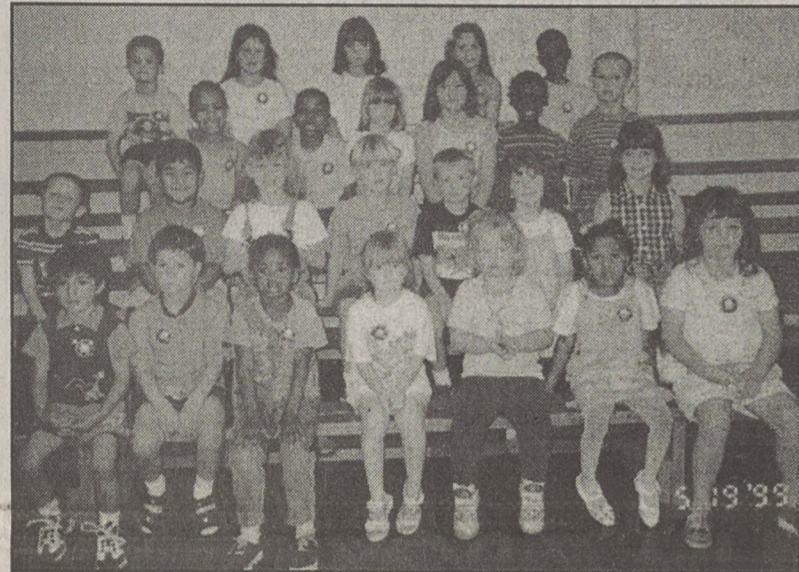


Second and third grade Terrific Kids at Bethware School were, front row, left to right, Ethan Jenkins, Chelsea Penner, Elizabeth Griffin, Taylor Cox, Stephen Ward, Rachel Chapman, and Jennifer Mull. Second row, Heather Bridges, Parlee Deaton, Heather Blake, Heather Yarborough, Sharif Burris, Ashley Warlick, Joseph Bell and Daren Zuniga. Third row, Bill Moss of the Kiwanis Club, Joseph Gibson, Sierra Bess, Mia Mintz, Kevin Gann and Mark Parsons.



Fourth and fifth grade Terrific Kids at Bethware School were, front row, left to right, Cody Blevins, Andi Mullis, Kristen Brooke Davis, William Ford, Karrie Bell and Blake Franklin. Second row, Kala Buchanan, Bennett Suber, Travis McDaniel, Brock Butler, Kendra Fowler, Travis Sneed and Kyerstin Vinsett. Back row, Bill Moss of the Kiwanis Club, Casey Burris, Michael Yarbro, Melissa Weston, Jamion Holland. Absent, Derrdra Addison.



Top Buccaneers in pre-school and first grade at Bethware School were, front row, Floyd Ruff, Caleb Deal, Kimberlin Smarr, Rebecca Kiser, Jessica Gunn, Jasmine Degree and Alex Walters. Second row, Alan Michael Carpenter, Vila Souttlivong, Miri Eller, Tanner Deninger, Cody Webb, Brandi Penner and Katie Anthony. Third row, Bionca Roberts, Randy Spikes, Katie Black, Cortney Richards, Amber Goode, Marcus Cavoos. Back row, Kevin Healy, Jade Truett, Karla Chavis, Whitney scruggs, Ryshawn Gardner.

KMHS Class of '64 reunion is Saturday

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1964 will hold its 35th year reunion Saturday from 7:30 p.m.-midnight at Paul Scism's Barn.

There will be a barn dance, music of the 60's, and current top ten. Members are encouraged to dress casually and take their own beverages. Soft drinks and ice will be provided. Take a covered dish of finger foods, etc.

The class will have a cookout Friday at 7 p.m. at the home of Larry and Linda Oliver Moss on El Bethel Road. Look for balloons.

For more information call Dora Kircus Heavner at 739-5754.

Local students named to ASU Chancellor's list

Shelby Ann-Cecile Jennings and Matthew Merrick Shirah of Kings Mountain, and Katy Amanda Rountree of Grover were named to the Chancellor's List for the spring semester at Appalachian State University.

To make the list one must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.85 grade point average.

Rabid coyote found in Lawndale area

A coyote was found dead at 617 Warlick in Lawndale June 8 and was tested positive for rabies at the State Laboratory in Raleigh.

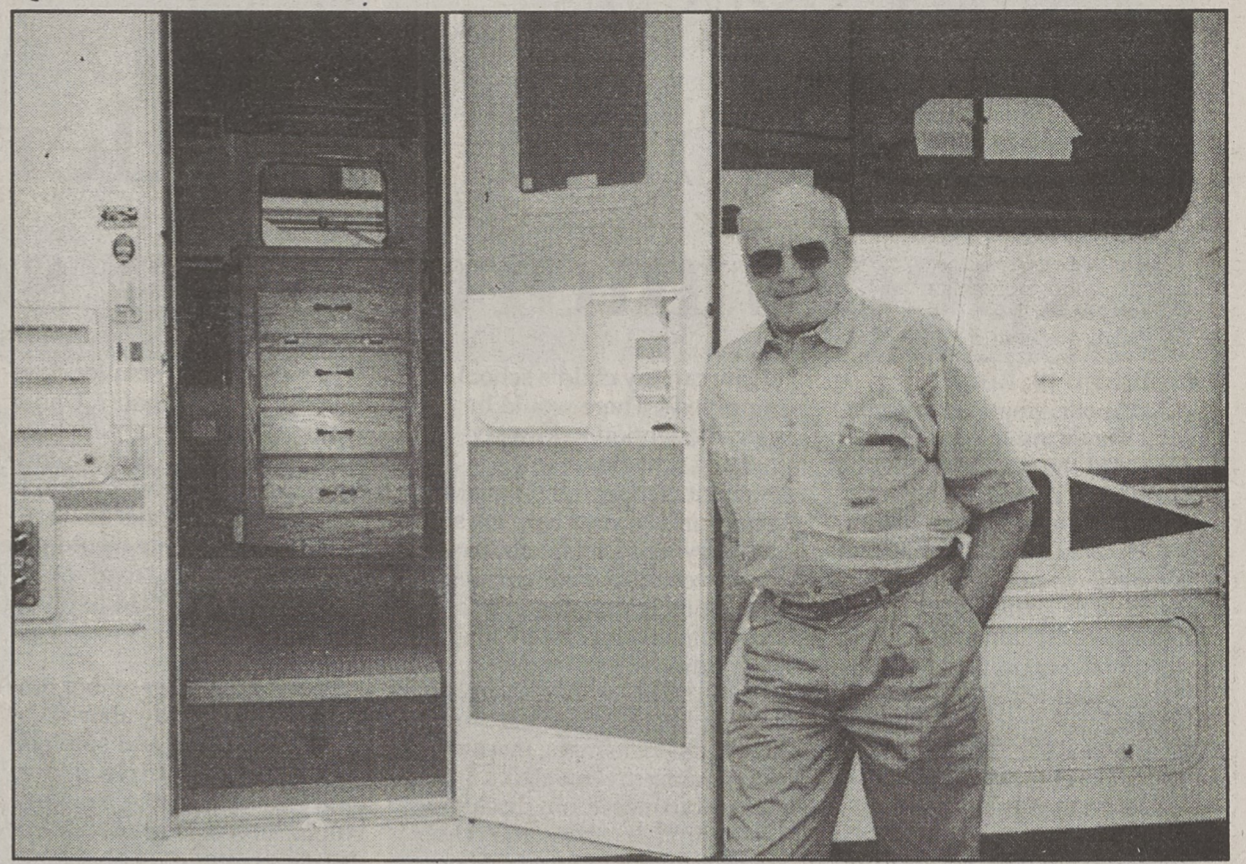
During the next six months anyone living in the vicinity of Warlick Road in Lawndale should observe their animals for any unusual behavior. This is the 13th confirmed case of rabies in Cleveland County since June 1998.

Residents are urged to make sure all of their cats and dogs have a current rabies vaccination. Also, anyone that sees an animal demonstrating unusual behavior should call the Cleveland County Animal Control at 481-9884.

Board of Elections to meet on July 12

The Cleveland County Board of Elections will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, July 12 in the office at 310 East Dale Street, Shelby.

For more information call 484-4858.



ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD
Tommy Young of Young's RV Sales in Kings Mountain shows off the features of a new RV. With more people having disposable income, RVs are proving a popular way to travel.

RV - your home away from home

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Now that vacation season is going full bore, the age-old question of where to lay one's head at night arises. Sometimes going through the hassle of finding and booking a hotel room, then spending the night with folks in the next room having an all night festival to Bacchus makes skipping vacation entirely attractive. With recreational vehicles, you can have your vacation cake and eat it too.

Popularly known as RVs, recreational vehicles combine the comforts of home with highway mobility. What better way to see the country than from your own vehicle, then pull over wherever you please to sleep in peace and comfort.

Though RVs have been fairly popular for years, they have seen a recent surge in usage. Last year, sales of RVs topped \$6 billion. Factors that have come into play regarding the increase in RV sales include a burgeoning economy, and the fact

that more people are approaching retirement age with plenty of energy left for adventure. Some folks have even sold their houses and taken their RVs on the road full time.

Contrary to what some think, you need not be wealthy to own an RV. Prices for RVs can run anywhere from \$10,000 up to \$150,000. Most RVs sold are in the \$20,000 to \$60,000 range. RV ownership can even provide a tax break. According to IRS rules, interest on most RVs can be deducted as a second or vacation home. The qualifying factors are that the RV must have sleeping, cooking, and bathroom facilities.

One of the largest and best known RV dealerships in North Carolina is Young RV Sales at the intersection of Oak Grove Road and Highway 74 in Kings Mountain.

"This business evolved from a smaller RV operation in Shelby," said Tommy Young. "That older RV business was an extension of my father Ed Young's car dealership. We've been selling RVs exclusively since 1978."

At its current location four years, Young RV is a state of the art RV sales and service oasis. Its 27 employees are factory trained and knowledgeable in all facets of the RV lifestyle.

"We sell around 1,000 RVs annually," Young says. "We can also service any type of RV from a folding camper to full-size motorhomes. Besides our sales and service departments, we offer a line of accessories that runs from simple dress up items to electric scooters and washing machines. We also have our own financing office"

Illustrating that Young RV is on the map, is the fact that the dealership regularly ships parts

to other states and cities. Calls for RV help from Young have come from as far away as Alabama.

RV customers come in a variety of styles, depending on their needs and goals.

"Most people who buy an RV have reached a point in their life where they have a little bit of financial breathing room," Young says. "People who buy RVs are also ready for a more leisurely pace of life and a means to travel and lodge relatively cheaply. Customers who are looking at buying a folding camper are younger and have children. Sometimes, the children help pick out which model the family gets."

So, after they get an RV, where do people go with it? Though the mountain and beaches are the most popular choices, some folks want to really stretch their new wheels.

"The Holy Grail for RV owners is to take a trip through Alaska," Young said. "The Alaska trip is what nearly every RVer has on their dance card."

Information of RVs is easy to get. A free 15 minute video on the RV lifestyle is available by calling 1-888-467-8464. A free booklet can be obtained from the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association at P.O. Box 2999, Dept. PA, Reston, Virginia 20195-2999. A directory of RV rental agencies is also available from the RVRA's website at www.rvra.org.

A neat way to see the country, RVs evoke the same sense of adventure and wanderlust that sent the pioneers across our nation in covered wagons. Just one of the many improvements that modern RVs have over that mode of travel is that nowadays, the horses are under the hood.

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