



MRS. CARROLL SHANNON SANDERS
(Jessica Charlene Isler)

Sanders-Isler

Jessica Charlene Isler and Carroll Shannon Sanders exchanged marriage vows September 27, 2002 at Christian Freedom Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

Greg Moore presented a program of wedding music.

The bride is the daughter of David and Katie Isler of Kings Mountain. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School. She is the granddaughter of Buck and Ethel Tessner and Lester and Arlene Isler.

The groom is the son of Carroll and Brenda Sanders of Kings Mountain. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and attended two years of college for fire and science.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. LaDenna Dockery was Matron of Honor and Trina Dockery was Maid of Honor. Bridesmaid was Hayley Seagle of Shelby.

Child attendant was Jessica and Carroll Sanders' son, Dawson Isler.

Best man was Carroll Sanders. Ushers were Matthew Isler and David Merck, both of Kings Mountain.

Carroll and Rose Sanders hosted the reception in the church fellowship hall.

Following a wedding trip to Chimney Rock and Lake Lure, the couple will reside in Kings Mountain.

Family A-Fair

Cleveland County Fair is a family tradition

By TODD HAGANS
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A sunny Sunday afternoon provided the perfect invitation for the crowd of people attending the 78th annual Cleveland County Fair.

Fair goers enjoyed viewing arts and crafts exhibits, taking a whirl on one of the many amusement rides like Pharaoh's Fury and the Orbitor and sampling a bounty of carnival delicacies ranging from funnel cakes to cotton candy.

For Moss Lake resident Dena Green, the food is one of her top reasons for attending the Cleveland County spectacle.

"The fair food is like no other," said Green, who made her way to the Shelby fairgrounds to watch her daughter, Kendra, perform with her dance group. "I like the fact that the kids have a chance to dance."

Vangelyn King of Shelby said the fair means "walking around" and sampling French fries and Polish sausage, her favorite fair foods.

"It is just a thing that I have to come to the fair every year to enjoy myself," said King.

The fair is a yearly tradition for Cherryville cattle farmers Dean and Nancy Crocker. The Crockers show some of the area's top Black Angus and have the winning ribbons to prove it.

Recipients of nine first place awards, a second place ribbon and two grand champion banners for the top bull and female, the Crockers also took home the fair's Herdsman Award for keeping their stalling area in tip-top shape.

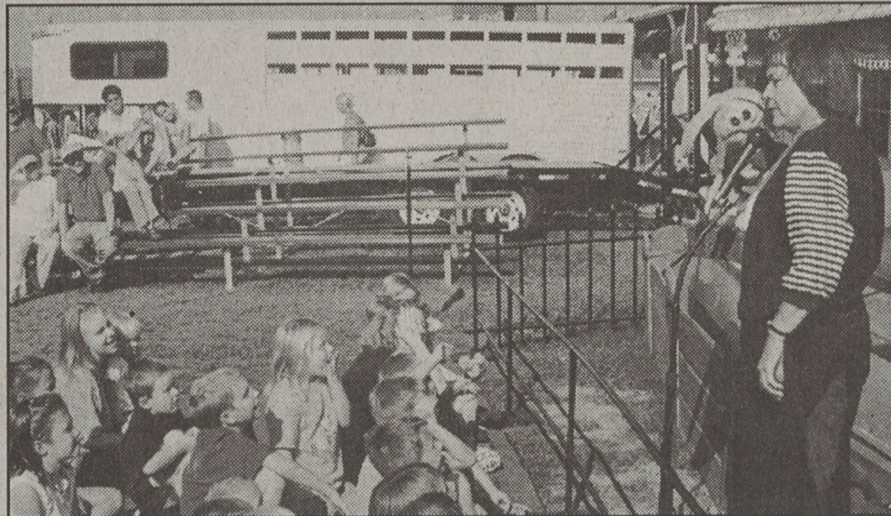
Farming is a family affair for the Crockers, who share their love of cattle with their son, Clinton.

"Our son takes this business seriously," said Nancy, who meets and greets spectators strolling through the arena to get an up-close look at the many farm animals.

Dean said judges consider areas like structural correctness, muscle tone and general eye appeal when evaluating cattle for the fair's top prizes and that "breeding, feeding and working with them" are the secrets to raising award-winning cattle.

"It just takes a special animal to be a show animal," said Dean.

Fellow Cherryville farmer Travis Jones



Children attend puppet show at Cleveland County Fair.

Photo by Todd Hagans

joined the Crockers in exhibiting cattle at the fair. After the Cleveland County Fair, the Crockers will attend the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh and the South Carolina State Fair in Columbia both slated for later this month.

Bessemer City residents Becky Smith and Dawn Rickus enjoyed seeing all of the attractions Sunday, but one in particular - Blaze, the world famous balloon-blowing goat - captured the attention of Rickus' young son, who carried an orange balloon that had been twisted into a design by Blaze's sidekick, Mr. Happy.

The balloon-blowing goat entertained many young children, who watched in amazement, while their parents chuckled and shook their heads.

Outside of Goforth Hall, Louis Floyd and Jerry Ross, both members of American Legion Post 155 in Kings Mountain, spent time selling raffle tickets. Floyd said the lucky ticket will be selected Saturday night and the winner will take home either a new riding lawn mower or a \$1,000 Wal-Mart shopping spree.

Floyd, who lives in Bessemer City and has been associated with Post 100 baseball in Cherryville, said proceeds from the raffle will benefit the legion's baseball program, which gives teenage boys the chance to play ball each summer.

"If we can save one young boy from being on drugs or on the street, we've done our job," said Floyd.

Calling the fair one of the best around, Floyd praised fair organizers for putting on a fantastic show every year for Cleveland County residents.

"Joe Goforth and his staff have done wonders for the fair in Cleveland County," said Floyd. "The Cleveland County Fair is one of the best in North Carolina."

The 2002 edition of the Cleveland County Fair got off to a slow start last week as rain from Hurricane Isidore kept people away from the midway attractions. Attendance figures indicate that only 3,271 people passed through the gates last Thursday compared to 10,564 opening-day guests in 2001. Friday's numbers showed 8,449 patrons compared to 14,922 in 2001. A total of 178,256 people attended the fair last year.

This year's fair pays tribute to the 100th anniversary of the 4-H program. A special 4-H history display shows old newspaper clippings, photos, trophies and other memorabilia that documents the 4-H tradition in Cleveland County. One newspaper clipping from the October 9, 1969 edition of the Kings Mountain Herald shows the Dixon Community's 4-H club's winning fair booth that portrayed the theme, '4-H in Four Seasons.' Other photos show youngsters enjoying 4-H camp at Camp Cherokee at the Kings Mountain State Park.

The fair continues today through Saturday with gates remaining open each evening until 11 p.m.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

DAR to dedicate Hambright marker

The Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate a Revolutionary grave marked at the grave of Col. Frederick Hambright Sunday, October 13 at 3:30 p.m. at the Old Shiloh Presbyterian Church cemetery near Grover.

The cemetery is located on Elam Road, directly across the road from Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church.

The public is invited.

Symphony returns to Ashbrook High

The North Carolina Symphony will lead off the 2002-03 Gaston Concert Association concert series Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Ashbrook High School in Gastonia.

Formed in 1932, the 65-member orchestra presently

plays 60 concerts a year. They have performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, Kennedy Center in Washington, and Orchestra Hall in Chicago.

Memberships to the Gaston Concert Association are available by calling David Dickson at 824-0894.

Carroll reunion slated October 6

The annual reunion of descendants of John William and James Edward Carroll will be held Sunday, October 6 at 1 p.m. in the Temple Baptist Church fellowship hall, Kings Mountain.

Anyone with pictures of past reunions is asked to bring them.

Gettys reunion set at Duncan Creek

The Gettys reunion will be held Sunday, October 6 at 1 p.m. at Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church, 1658

Duncan Creek Road, Hollis.

A book of the family history prepared by Mary Louise Woodruff will be available for review and purchase.

All relatives and friends are invited.

For more information call Marietta Floyd at 487-5480.

Musical "Quilters" set in Lincolnton

The musical "Quilters" will be held October 17-19 at 8 p.m. and October 20 at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Cultural Center, 403 E. Main St., Lincolnton.

Tickets are \$7 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults. Church or civic groups of 10 or more are eligible for discounts if arrangements are made in advance. Call 735-2281 for more information.

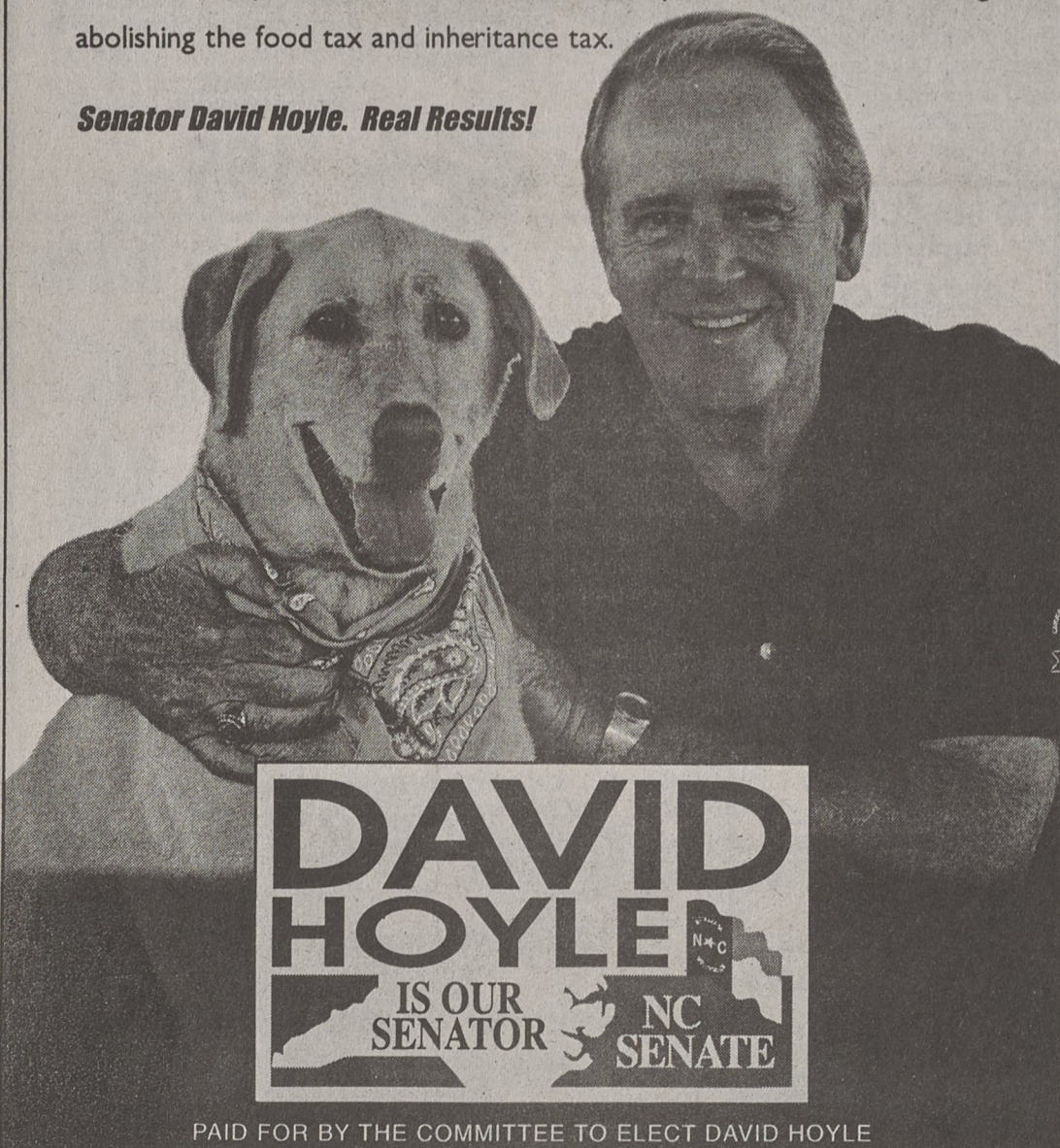
✓ Deadline for social briefs is 12 noon Monday. Late items will not be published.

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