea came from the techs standing around wondering what we could do to honor our patients," said Jill Lucas, lead tech of Medical Imaging Services at Anson Community Hospital. "As our patients came in, we would talk to them about recipes. We also sent out a hospital-wide request." The first 100 patients scheduled for a mammogram at Anson Community Hospital during the month of October (Breast Cancer Awareness Month) will receive a free copy of the cookbook.

"We wanted to do something special for our patients," Lucas said. "Their health means something. We're out to keep them here longer." With the National Cancer Institute estimating 232,620 new cases of breast cancer in women and men in the U.S. just this year, Anson Community Hospital employees are happy to have a certified mammography radiologist and certified mammography technologists on staff to provide each patient with excellent care.

Stroud said the excellent care provided by ACH employees really made a difference in her life. She put her trust in them and the Lord, and neither one let her down, she said. Today Stroud spends 90 percent of her time growing almost an acre of flowers or sitting on her screened back porch listening to the birds and absorbing the sun's heat.

"When you realize your own mortality, you realize certain things are more precious than others," she said. "Life is a thing to be treasured."

*The radiology department at Anson Community Hospital is accredited by the American College of Radiology.

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