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## RELAY FOR LIFE



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Cancer survivors take the first lap around the Kings Mountain Walking Track at Friday's Relay for Life. Below, 2-year-old Trevor Pearson plays in the sand.

## No rain, largest turnout yet for annual cancer fund raiser

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
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Kings Mountain took up the fight against cancer Friday night and Saturday morning.

The eighth annual Relay for Life attracted more teams and participants than ever before, according to organizers. While no fund raising totals are available yet, co-chairperson Tammy Hogue was confident the event exceeded its goal.

A total will be announced during the June 13, 6 p.m. wrap up party at the Patrick Center.

Rainy weather held off until late Saturday morning after the outdoor event had wrapped up. During the opening ceremony Friday night Hogue said that when she awoke that morning to rain she cried, then told her children to pray.

"God must have answered our prayers," she said. Hogue and co-chair Melissa Davis began planning Relay last fall with other volunteers joining to make the event a success. Hogue also credited local residents.

"If it had not been for the community we wouldn't have been able to do it," she said.

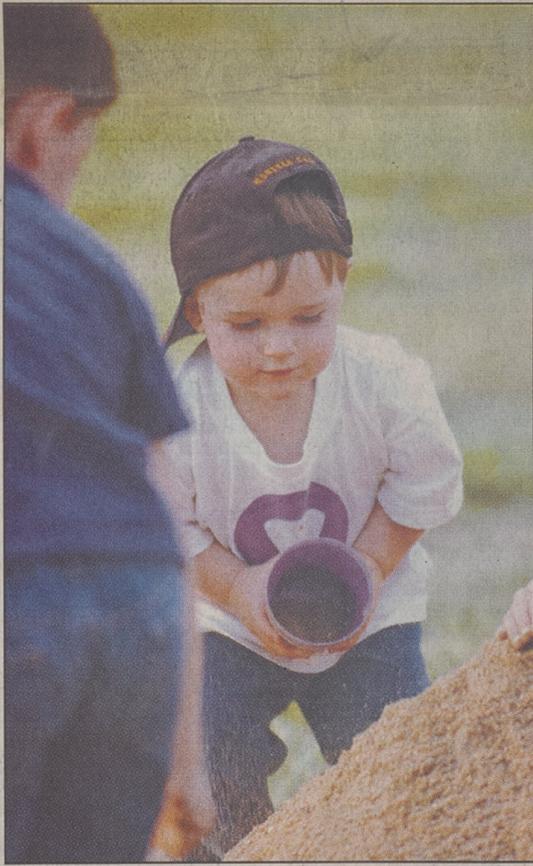
Committee chairs included Tammy White, entertainment; Missy Bailey and Buffy Murphey, accounting; Frank Burns, logistics; Joyce Roark, corporate; Mary Anne Gibson and Jody McDaniel, luminaries; Diane Whetstine, survivors; Betty Mitchell and Eddie Anderson, team recruitment, and David Ozmore, publicity.

When over 1,000 luminaries were purchased students from the Kings Mountain Middle School Sundancer team volunteered to fill the bags with sand.

Six participants who raised over \$1,000 each wore gold shirts declaring their membership in the Grand Relay Club. They were Tracy Bledsoe, who also was honorary event chair, Taylor Davis, Joyce Roark, Diane Whetstine, Micah Waters and Morgan Scism.

Prior to Relay, Kings Mountain Fire Department, Summit Place and the Patrick Center sponsored a dinner for sur-

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## Dollar General is coming to Grover

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
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GROVER - National discount chain Dollar General is building a store in Grover. It will be the first retail chain to build in the town.

"I love it," said Mayor Robert Sides.

Grading began last week. The store should be open in 30 to 45 days, according to Sides.

It will be located on a Cleveland Avenue across from Bethany Baptist Church.

Sides said the store will be an economic help to the town. He expects it will do

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## KINGS MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

### Addie Moschler home after two years with Peace Corp in Africa

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
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Adelaide Moschler's first job out of college sent her to rural, west Africa. The Kings Mountain woman returned in April from a two-year Peace Corp assignment in Mali, the fifth poorest nation on the planet. She is the daughter of Beverly and Jack Moschler.

Moschler lived in a mud brick house with no electricity or running water in the village of Perakuy. There she worked with the chief, elders and residents to establish a grain bank. Before starting the project, Moschler spent three days meeting with villagers to determine what they wanted. Men and women gathered separately. According to Moschler, women will not speak up with men in the room.

The community-owned grain bank allowed villagers to borrow food when their personal supplies ran out. Before, families who ran out of food had to borrow from their neighbors. Because it is a subsis-

tence economy, pay backs are in labor, not cash. The labor requirement means families who borrow have to work the crops of the people they are paying back before starting on their own. This puts them behind, raising the chances of having to borrow again. The grain bank breaks the cycle, allowing families to pay back with their own crops at the end of the growing season.

Moschler observed that the Maliese people don't worry about the future, making them susceptible to food related debt. "Planning ahead is a western concept," she said.

So far the project has worked well. Instead of doing it for them, Moschler made sure the villagers owned the project. This gave it a greater chance of succeeding when her term was up.

While the project is working well, it didn't run as smoothly as the projects Moschler learned about in her sustainable development classes at Appalachian State University.

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## KM utility rates lower than most

By ANDIE BRYMER  
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Kings Mountain residents will likely see an increase in water, sewer, gas and garbage pick-up in this year's budget though property taxes are holding the line.

Compared to Mt. Holly, Belmont, Lincolnton, Shelby and Gastonia, Kings Mountain's electric rate is better. Water and sewer rates are better with the exception of Mt. Holly.

Kings Mountain charges 36 cent per \$100 of property valuation. Belmont charges 46 per \$100 valuation; Mt. Holly, 45 cent; Lincolnton, 51 cent and an additional 5 cent for the recreation fund; Shelby 42 cent and Gastonia, 54 cent.

Under the proposed budget, Kings Mountain will charge \$45.02 for water and sewer a month based on 8,000 gallon usage. Belmont, \$68.20; Mt. Holly, \$36.32;

Lincolnton, \$58.01; Shelby, \$48.69; Gastonia, \$67.40.

Kings Mountain will continue to charge \$141.14 a month for electric service for 2,000 kilowatt hours used. Belmont nor Mt. Holly provide electric service.

Lincolnton charges \$171.04 for comparable service; Shelby, \$142.46 and Gastonia, \$157.71.

Kings Mountain will charge \$188.34 a month for natural gas based on 150 ccf. Shelby charges \$216.04.

PSNC serves Gastonia residents at \$183.84. Neither Belmont, Mt. Holly nor Lincolnton provide gas service.

Garbage pick-up will cost \$6 in Kings Mountain each month. Mt. Holly charges \$5; Shelby, \$4.95. Belmont, Gastonia and Lincolnton do not bill separately for garbage pick-up instead this is included in property

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## Woman killed in wreck on 161

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
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A Kings Mountain woman was killed Monday when her car hit a tractor-trailer on N.C. 161.

Eugena Cole, 33, died at the scene, according to the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

Cole's 1999 Nissan was left of the center lane when it hit a truck driven by Roland Watson of McGee Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina. Watson was driving for Salem Leasing, a Winston-Salem company.

Troopers don't know why Cole crossed the center lane. The accident happened at the crest of a slight hill and in a curve, according to the Highway Patrol. There are no skid marks nor any marks to suggest Cole had run off the road and over corrected.

The medical examiner's office will perform an autopsy. Results will be

available in four to six weeks.

Cole was not wearing a seat belt. The accident happened at 9:30 a.m. Monday morning.

Cole's was Kings Mountain's second traffic fatality in less than two weeks. O. Max Gardner IV was killed April 24 when the 1975 Porsche he was riding in was involved in a single car accident.

That accident happened at the intersection of Oak Grove Road and U.S. 74. The accident is still under investigation, according to Kings Mountain Police Chief Melvin Proctor.

"It's fairly close to being completed," he said Tuesday. No accident report has been released.

Charles Leabron Rogers Jr., 33, 212 Country Club Road, was the driver of the car, according to a press release issued last week by the KMPD.



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Addie Moschler has returned home after a two-year assignment in west Africa in the Peace Corp.