Ragland wildlife officer of year

Because he like's hunting and fishing himself, Kings Mountain's Sgt. Chester Ragland said it was natural for him to take a job with the North Carolina Wildlife Commission..

The 19-year veteran was honored recently as Wildlife Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Ragland works in three counties and Moss Lake, Lake Lure and Lake James are his patrol areas.

"I just figured it would be one of the younger guys who got the award,

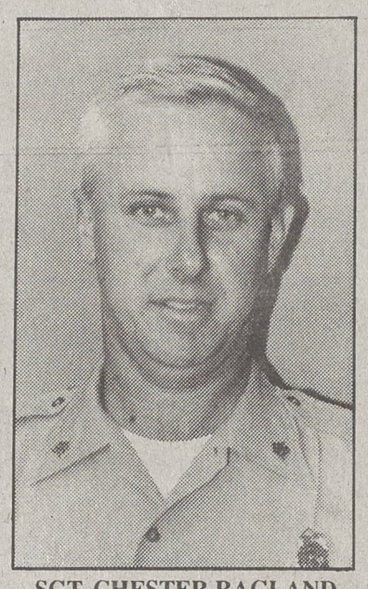
said Ragland, 40. He was one of nine nominees chosen by district captains to vie for the top award. Ragland said he was surprised at the honor but Mrs. Ragland, the former Pattie Owens and a secretary to Gastonia Mayor Chick Garland in the law offices of Garland, Hood and Drum, was not surprised. "My husband works hard and deserved the honor," she said proudly.

Ragland moved to Kings Mountain eight years ago from Gastonia to live in the area he served. A graduate of Sanderson High School in Raleigh, he attended Lewisburg Junior College and North Carolina State College before the call of the wild got to him and he left college to enroll in rookie wildlife school and join the North Carolina Wildlife Commission. His first job was in Halifax County and then brought him to Gaston County, the home county of his wife.

Ragland said his whole family enjoys the out of doors, including son Benji, 23, daughter Ansley, 22, and Grier Junior High student Christian Ragland, 15. The Raglands are active in Gastonia First Baptist Church.

Ragland says there's nothing he'd rather do than enforce game, boating and fishing laws.

He makes it his mission to ensure that all game has a fighting chance and all hunters get an equal, safe chance to enjoy their sport seriously.



SGT. CHESTER RAGLAND

KM netters win three, host R-S Central Monday

Kings Mountain High's girls volleyball team won three big Southwestern 3-A Conference matches during the past week to run their record to 8-0 in the league and 14-5 overall.

Coach Dianna Bridges' Mountaineers were scheduled to face North Gaston yesterday, and next Monday they will host South Point and R-S Central in a tri-match that could go a long way in determining the regular season SWC champion. Kings Mountain battles South Point at 5:30 and R-S Central at 7 p.m. The night has been designated as "Senior Recognition Night."

Kings Mountain defeated Shelby 15-5, 15-1 and 15-6 last Wednesday, and defeated the Lions again Monday 15-1, 15-8. Also on Monday, Kings Mountain defeated East Rutherford 15-7, 15-11.

In a non-conference match last week, the Mountaineers defeated a good Charlotte Latin team 11-15, 11-15, 15-9, 15-4 and 15-8.

"That was a very good win for us," Coach Bridges said. "Latin has a very good program. Karen Queen had an outstanding game on the nets, both on offense and defense."

Patriot softball team wins 10-7

Kings Mountain Middle School's softball team defeated R-S Central 10-7 in eight innings Thursday.

Amanda Johnsonbaugh was the winning pitcher.

Christina Bolin's eighth-inning triple plated the winning run.

Amy Pearson led the KM plate attack with three hits. Ginger Owenby added a pair, including a home run, and Julie Robbins also had two hits.

FOOTBALL

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the game R-S Central is a real good football team.

"Jack Huss does a great coaching job," Hicks added. "They're very sound and well-disciplined. They're not going to beat themselves. They just keep coming at you and try to take advantage of what you do on defense.

"On defense, they're a multiple front," he said. "They don't have the speed a lot of teams have so they give you a lot of different looks. Our kids have to be real sharp offensively in applying their blocking rules and picking up their assignments.

"This is a real big game for us," he went on. "We feel like if we're going to meet our goals of having a winning season and making the playoffs this is going to be a real important game. The next six games will pretty much be responsible for all the goals and objectives we set for ourselves. Even though we're not pleased with our pre-season performance, this is a new season. Hopefully we learned some things in the last four games but they're past and done. We hope our players and fans and coaches will re-group and make a big push as we start our conference play."

THE YARDSTICK

	KM	M
First downs	9	12
Yds. rushing	157	282
Yds. passing	48	70
Passes	3-7-2	2-4-1
Punts	2-37	2-28
Fumbles lost	3	3
Yds. penalized	80	10

Score by quarters:					T
KM	0	7	0	0	--7
M	0	14	3	0	--17

M - Michael Gandy 12 run (Pat Stutts kick).
KM - Jonathan Ship, 6-pass from Marcus Bell (Brian LeFevers kick).
M - Stutts 32 FG.

RUSHING

KM - Kasey Holland 19-72, Lamont Littlejohn 12-49, Bell 7-36. Mooresville - Damond McKee 19-173, Sammy Jackson 12-45, Gandy 7-12.

PASSING -

KM - Littlejohn 2-4-1-39; Bell 1-3-1-6. Mooresville - Gandy 2-4-1-70.

RECEIVING

KM - Divan Moss 1-27, C.T. Williams 1-12, Ship 1-6. Mooresville - Richard Grell 1-60, Bemdard Goodman 1-10.

SWC STANDINGS

Teams	SWC W-L	All W-L
E. Ruth.	1-0	5-0
S. Point	1-0	5-0
Burns	1-0	5-1
K. Mtn.	0-0	2-2
R-S Central	0-1	2-3
N. Gaston	0-1	2-3
Shelby	0-1	2-2

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Mooresville 17, K. Mtn. 7
Burns 42, Shelby 21
E. Ruth. 48, R-S Central 7
S. Point 55, N. Gaston 0

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

R-S Central at Kings Mtn.
S. Point at East Rutherford
Burns at North Gaston
Shelby at Lincolnton

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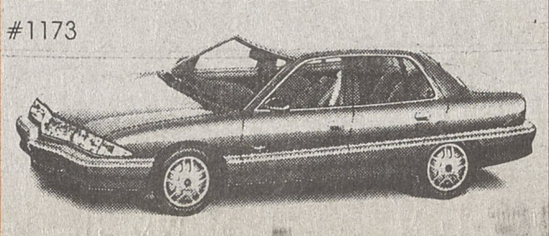
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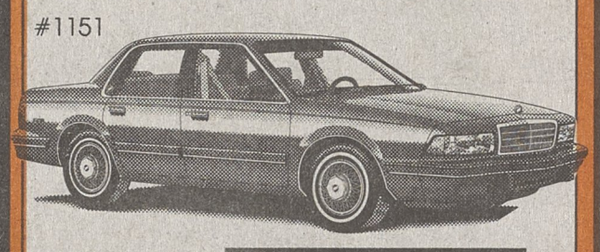
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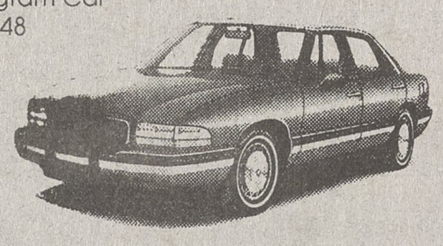
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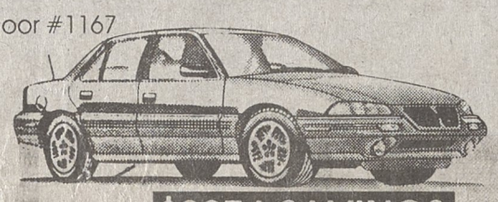
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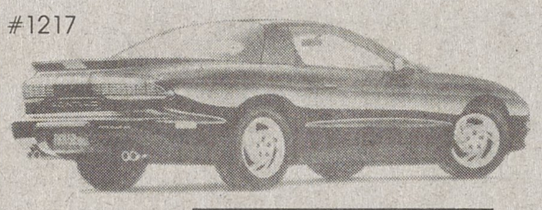
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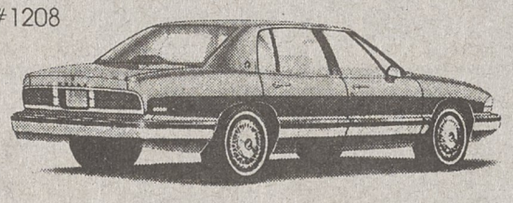
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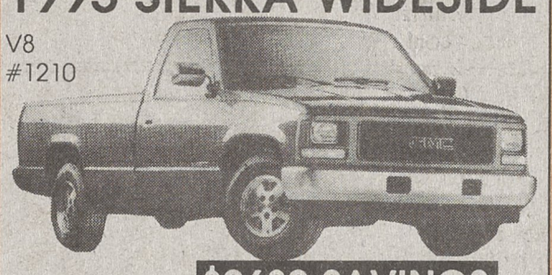
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