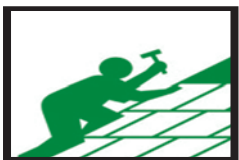


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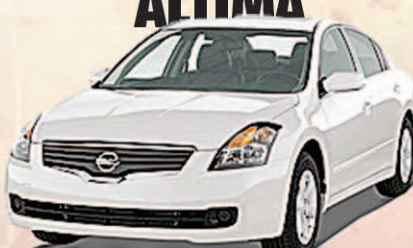
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Yard Sale, Open House, Chicken & Dumplings...Yum!

Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center will hold an Open House this Saturday, October 29th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a delicious chicken and dumplings dinner for only \$7. Eat in or carry out. There will be a yard sale too!

To all parents who bring children, your children will receive a special toy!

All money raised by the chicken and dumplings dinner, the yard sale and by donations will go to help the BRLC with their many programs...all for the benefit of Anson County youth.

BRLC is located at 1961 Wightman Church Road in Polkton. The telephone number is 704-826-8737.

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Service Distributing Company

A few years ago Service Distributing Company had quite a number of gas stations here in North Carolina. Part of their advertising was of the "billboard" type at each station...such as mileage to points of interest for travelers with highway mileage included.

The above sign was not a "mileage sign," but was a "community pride" type sign. I did several of those signs to include Albemarle, Salisbury, Wadesboro, Charlotte, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Rockingham, plus many others through the years.

Guess what, I could "fill up" the truck with maybe \$10, rather than maybe \$75-80 now. Oh well, it's just money! Ed

Ansonville Elementary Fall Festival

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, Ansonville Elementary School held their Annual Fall Festival for their students, families, and friends. The PTO decorated the gym and held indoor and outdoor activities for kids. They also enjoyed the moon bounce, corn toss, and the pumpkin rolling contest. All sorts of sweet treats were donated, as well as hotdogs, chips, and drinks.



The PTO will use the proceeds raised from the Fall Fest to purchase much needed technology for AES students and teachers to use in their classrooms.

Thanks AES PTO, parents, teachers, students and all volunteers for making this year's festival a huge success!

SPCC Receives \$225,400 Grant from Duke Energy

The Duke Energy Community College Grant Program has awarded a \$225,400 grant to South Piedmont Community College to expand its Mechatronics program. "This grant will allow us to purchase more equipment to allow us to serve more students," said Stuart Wasilowski, SPCC's vice president of Corporate and Continuing Education.

The Mechatronics program is taught at SPCC's Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing Training Center on Airport Road in Monroe. The grant will be used to purchase a basic industrial controls trainer (\$23,700), an industrial wiring system (\$38,000), a mechanical training system (\$55,500), a fluid control automation studio (\$9,000), a hydraulic/pneumatic training system (\$57,000) and a welding training system (\$42,000). "It's the evolution of the program," Wasilowski said. "When we started the program, we bought one of everything. Now, we'll essentially have three of each."

Wasilowski said the duplicate machines are the ones that are most popular for training. Previously, he said, the college sometimes had to choose whether to use a particular machine for training classes of individuals, or for a corporate client. This eliminates that problem. "With the addition of our welding trainers and robotic capabilities we are well positioned to give students the best possible learning experience that they can leverage to a new career," Wasilowski said.

Berry TriPlas - which makes injection-molded plastic packaging, thermoformed products, and coatings - was SPCC's industry partner in applying for the grant. SPCC sought the grant to ensure the needs of Berry TriPlas and other local industries and companies, Wasilowski said. Berry TriPlas relies heavily on SPCC to provide training for its workers. Local economic developers have identified plastics as a focal point for recruitment of new industry.

"The project will ensure SPCC has the capacity to produce a highly skilled workforce for the manufacturing community," Wasilowski said. "In addition, a skilled workforce remains a high priority among companies who are considering relocation or expansion."

SPCC has received four grants, totaling \$948,810, from the Duke Energy Community College Grant Program, which is managed by the Foundation For The Carolinas. Two were for the CNC Machining program and another also went to the Industrial Maintenance & Mechatronics program. The Mechatronics program has been helped by the Golden LEAF Foundation, whose \$575,000 grant facilitated the creation of the Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing Training Center.

For information about SPCC's Mechatronics program, or to enroll, contact Russell Carpenter at 704-246-0964 or rcarpenter@spcc.edu.

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