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Relay raises \$75,700

By ANDIE BRYMER
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Kings Mountain's Relay for Life raised over \$75,700 this year.

"Every volunteer, walker, committee member, team captain and cancer survivor is appreciated for their outstanding dedication to making a difference," said Andrea Whitesides of the American Cancer Society.

An awards ceremony was held earlier this month at the Patrick Senior Conference and Life Center.

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ROAD WORK



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Contractors for the Dixon School Road extension project work against threatening skies to construct bridge support at the railroad tracks near Margrace Road and Highway 216 Tuesday morning.

KM Council passes \$26.9 '04-'05 budget

Mullinax calls vote 'rule of 4'

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
Staff Writer

Kings Mountain City Council passed a \$26.9 million budget by a four to three vote Tuesday night.

"I'm pleased the budget passed and we're moving forward," Mayor Rick Murphrey said Wednesday morning.

City Councilman Jerry Mullinax, who along with council members Brenda Ross and Kaye Hambright voted against the budget, didn't share the mayor's enthusiasm. Mullinax was critical of the increase in water and sewer rates. He called the vote a "rule of four."

Ross spoke out against transfers from fund to fund, saying this created a situation where savings were used to pay bills.

"Eventually savings run out," she said.

Former councilman Gene White was the only person to speak during the hearing held before the vote. White asked for a revenue neutral budget which would offset the rise in property tax caused by the county's revaluation earlier this year. White also asked city council members to reduce their monthly pay by \$100 and to forgo a Christmas bonus.

The council also voted to borrow up to \$1.48 million to install lift stations and sewer lines, dredge Moss Lake, make inflow and infiltration repairs on lines and repair City Lake dam.

Mullinax cast the lone dissenting vote.

White told council that much of the project was an on-going expense. During an interview after the meeting, White said he planned to contact the Local Government Commission regarding the legality of the spending.

During a closed session vote, council members gave Murphrey permission to make an employment offer to a candidate for city manager.

Tuition to be decided

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Dr. Gene Moore

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SHELBY - Cleveland County Schools Superintendent Dr. Gene Moore asked the board during its Monday night meeting to set tuition rates for out-of-county students.

"We need to bring this to closure by the end of the month so folks can make plans," Moore said. "Families are anxious."

Moore said he did not think Gaston County Schools were going to send financial assistance for students living in the Gaston County portion of Kings Mountain.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
A biker negotiates a long hill in Kings Mountain National Military Park during last year's Over the Mountain Triathlon.

Triathlon set for Saturday

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
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Around 400 athletes from across the country will compete Saturday in the City of Kings Mountain's Over the Mountain Triathlon.

The event starts at 8 a.m. Competitors will swim across Moss Lake, take a 30-mile bike ride through Kings Mountain state and national parks, then run 7.5 miles.

The best place to see the cycling portion of the race is at the Kings Mountain National Military Park administrative office, according to city Events Coordinator Ellis Noell.

Top athletes are expected

to cross the finish line at the Gazebo at Patriots Park at approximately 10:15 a.m.

A portion of Gold Street and Railroad Avenue will be closed. The rest of the course will be open to vehicles. Emergency personnel will direct traffic at intersections.

The route includes New Camp Creek Road, Stoney Point Road, Crocker Road, Margrace Road, Dixon School Road, Battleground Road, N.C. 216, Unity Road, Pinnacle Road, N.C. 161, Gold Street and Phifer Road.

The Southern Arts Society is co-sponsoring an Over the Mountain Sports Show. Acrylic, water, pastel and oil

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
A host of people gathered outside the U.S. Capital Building in Washington, DC to pay respect to deceased President Ronald Reagan. Right, people write words of sympathy to the Reagan family.

Wayne King joins thousands in paying respect to Reagan

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
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Last week Wayne King stood in line over three hours to pay his respects to the man who was elected president the year he was born.

King said people of all ages and ethnic groups waited in the long line. Tight security meant searches were conducted before mourners entered the Capitol Rotunda.

King watched as some wept and military personnel saluted the flag draped casket.

"It was extremely impressive, makes you proud to be an American," he said.

King went to Washington at the invitation

of Andy Polk, a personal friend and communications director for Representative Sue Myrick. After attending a service Wednesday night at the Rotunda, Myrick

told King that she witnessed people from across the political spectrum come together.

"In Washington you don't see people lay politics aside often," King said.

While in line Thursday, King was interviewed by Charlotte's WBTV News. "There was more media there than I've ever seen,"

he said. Temperatures reached into the 90s causing several people to suffer apparent heat

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