



Dustin Ruppe, 11 years old, killed his first turkey (left photo) during the recent hunting season in South Carolina. At right, he shows off two of the trophies he won for his big deer kills.

## Deer (and turkeys) don't have chance when Dustin Ruppe's in the woods

A deer doesn't stand a chance when 11-year-old Dustin Ruppe of Kings Mountain is in the woods.

Ruppe, a fifth grade student at Bethware School, got hooked on the hunting bug last year and killed his limit of 10 deer at his father Tony's farm in Winnsboro, SC.

This deer season, Dustin scored another perfect 10, and he also bagged his first wild turkey.

He kills also again placed him high in big deer contests in South Carolina.

Dustin won first place with

the biggest doe, and first place with the biggest buck in the youth division (15-years old and under).

But, because of his success in his first year of hunting last year, his father also entered him in some adult contests and he placed high there too, with first place in biggest doe, fifth in biggest buck, and third in widest rack. He won two trophies and \$302 in the adult division.

His biggest buck this year was a 159-pound, 8-pointer with a 17-inch spread.

His first turkey weighed 17 pounds.

Now that he's conquered South Carolina, Dustin has his sights set on even bigger deer.

"I go on a hunt to South Texas every year," said his father, "and he's been wanting to go down there with me. I've been waiting until I thought he was old enough to go, so this year he's going to go with me to South Texas for a deer hunt in December."

Hopefully, Dustin says, he will get some deer down there big enough to place him high enough in the Boone Crockett scoring system to have his name printed in a book which includes the biggest kills of the year in Texas.

## St. Matthew's sets Lenten services

The Season of Lent, a period of preparation for the coming of the celebration of Easter, begins next week at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, 201 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain.

A Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and service of the Burning of the Palms will be held on February 16. The pancake supper will begin at 6 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Ham biscuit, yard sale at Family Worship Center

The Young at Heart of Family Worship Center Church of God, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, will have a ham biscuit and yard sale Saturday, February 6 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Stone receives degree at UNCC

Approximately 700 students were awarded degrees by The University of North Carolina at Greensboro during commencement exercises held December 18, at the Greensboro Coliseum.

One of the students who completed degree requirements was Elizabeth W. Stone of 253 Farris Road in Kings Mountain. Stone is a Library and Information Studies Major who received her Master of Library and Information Studies degree.

and is open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday observance will be burned in preparation for the Services of Ash Wednesday.

Two Ash Wednesday services will be held on February 17. A 12:45 midday spoken service of confession, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion is a brief service of worship which one could participate in during

one's lunch break. The evening musical service will be held at 7 p.m. The sermon for both services is entitled "Remember That You Are Dust."

Week-evening soup and sandwich suppers and evening vespers will begin on Wednesday, February 24. The light suppers begin at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall with the vespers service beginning at 6:45 p.m.

The public is invited to all Lenten services.

## Grover Town Council lends support to library project

At their meeting Monday night, Grover City Council moved one step closer to bringing the town a public library. On hand to hear a library progress report from councilman John Higginbotham and offer advice was Shelby library director Carol Wilson.

Business relating to the library project began with a discussion concerning the purchase of an additional acre of land next to the future library site. Also discussed was to what extent the town of Grover would contribute utilities such as sewer, water, electricity, and garbage service to the new library when it is built.

Library Director Wilson informed the council that the library system had \$40,000 in the bank and an additional pledge of \$100,000 for construction of

the library. Wilson also stated that interviews with architects would begin next week and that the goal for occupation of the completed building was late 2000.

In a show of support to the new library, the council voted to provide water, sewer, and garbage service free of charge. Other utilities and services to the library will be looked at when the next budget session is held.

In other business covered Monday night, the council reported that contact had been made with Cleveland County Sanitary Water regarding Tommy Keeter's inquiry last month concerning sewer and water service to his proposed mobile home park. Cleveland County Sanitary Water said that they had water service in the area and were not interested in waiving or releasing it to

Grover. It was decided that further discussion on the matter would be put off until next meeting. Keeter was absent due to a medical appointment.

The mayor's report went over several subjects including the new lights at Grover's town park. Mayor Rollins reported that the lights were a great improvement and that new playground equipment would be something to consider. Councilman Bill Favell reported that Grover's new street signs had been installed.

The fate of Grover's former 1954 firetruck came up. It was reported to be parked in a field and deteriorating. Mayor Rollins estimated a complete restoration would cost \$15,000. The council agreed to check into bringing the firetruck back to Grover and covering it up until a use for it could be decided upon.

## Circus coming to Armory

The Royal Palace Circus will be coming to the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory on February 8 from 5:30 until 7:45 pm.

The 27th Edition of the Royal Palace Circus will feature several exciting and unusual acts including Linda Hermann's Lipizzan horses, Bannister's K-9 Review dog show, the juggling artistry of Ferance and Company, and "That Crazy Nablo" comedy trampoline act.

Other interesting acts that make up the show are Ninja and the Mighty Python, the Martinez Duo trapeze and hairdo act, and the Bertini Family Unicycle display.

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