



Audrey Harris is congratulated by Supt. Dr. Bob McRae after she was named North Carolina Health Education Teacher of the Year. Harris teaches health and physical education at Kings Mountain Middle School.

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Audrey L. Harris, health and physical education teacher at Kings Mountain Middle School since 1982, is North Carolina Health Education Teacher of the Year.

Harris was chosen by the North Carolina Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Cindy Borders, schools' health coordinator, told the Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday that Harris is much deserving of the honor among secondary teachers.

Borders, President-Elect of the State Health Association, said that Harris depicts the characteristics of the experienced teacher and addresses all areas of comprehensive education in her classroom.

"Harris seeks better ways of achieving excellence," said Borders.

With increased AIDS awareness and the increase of the disease two-fold in North Carolina, Borders said that AIDS awareness has also been a focus of the health curriculum.

Supt. Dr. Bob McRae presented the engraved plaque to Harris.

"I am very honored," said Harris. She took the occasion to thank her present Principal John Goforth, her co-workers and former Assistant Principal and Principal Jerry Hoyle for "much guidance and inspiration."

"Mr. Hoyle was at King Mountain Middle School when I started my career as a teacher and I really appreciated his guidance," she said.

Personnel Ronnie Wilson has arranged the program.

Chamber President Wade Tyner said that the King's Revue of Kings Mountain High School will present special music.

Tyner said that Chamber members may purchase tickets for \$10 from Chamber Secretary Lucille Williams. Non-members and the general public may also attend the banquet at cost of \$12.

Reports of Chamber activities and presentation of officers and directors for 1994-95 will also feature the meeting.

Houston to speak at banquet

Dr. Sam Houston, Executive Director for the Governor's Commission on School Standards and Accountability, will make the keynote address at the annual Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain Middle School.

Houston is a Kings Mountain native, son of Mr. and Mrs. Humes Houston. He was formerly Superintendent of Mooresville-City Schools. He is married to the former Diane Roberts of Kings Mountain.

Director of KM School

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NCTU calls for taxing cap

RALEIGH - North Carolina Taxpayers United today introduced a measure to limit the future growth of state government spending. The bill, known as the "Taxpayer Protection Act," will limit the annual increase in state spending to the rate of inflation.

U.S. Rep. Howard Coble of Greensboro attended NCTU's Raleigh news conference and said the measure was long overdue. Cable, who served as N.C. Secretary of Revenue in the 1970s, went on to say that state spending has gotten out of control. State House Members Bobby Hall of

Sanford and John Gamble of Lincolnton also attended to show support for the measure.

NCTU co-chairman Jim Crawford of Oxford noted that state spending had grown from roughly \$1 billion in 1972 to more than \$9 billion today. "Simply put, North Carolina is no longer a fiscally conservative low tax state. Because of our past spending habits, we now have the second highest state taxes in the Southeast."

"The state of North Carolina has reached a cross road," said NCTU co-chairman Richard Burr of

Winston-Salem. "One road leads to a continuation of our current spending policy and the certain need for additional revenues from all residents. The second road provides a much more conservative approach to spending."

"Through controlled growth and responsible government, the state legislators can begin to reduce the tax burden on the citizens of our state," he added. "The Taxpayer Protection Act makes good sense for North Carolina and should make good sense for the legislative process."

During the news conference,

NCTU leaders showed a video detailing how taxes and spending have increased in North Carolina over the last 20 years. NCTU has mailed the video to every member of the N.C. House and Senate and asked them to support the "Taxpayer Protection Act."

The act will be introduced when the General Assembly meets for the short session in May. For information about the spending cap measure or NCTU write: North Carolina Taxpayers United, 3901 Barrett Drive, #100, Raleigh, NC 27609, or call (919) 571-1441.

Crawford to run for county sheriff

SBI Special Agent Dan Crawford said encouragement from friends for the last 18 months helped convince him to throw his hat in the political ring and run for the office of Sheriff of Cleveland County.

Crawford, who has been a full-time law enforcement officer for 21 years, said his goal is to professionalize the Sheriff's Department and work with all law enforcement agencies in the area for the common goal of fighting crime.

"I got in this work to make a difference and I believe that my education and experience will help do that," said Crawford. He said he doesn't intend to fire anyone if he is elected but will work with each employee on an individual basis.

Crawford said he would push for more training programs available to employees in the Sheriff's Department.

Crawford, a Democrat, took a voluntary leave of absence from the Bureau January 1 to campaign for the Sheriff's position being vacated by retiring Buddy McKinney.

Except for one year when he served as Chief of Police in Canton, Crawford has worked continuously with the State Bureau of Investigation. He was special agent in Haywood County from 1972-81 and was promoted to assistant dis-

trict supervisor in the Western District in 1981 and moved to Cleveland County in 1983 in that position. He also served as Supervisor of the Southern Piedmont District SBI. Since 1987 he has served as the Cleveland County resident SBI Special Agent and assigned to Murders Unsolved Team. He is a member of the NC Hostage Negotiators Team, the N.C. Police and Shooting and Excessive Use of Force Investigation Team, and is presently assigned to the NC Governor and VIP Security Team.

Crawford has over 2000 hours of law enforcement specialized training. He is court qualified in North Carolina, Florida and Kentucky as an expert in the field of criminology.

A Cleveland County native and resident of Moss Lake, he was educated in Shelby Schools.



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