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Wadesboro Police Department Hosting Traffic Safety Day on April 22

This is a release from the Wadesboro Police Department: To make our young teens safer drivers, the Wadesboro Police Department will be hosting a free Traffic Safety Awareness Day on Saturday April 22, from 10 a.m. until 2: p.m. The Event will be located at the Wadesboro Police Department, located at 212 South Rutherford Street and the Ray Shelton Park parking area. Displays will be set up representing traffic campaigns conducted by traffic officers throughout the NC Governors Highway Safety Program Region 6, whereas these officers work together to help promote safer roadways in our region. There will be displays such as Booze it or Lose it with the Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch present with the BAT Mobile, a Patrol Car Show voted on by the community, Fatal Vision Course to simulate drunk driving, along with the presence of M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), car crash displays, a seat belt convincer, and Anson County Partnership for Children will be checking car seats. Everything will be open to the public to experience and learn about. Hot dogs, chips and refreshment will also be provided free for participants. So, please come out and let's work together to make the roadways in Wadesboro and Anson County a safer place for everyone, especially our younger drivers. Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer said, "As your Chief of Wadesboro, I know parents play a critical role in preventing distracted drivers, so I employ you to take the time to attend this event with your teen drivers. There will be literature and officers present to answer questions."



Gene Haas Foundation Gives Grant to Support SPCC Scholarships

The Gene Haas Foundation recently presented South Piedmont Community College with a check for \$15,000 to support student scholarships. Gene Haas Scholarships will be awarded to SPCC students currently enrolled, or soon to be enrolled in the college's machining-based programs. These programs include advanced manufacturing, mechatronics and mechanical engineering. The Gene Haas Foundation, named for the founder and owner of Haas Automation Inc., has awarded funds for scholarships and to help meet the needs of local communities and deserving charities since 1999. To date, more than 1,200 charitable organizations and schools have received funds totaling more than \$27 million from the foundation. Pictured above from left are Tripp Robinson, Haas Sales Engineer; Scott Rivers, Dean of Career Development and Continuing Education; Dr. Laura Byrd, Vice President of Institutional Advancement; Mike Willard, Advanced Manufacturing/Machining Program Coordinator; Dennis Baucom, Director of Vocational Trades; and Hill Overton, Haas Sales Engineer.

National Library Week is April 9-15

Library is giving away 3 Nooks! In recognition of National Library Week, which is next week, April 9-15, the Hampton B. Allen Library will have two promotions happening. First, as always, the library is waiving all overdue fines on any late books that are checked in during that week. Also, the library is raffling off 3 of their Nooks! This is a completely free drawing. To enter, patrons will fill out a card with their name, phone number, and the name of their favorite book, then drop the card into one of several boxes at the library, or one on the Bookmobile. The drawing will be held on Friday, April 14, with 3 winners - a child, a teen and an adult. The lucky winners win a free Nook. For more information about these promotions or any other library question, call 704-694-5177.

Traywick Family Receives Certificate of Appreciation

The family of the late Curtis C. Traywick, Jr. received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of Mr. Traywick supplying vehicles to Ada Ford Singleton for the purpose of hauling voters to the polls during her thirty year tenure as president of Anson County's NAACP. Also, in Singleton's later years when she suffered failing health, Mr. Traywick provided comfortable cars for her personal medical trips. This presentation was made by Rev. Charles Ford, Sr., chairman of the Ada Ford Singleton Biography Committee, on Tuesday, March 28 at Morgan & Son Funeral Home in Marshville.



Pictured are, from left, Rev. Charles Ford, Sr., Mrs. Curtis (Betty) Traywick and Mike Traywick.

Anson County Democratic Party Convention is Saturday

The Anson County Democratic Party will host their annual County Convention this Saturday, April 8, beginning with breakfast at 9: a.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library in Wadesboro. The convention will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Anson County Superior Court Clerk Mark Hammonds as speaker. Also, various officials and candidates will be present. All concerned citizens are invited. For more information please contact Vancine Sturdivant, Democratic Party Chair, at 704-848-4412.

Back Porch Stories Returns Friday

The sixth annual Back Porch Stories, a story-telling event hosted by the Anson County Writers' Club and sponsored by Uwharrie Bank, will take place at the Ansonia Theatre on April 7, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. Featured storyteller Ron Jones grew up on a dairy farm in North Carolina in a whole family of storytellers. After 28 years as a library administrator and consultant, for the past 10 years he has been sharing stories with audiences of all ages. From traditional folktales to bilingual English/Spanish stories to original tales and legends - he strives to take audiences on an animated and high energy ride! His series of family stories are meant to make you laugh with joy or tug at your heart strings and everything between. As a storyteller, Ron believes strongly in the rich oral tradition of storytelling and the joy and mindfulness it brings to us all. He has performed in schools, libraries, museums, and at festivals throughout the southeast and in Canada and Mexico. Also appearing at Jess Willis and Robin Kitson. Willis says, "I am an artist and storyteller currently living in South Carolina. I build giant puppets and freaky/funky masks from salvaged and re-purposed materials. I tell stories to everyone from the very young to the very old, true stories, folk tales, and outright lies...whatever the occasion calls for. I am on the path of an authentic life with my longtime love and our three cats and we have no idea what will happen next." Kitson believes we all start life as happy babies sucking our toes, and blowing spit bubbles. Others are happy to clean us no matter the mess. We believe we are "all that" with hearts bright and shiny. As we grow we hear "no," "don't," "stop that," and "don't touch." Our hearts get a bit of rust till one day our hearts are completely encrusted and no longer shine. What we need is a storyteller to remind us we are still that baby who is "all that." As we travel through story our heart swells and swells and pretty soon it gets so big that BOOM!! the rust flies off and our hearts shine again. Come on so I can show you how "Stories Polish Your Heart"! Tickets will be sold at the box office prior to the event.



Ron Jones



Jess Willis



Robin Kitson

Bake Sale and Yard Sale in Burnsville this Saturday

The Burnsville Ladies Auxilliary Bake Sale and Yard Sale will be held this Saturday, April 8, from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Burnsville Fire Department. Proceeds are used to benefit nursing home residents, buy Christmas gifts for needy children, and to provide supplies for our local schools. We hope to see you there. The Burnsville Fire Department is located on Highway 742 North.

Ansonville Historical Society Spaghetti Supper

The Ansonville Historical Society will host a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, April 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ansonville Fire Department. The \$10 plates include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and a beverage. Carry outs are available.

Carson Hill to Present Program of Music at Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, April 10 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Musician Carson Hill will be presenting a program of her wonderful music and sharing news of her career in Nashville. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the music of this talented young lady. For more information call 704-694-5177.

Living Healthy with Diabetes Workshop Begins April 6

Learn how to feel better...healthier...happier Living with or caring for someone with Diabetes can affect your quality of life. Grace Senior Center is offering a six-week Living Healthy with Diabetes workshop. It is designed to help you better manage your Diabetes and live a happier, healthier life! You don't have to stop doing the things you love to do. The key to getting the most out of life is learning to manage your symptoms. No matter your situation, Living Healthy with Diabetes can assist you in taking control. Whether you have been recently diagnosed with diabetes or have had diabetes for years, this workshop will give the support you need to find practical ways to deal with your stress, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, and learn better ways to talk with your doctor and family about your health. Previous participants have stated they have benefited from this class more than any other diabetes class they have attended. The Living Healthy with Diabetes classes will be held at the Grace Senior Center, located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA. This is a six week class that is scheduled for every Thursday, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. It starts April 6 and runs through May 11. Class size is limited and registration is required. Call Rita Short at 704-694-6217 or 704-994-3494 and start living healthy!

BRLC Reaches Many Children

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center's Back Pack Program provided tooth paste and back packs to 20 or more children in Peachland recently. Parents brought their children to receive these items at the New Zion Baptist Church.



The distribution was handled by Mrs. Inez Williamson and others from the area.

Storytime Every Wednesday at Partnership for Children

The Anson County Partnership for Children offers Storytime in the Early Childhood Resource Center each Wednesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to 8. For more information call 704-694-4036.