

POLKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT'S

Barbecue

Saturday • February 1



10 am
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Dine-In or Drive-Thru Carry-Outs Too!

NEW RECIPE! SALT & PEPPER CHICKEN!

BBQ Pork and Chicken Plates, Served with Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread & Dessert!

Plates Only \$8

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Free Tax Assistance Available in March

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County residents sixty years of age or older of low or moderate income needing help in preparing their income tax returns through a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center.

Volunteer counselors trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will be at Grace Senior Center on March 4th and April 1st, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return.

Persons using the service should bring to the tax aide site this year tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from banks (form 1099-INT) a copy of last year tax return and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. Electronic filing of returns will be available.

If you are interested please call Grace Senior Center to register and for additional information at 704-694-6616.

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Ansonville's First Fire Truck

The fire truck pictured here goes back a few years! And, it has a lot of history too. It originally was put in service by the Albemarle Fire Department. When Albemarle decided to get a new fire truck Ansonville citizens Lance Springer and Buck Edwards of Ansonville Lumber Company purchased it. They were aware that the Ansonville area town folks needed some help - it was hard to fight fire by beating it with tree branches! So, this was indeed Ansonville's first fire truck...and it does indeed go back quite a few years.

Now, with the passage of time, more money from chicken, fish and pork barbecue fundraisers, other fundraisers - plus a "heap of hard work" - the old truck was retired and replaced with some of the finest equipment. Of course the department has been manned by some of the finest people too!! So very many people should be proud.

I can even remember many years ago the hard work, many hours and days it took to put on a barbecue. Daddy was called on to cook the meat at our tobacco barn. He would not go to bed for hours until the food was ready for the many people to serve all those hungry people waiting in line. Now you know why I felt so proud to stand beside Ansonville's first fire truck in the picture above! That picture was taken at Ansonville's barbecue last November.

Looking back, I am still amazed that so many people in our area do so much in living, working, caring and serving. Thank you!! Ed

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THE BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE

We are pleased to offer this 80 page book containing nearly 200 Remembering columns by Ed McBride that were published in The Express Newspaper.

This book was presented to Ed for his 90th birthday, August 10, 2012. The subjects of his columns - people, businesses, churches, schools, events - have touched the lives of many people associated with Anson County, North Carolina and beyond.

Each book is printed to order, therefore the price is slightly higher than mass produced books.

Call The Express for information, 704-694-2480 or visit www.Blurb.com and search "Ed McBride."

Too Many Student Absences, Tardies Too Much Leaving Early

From Dannie Montgomery, Parent-Community Outreach Coordinator: Every parent wants their child to have a great future. However, we as parents don't always give them the important guidance they need to build success. Every person who has achieved any level of success will tell you that you must be present to win. Although we have wonderful parents and great children, we have too many children absent or tardy for school every day. Too many children are consistently late, absent from school or leaving early and often with parent knowledge and approval. This behavior has to stop!

When children arrive late they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of a lesson. This significantly reduces achievement, regardless of academic ability. Children may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. They may exhibit negative behaviors to hide their awkwardness which further disrupts the class and the teacher. Everyone's education is compromised.

High school students, just one step away from college or a career, are no exception. In fact, they are worse. Many developed the behavior in primary school, arriving after school starts and leaving before it ends. Parents who are signing their high school children out early just because the student is bored or doesn't like a class are not doing their child any favors. These students may never make the positive changes in their attendance habits to increase their academic and personal success. This behavior follows children into their adult lives and many never reach their full potential.

Parents have a duty and responsibility to ensure their child's regular attendance at school, arrival before school starts, and staying at school until the end of the school day. School administrators and teachers are happy to work with parents in difficult situations and are here to assist parents in helping their children achieve their dreams. But students must come from home prepared to learn.

Got Talent? Open Mic Event in Cheraw

The Cheraw Arts Commission presents Got Talent? This is an open mic event on Thursday, February 20 at the Theatre on the Green. This is an opportunity for singers, dancers, musicians, actors, magicians, comedians and more to perform. This will be a family friendly event with each act limited to five minutes or less. Participants will be received on a first come, first served basis and should provide preview of performance material. Technical support will be provided at the Theatre.

Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843-537-8420 x 12 for additional information and to register to participate.

4-H Split the Pot Raffle Tickets Available

The Anson County 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association are selling Split the Pot Tickets for \$1 each. They can be purchased from any 4-H volunteer leader or by contacting Yolanda Mitchell at 704-694-2915.

The drawing will be held Tuesday, February 18 and you do not have to be present to win.

BARN BLAST

You are invited to the 8th annual Barn Blast Fundraising Event for the Anson County Partnership for Children: An evening of Dinner,

Drinks, Auctions, Dancing & Western Fun!

Friday, January 31, 2014

6:00 to 11:30 pm

Lockhart-Taylor Center

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