

Students learn about reptiles

Eighth-grade science teacher Laura Dixon met herpetologist Ron Cromer five years ago, and a tradition began in her classroom. Each year she invites Cromer to speak with her students about the lives, habits and characteristics of reptiles, especially snakes. Cromer introduces students to two dozen live U.S. native harmless species of reptiles including turtles, lizards and snakes. He also brings along Penelope, a giant python from Southeast Asia.

Dixon feels strongly about her students learning the reptiles' role in the animal kingdom, while emphasizing ecology and conservation values. The program stresses safety and dealing with snakes you encounter in the wild, as well as myths versus facts.

Dixon feels the program is beneficial if she can help just one student overcome their fear of snakes and educate them on the snakes' role in our environment. She's even convinced a few fellow teachers to pet a snake.



The three science teachers at Kings Mountain Middle School were brave enough to handle the snakes Ron Cromer brought for his "Snakes Alive!" program. Pictured are (from left): Lara Sellers, Laura Dixon and Dawn Price.

Joe Hendrick is retiring

Joe Hendrick, Cleveland County Economic Development Director since 1988 and former county manager for 20 years, will retire June 30.

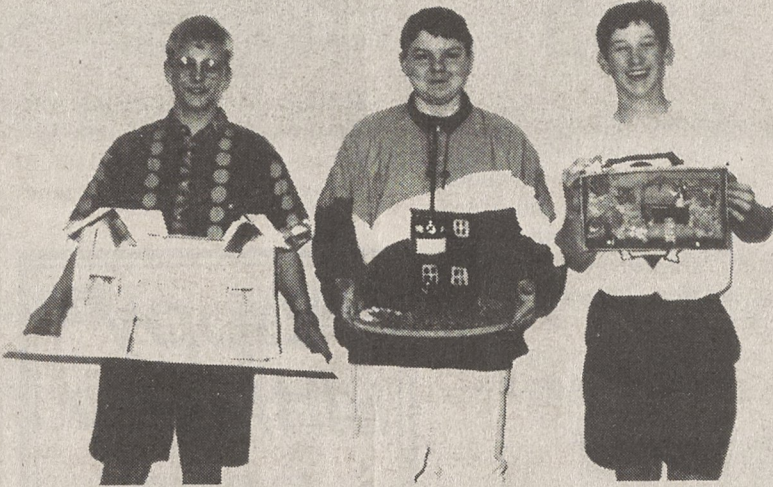
Hendrick, who also served as city clerk/treasurer for the City of Kings Mountain in the early 1950's, submitted his resignation to EDC chairman Milt Hollman and the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners April 21.

Hendrick said his employment with Cleveland County has been both challenging and fulfilling. "I have had the opportunity to work with outstanding employees and have never found my co-workers to be lacking in enthusiasm and have the best interest of Cleveland County at heart. Cleveland County has been blessed with outstanding individuals who have given of themselves more than is required in an effort to fulfill their responsibilities," he said.

Hendrick said "It has been refreshing to work with board members who are dedicated to the betterment of their community and have put their best foot forward in order to accomplish great things."

Hendrick's first position in government was in Kings Mountain. He also served as assistant city manager and finance director for the City of Melbourne, Florida and was city manager of Lumberton before joining Cleveland County as manager.

He is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and completed graduate work at the University of Florida and UNC at Chapel Hill. He is a veteran of the U.S. Merchant Marines in the Pacific Area and the 13th Air Force and served with the Second Emergency Rescue Squad in the Philippines. He is married to Mary Anne Teele Hendricks and they have one son, Dr. Joseph Hendrick Jr.



SHAKESPEARE FAIR - Winners in the Kings Mountain High School Shakespeare Fair are (from left): Rex Moss, David Cromer and Kevin Melton.

Students hold Shakespeare Fair

Sheila Wyont's ninth grade English classes at Kings Mountain High School held a Shakespeare Fair on Monday, April 13. It was the culminating activity of their study of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Students completed projects ranging from a model of The Globe Theatre to a 1990's version of the drama.

The projects were judged by other English teachers and prizes were awarded. First place went to Rex Moss for his detailed model of The Globe Theatre. David Cromer cap-

tured second place with a model of the famous balcony scene designed by Kevin Melton. Katanya Roberts won fourth place with a diary she wrote based on Juliet's emotions and feelings about the events of the play.

Wyont held the Shakespeare Fair so students could explore and discover more about the man and his works. According to David Cromer, "The Shakespeare Fair gave me a more creative view of the time and Shakespeare's point of view toward the arts."

It's a boy for Stewarts

Tim and Lisa Jackson Stewart announce the birth of their son, John Scott Stewart, April 15, 1992, at 10:59 a.m. He weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and is 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are William and

Diane Stewart, Frances and Darrell Black, and Kenneth Jackson.

Great-grandparents are Tommy and Ellen Alexander, Ruby and Louis Voigt, Frances Stewart, Junius and Clella Bolin, and David and Nina Jackson.

Great-great-grandmother is Jessie Lewis.

Barrett revising zoning request

Barrett Floor Covering on Dixon School Road is revising its rezoning request to the Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board and will present it at the April 30 meeting.

The new plats significantly reduce the area the company wants rezoned to general business to expand its present business.

Walter Stevens, manager, said he has supplied a detailed plat showing a small area where the present

Lions plan yard sale

Clean out your attics for benefit of the blind.

That's the invitation of Kings Mountain Lions Club members who are encouraging local residents to get in the spring clean-up spirit and give to make the upcoming May 2 yard sale a big success.

Citizens with items to donate to the yard sale may call 739-2056, 739-7118, or 739-4881 for Lions to pick up the donated items. Items, big or small, will be appreciated, they said.

The sale will start at 7 a.m. on May 2 at the old Karate School building on East Gold Street.

building is located. He has deleted from the rezoning request that portion of the Barrett property where adjoining residents have cut roads leading to nearby homes and Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Adjoining property owners presented petitions last year and again recently to the planning board opposing Barrett's rezoning plan.

"We hope the planning board will agree with us that we are not doing anything to keep the neighbors from using our property to get on theirs but only want to add on to our present facility because we need the room to grow," said Stevens.

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