



MISSING DOG

I am missing a piece of my heart. His name is Hoss. He is a Chorkie..male...12 lbs. Black with some tan, long legs, big ears. He has never been out of his fence until Saturday, December 16. He got out and chased a cat down throuh the woods on Winfree Road in Wadesboro, and I have not seen him since.

Hoss was my bottle fed baby and is strictly an inside dog. We love him and need him to come home. If you have any info please call Teresa at 704-690-3567. My little baby needs to come home.

Anson County Board of Commissioners Meet January 8

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8.

The Commissioners meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

For several years in the late 1990's and early 2000's Bill Billingsley wrote a column for The Express. It began with the title 'Billingsley's This and That' with the title later evolving to become Billingsley's "T N T".

Bill managed WADE Radio station in Wadesboro for many years. He was extremely well known in the community, with many friends. Bill was also known nationwide for his pitch-perfect and authoritative 'radio voice.'

Due to a computer mishap, it appeared that Bill's "TnT" columns were lost. But, after working on the project for several years, we have managed to recover at least some of his work. Because of that good fortune, we are proud to present a column below that Bill wrote for the November 10, 1999 edition of The Express.

Billingsley's This and That

By Bill Billingsley



First in this piece I'd like to tell you of a conversation I had with Johnny Hill of Chesterfield Road in Wadesboro. It's an intriguing story – one that you may find a little strange.

Before Johnny retired he had begun to store stuff in a barn behind his house, so when he retired he would have some things to work with and occupy his time.

One of the things Hill had stored in the barn was an old 8-N Ford tractor, which did not run. After he retired, he planned to do some work on it to get it running again.

On a visit out to the barn and just looking around, at nothing in particular, he glanced over at the old tractor. He discovered that someone had "borrowed" the carburetor off of it. Nothing but the carburetor! This seemed to be strange, in itself. He had already missed some things from the barn but all that was understandable – but never just a carburetor taken off a machine!

Then, on a subsequent visit there, just looking around again, Johnny noticed a plastic bag beneath the tractor and realizing that the bag contained something, he took a closer look. And, to his surprise, there was the carburetor all clean and like new. Now, as Paul Harvey might say, "Here's the rest of the story."

Not only did Johnny Hill not have to reclean the missing piece from the 8-N Ford tractor, but he put it back on and got the thing running. It's running today. Runs like a top.

You will recall the article of some time ago about passenger trains that came through Wadesboro on the Seaboard Airline Railway.

This story caused enough interest in Mrs. Margaret R. McRae for her to write to me and reminisce about the times she rode the "Silver Comet" from Wadesboro to Birmingham many times. Her daughter, Margaret, who attended Agnes Scott College in Decatur, used it for four years. She points out in her letter that whether or not it (The Comet) was going or coming, although it was supposed to arrive here at midnight – it was always late. Mrs. McRae remembers sitting in the Wadesboro Depot, freezing although huddled close around the customary railroad "Pot Belly Stove."

When the train finally stopped, it was never in the right place for boarding and disembarking.

Her husband, Martin A. McRae, about whom we wrote in a past column, got so fed up with the running back-and-forth he wrote the big boss of the Seaboard saying he was no longer a young man and asked if he would stop the train with the coach in which their daughter rode nearer the station. Soon, a letter came from headquarters saying they would do everything in their power to accommodate Mr. McRae.

Mrs. McRae still has those letters and newspaper clippings that she has saved for many years.

She even mentions the "Silver Meteor" which ran from N.Y. to Miami – reminding me that you either had to go to Hamlet or Cheraw to meet it. It, too, was never on time.

I don't remember telling you that and one named simply number 92, was the one we took my father to and got him from.

Mrs. McRae also pays some high complements to The Express and this effort. Thank you Mrs. McRae!

I appreciate every card, letter, telephone call, scrap of paper handed me or person to person conversation. Since I don't take shorthand, I may ask you to slow down as I make notes. You see, I am quite a bit older now than I was when I was a broadcaster, so, I can't possibly remember as I once did.

The future has a way of arriving unannounced.

George Will

Smithfield



Thursday January 4

The hog production division for Smithfield Foods, Inc., has openings in the Ansonville area for Swine Technicians. Candidates should possess a good work record. Pay is commensurate with experience. Higher starting pay available for prior farming and/or supervisory experience, and increases based on demonstrated skill.

Excellent benefits, including health, dental, vision insurance, 401k, pension and paid time off. Career opportunities available for the right individuals.

Interested candidates apply online at www.smithfieldfoods.com/careers.

Smithfield Food Representatives will be at the Albemarle ESC Office, located at 2215 US Hwy 52 N Albemarle, NC 28001, on January 4th, 2018, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM to accept applications and answer any questions that you may have.



Feria de Empleo Jueves 4 de Enero

La división de producción porcina de Smithfield Foods, Inc., tiene posiciones abiertas en el área de Ansonville para Técnicos Porcinos. Los candidatos deben de poseer un buen récord de trabajo. El pago es de acuerdo a la experiencia de trabajo. Un mayor pago está disponible para los que tengan experiencia en granjas y/o supervisión de granjas, y los incrementos están basados en las destrezas demostradas.

Excelentes beneficios, incluyendo seguro de salud, dental y de visión, plan 401k, plan de pensión y tiempo libre pagado. Hay oportunidades de desarrollar carrera para los individuos correctos.

Los candidatos interesados pueden aplicar a través de la página en línea www.smithfieldfoods.com/career.

Los representantes de Smithfield Foods estarán en la oficina local del empleo localizada en 2215 US Hwy 52 N Albemarle el 04 de Enero de 2018 de 10:00 am a 1:00 pm para aceptar aplicaciones y responder cualquier pregunta que puedan tener.

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Board of Elections Regular Meeting is Tuesday, January 9

There will be a regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Elections on Tuesday, January 9 at 5 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Board of Elections office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call 704-994-3223.

To appear on a meeting agenda you must provide notice in writing by 5 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Here is the agenda for the January 9 meeting:

- Call to order and invocation at 5 p.m.
- Approval of minutes (if applicable)
- Director's monthly report for December 2017
- November election cost: total cost and amount billed to towns
- New voting booths/letter and information/update
- Elections Conference details - to be held January 28-30 in Durham
- Other concerns and matters

Board of Education Regular Meeting is January 16

With this meeting, all Board of Education meetings to now begin at 4:30 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16 in the Administrative Office Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Closed session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Open session to the public should begin around 5:30 p.m.

Board of Education to Hold Special Meeting January 10

The Anson County Board of Education will meet on Wednesday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the Board of Education, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro, to interview candidates to fill a vacancy on the Board.

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