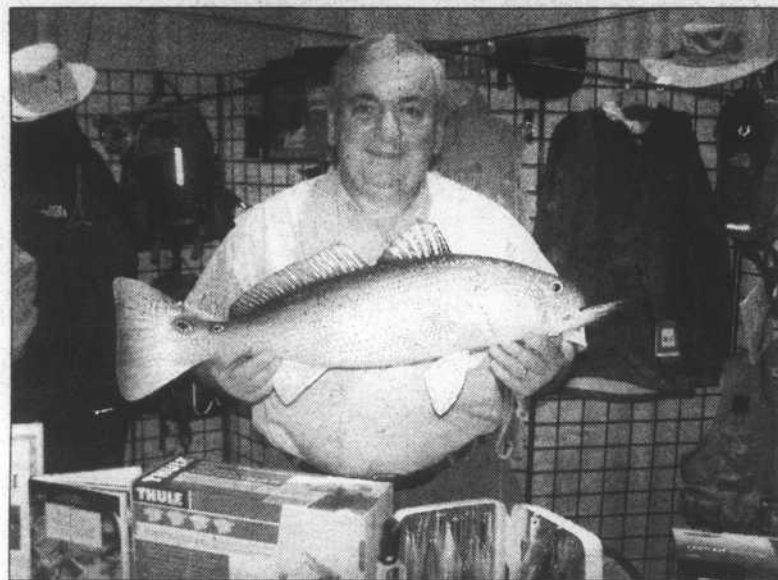


2007 Statesville Business Show



TERRELL SHARPE OF GRILLING SOLUTIONS, Inc., shows his patent-pending invention, The Roasting Can.



RICHARD GRIGGS OWNER OF CAROLINA MOUNTAIN SPORTS, shows off big "Red" at the 2007 Statesville Business Show.



READY TO SET SAIL TO A TROPICAL ISLAND are Cruise Planners, from left, Janet Doring, owner Louise Boyce, and Loretta Rezzoug.



MAGGIE SHOOBRIDGE OF EDWARD JONES and husband Chris of Coldwell Banker United Realtors go "banking".



Lee Ann Sherrill/CITIZEN

DONNA MORRIS, realtor of Weichert Realtors, about to fly away.

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Warm, spring-like weather brought a short-sleeve crowd to the Statesville Civic Center for the recent 2007 Statesville Business Show.

The warm weather filtered into the Center where travel agents were handing out brochures to far off tropical islands. Local travel agency Cruise Planners even provided leis to add tropical ambiance.

For those who didn't want to go so far away to spend time outdoors, Terrell Sharpe of Grilling Solutions, Inc. showed off The Roasting Can, his patent-pending invention. "The Roasting Can is a complete cooker for tailgaters, outdoors campers and homeowners. It's lightweight, portable, with little mess," he said.

The Roasting Can might prove handy on a fishing trip, too, and Richard Griggs of Carolina Mountain Sports had all the necessary information on bait, tackle and fishing poles.

But for those who don't want to actually meet and greet their dinner in the great outdoors, there were plenty of restaurants represented with food samples. If you ate way too much there were even nurses from local hospitals who could tend to you.

The business show also had numerous investors, pool dealers, banks, realtors, community-based organizations and locally owned business.

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