

Blood Drive Today!

The Wadesboro Rotary Club will sponsor an American Red Cross community blood drive on Wednesday, January 30. It will take place from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. All donors will be entered to win a \$1,000 gift card.

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50+ Club Meeting to Feature the Hidden Talents

The Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ Club will meet on Tuesday, February 11 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. The Hidden Talents will be presenting a musical program. Band members are Dr. Whit Davis, Richard Harrington, Kenny Harrington, Dr. Leon Smith, David Napier, Aaron Hinson and Wilbur Moore. The library invites everyone to join them for this delightful program.
 Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Women's League Soup Luncheon is February 12

The Anson Women's League will hold their annual Soup Luncheon on Tuesday, February 12, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come to the First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro to enjoy homemade vegetable beef soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, homemade desserts and a beverage.
 Tickets are only \$6 and can be purchased in advance from AWL members. You can also pay at the event. Take outs will be available.

Anson Singers Present Musical Entertainment & Dessert Buffet

The Anson Singers will present a program of love songs, old songs and new songs, along with a dessert bar buffet on Valentines Day, Thursday, February 14, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Wadesboro. The choir, directed by Emily Privette, will bring medleys of golden oldies and love songs. In addition, there will be a selection of solos by members of the Singers. A highlight of the evening will be a dessert bar of homemade goodies which may be enjoyed during the program.
 Reservations, which are requested due to limited seating, may be made by calling the First United Methodist Church at 704-694-5179, or by sending an email to the church at funcwadesboro@windstream.net. (Please put "Valentines Reservations" in the subject line if emailing.) There is no set admission charge, but generous donations will be accepted at the door.
 Bring your favorite girl or guy out to this fun evening on Valentines Day!



Oasis - "Creating a Shiner"

Many of you through the years have seen the above picture, either live or the photograph. Back in May 2006 I was asked to "Fix" something that would represent the Charlotte area at the Ben Ali Shrine Temple in Sacramento, California. And, you guessed it right...the job was mine and I didn't open my mouth!!
 The picture above is the completed unit as it was being shipped to California to be put on display. All of our group went there and came back to North Carolina, including the unit.
 It is very delightful to know that we in Anson County, NC are very proud to be a part in doing "the necessary things" to make everything better for our crippled children. Ed

About the Dogs Facing Euthanasia in Last Week's Edition of The Express

Great news! Thanks to hard work by writer Melanie Lyon, the Humane Society, and animal lovers in Anson County and Richmond County, all 21 of the dogs that were facing euthanasia at the Richmond County Humane Society have been adopted, except for one named Buster. Buster had a skin condition that caused no one to want him, but, thankfully, he has been placed in a medical facility for treatment of his condition. When he is better he will again be available for adoption.
 Thank you to all of our readers for your compassion and fantastic response!

Protect Your Dogs from Winter Woes

In many areas, winter is a season of bitter cold and numbing wetness. Help your pets remain happy and healthy during the colder months by following these simple guidelines.

- Don't leave dogs outdoors when the temperature drops. Most dogs, and all cats, are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise. Regardless of the season, shorthaired, very young, or old dogs and all cats should never be left outside without supervision. Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.
- No matter what the temperature, windchill can threaten a pet's life. A dog or cat is happiest and healthiest when kept indoors. If your dog is an outdoor dog, however, he/she must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his/her body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.
- Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's diet to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.
- Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.
- The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his/her mouth.
- Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze (and all household chemicals) out of reach. Better yet, use antifreeze-coolant made with propylene glycol; if swallowed in small amounts, it will not hurt pets, wildlife, or your family.
- Probably the best prescription for winter's woes is to keep your dog or cat inside with you and your family. The happiest dogs are those who are taken out frequently for walks and exercise but kept inside the rest of the time. Dogs and cats are social animals who crave human companionship. Your animal companions deserve to live indoors with you and your family.

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