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Hillside drainage project approved

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

Kings Mountain City Council decided Tuesday night to go ahead with drainage repairs on Hillside Drive and spend the same amount of money on Ramseur Street although estimates on repairs from both areas are considerably different.

Councilman Rick Moore presented an estimate of \$9,800 for the Hillside job with residents paying about \$4,000 for the pipe.

Adding previous work already done on Hillside, the amount would be between \$25,000 to \$30,000 according to City Manager Jimmy Maney.

Estimates for Ramseur Street were about \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Betty Merritt, who lives near the Ramseur Street property said she has not heard anything until Tuesday's meeting.

"Nobody has let me know anything yet," she said during the citizen's recognition portion of the meeting.

Moore's motion passed 5-2 before a substitute motion by Carl DeVane failed by the same margin.

DeVane wanted to table the issue and refer it to the utilities committee.

Merritt said she plans to talk to an attorney about the issue after the meeting.

"But it's going to court," she said "I'm not begging anymore."

In other business:

- The city honored employees that had over 10 years of service. Honorees included Mattie Scoggins at the Senior Center, KM Police Officer Jerry Tessner, Water Director Walt Ollis, Police Chief Melvin Proctor and Sergeant Lisa Proctor.

- Kings Mountain resident Jane Martin, during the citizen recognition portion of the program, said she disagreed with several items in the budget. One of those was the city's public relations and special events department, currently occupied by Ellis Noell. The position was created when Mayor Rick Murphrey took office. Martin mentioned cutting that department as a way to save money.

"The first thing that should be eliminated is the public relations department," she said.

She mentioned several events and programs the city ran or involved such as the triathlon and downtown revitalization.

- The city honored Miss Kings Mountain Ashley Hamrick. This has been the first Miss Kings Mountain Pageant since 1967 and this year's was organized by Laurie Mancuso.

- An item regarding a revised contract with the city of Gastonia regarding the Crowder's Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant was moved to the June 6 meeting. Former City Manager George Wood entered into the contract to

See Hillside, 5A



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See Cancer, 5A

Cancer victim gets diploma in hospital

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

High school graduation is a momentous occasion for anyone.

Perhaps more so for Jessica Moore.

When her classmates at Cherryville High were walking across the stage last Saturday to receive their diplomas, she was in Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem battling cancer.

Jessica, whose mother Pam is a former Kings Mountain resident and her father, Gary, works for Time Warner, was understandably depressed all day Saturday.

On Sunday afternoon, however, Cherryville High



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KM Relay to be dedicated to volunteer Sylvia Millwood

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

Sylvia Millwood was in charge of the 2002 Relay for Life Survivors Dinner, which was held Thursday at Summit Place.

A woman, who had invested her time

volunteering with at least six different places in Kings Mountain, Millwood died recently and her funeral was held Monday.

David Baptist Church Pastor Jody Griffin, who had just officiated at a funeral for another church member,

praised Millwood's attitude.

"Sylvia Millwood had a passion for life," he said. "She was the quintessential volunteer."

Other organizations she volunteered her time with include the Gaston Literacy Council and the Life Enrichment Center of Cleveland County.

Millwood picked the guest speaker for the dinner, her pastor, David Baptist



JOEL LEDBETTER / THE HERALD
Joel Edmondson, left and Brandon McSwain entertain the crowd last Thursday at the Relay for Life Survivors' Dinner

Church's Jody Griffin.

Beside the dinner speaker, Millwood had planned for a king and queen for the relay.

Organizer Joyce Roark said this year's relay will be dedicated to Millwood.

"Sylvia was such an inspiration to all of us," she said.

Her committee members were recognized during the dinner.

During the speech, Griffin said the relay would not have been an event he chose to participate in because of being busy with other activities.

But that thought changed when he was diag-

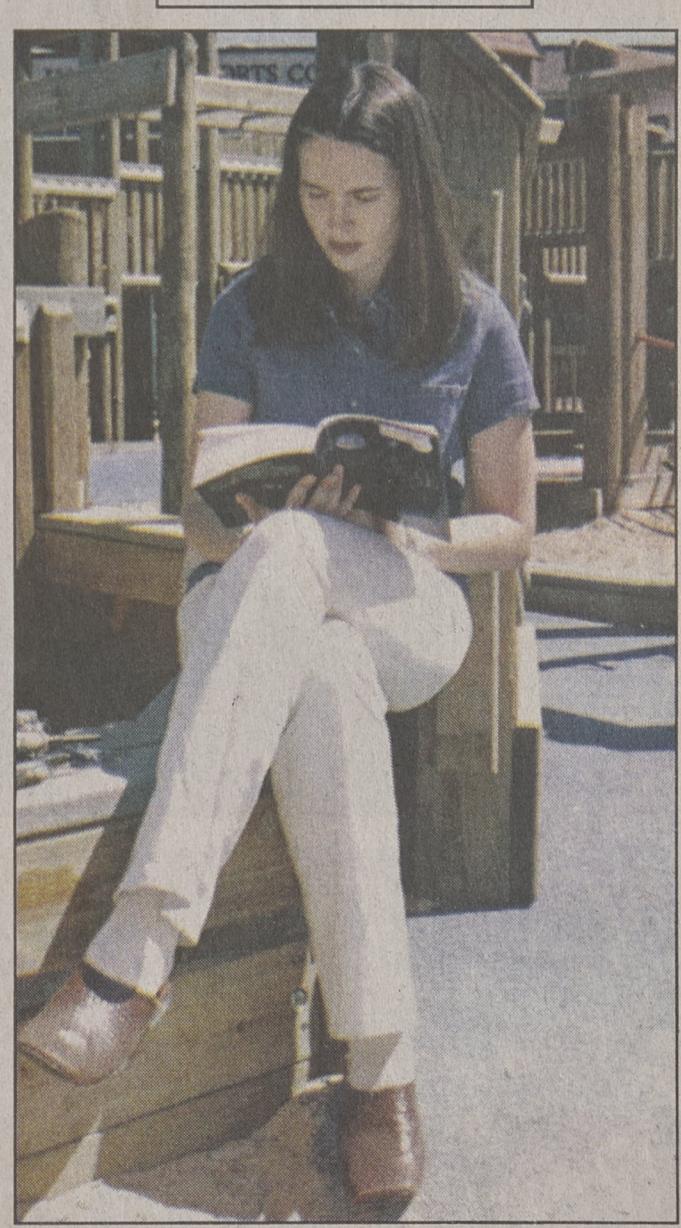
nosed with cancer during a visit to Baptist Hospital at Wake Forest University.

"At first, like many of you, I hung my head and cried," he said about his first reactions to the diagnosis.

His emotions quickly changed when he thought about his childhood and father who had spent 40 years in the military.

See Millwood, 5A

LEISURE TIME



BEN LEDBETTER / THE HERALD
Stephanie Ramsey takes advantage of the warm weather to read a book while her children play at Jake Early Park.

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