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Youth Tackle Football 2015

Anson County Parks and Recreation has announced that this season we will be playing in the Uwharrie Youth Football League starting in August. Games will be played in Anson, Stanly and Montgomery counties.

Registration has started and will continue until the deadline on Friday, July 17. They will hold registration at the Little Park Shelter on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and at Friday Night Lights on June 18 and 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. You can sign up on those dates or come by Parks and Recreation Office to register before the deadline. The cost is \$30 per person. A copy of the sports physical and birth certificate are also due by July 17.

The football coaches will be Morris Gatewood 704-694-5751 and Wendell Small 704-695-2782. Minimum age - player is eligible to compete in Division II if he/she turned 10 years of age on or before November 1, 2014. Maximum Age - player is eligible to compete in Division II if he/she does not turn 12 years of age on or before May 1, 2015.

Remembering.....
By Ed McBride



Bishop J. Howard Sherman

Bishop Sherman began preaching here a number of years back. He was well liked - had a church here (Greater Faith Temple), a church in Florence and a church in Charlotte.

Bishop Sherman, of course, was not a Bishop to begin with, but with years and dedication became Bishop. He had broadcast over several radio stations and for years had televised services too.

The above church van is one of several that I did for Bishop Sherman

- this one was done June 16, 1991 - it has the Charlotte, Florence and Wadesboro churches listed.

Bishop Sherman died in September 1996. His widow is still living, and the Charlotte church is now called Sherman Memorial Church of God in Christ - dedicated to his memory. The Reverend H. Louis Barrett is pastor of the Wadesboro church (since September 2003) and he shared with me some of this updated information.

Tips to Keep our Children Safe

From the Desk of Sheriff Landric Reid: With spring time here and summer close, children are starting to spend time outdoors enjoying the warmer weather. With School out in the summer times some children are even left home while parents work, here are a few tips for you and your children to help make this time of year safer for everyone. This spring children will be spending time with friends playing outside and thinking about an adventure or two, it is important for parents to know when your children are playing outside, who they are with where they are going and when they plan on being back. Small children should not be left unsupervised while playing outside because they have a strong sense of adventure and wonderment and they can walk off in an instant. Take time to talk with your children and let them know the following:

- **Speaking to Strangers** - Teach your children the difference between strangers and people they can trust. Not all strangers are bad, and children shouldn't be afraid to ask for help if needed.
- **Finding Help** - Give them confidence to ask for help from policemen, firemen, school teachers, security guards, adults with children and store clerks. Teach them a number of a trusted friend, your home address, and 911 in case they do get lost.
- **Habits for keeping safe** - Let them know there are safety in numbers, encourage them to tell you things that make them feel uncomfortable. Take pictures of them often in case they become lost and its needed for the police. Meet the people who live in your neighborhood, and know your children's friends.
- **If left home alone remember:**
 - **Have an emergency plan** - Make sure your smoke detectors work and let your kids know what to do if it goes off, review the exits to your home. Post relevant phone numbers prominently.
 - **Always check in** - Make it a rule that your child always calls a parent or designated adult, or leave a message routinely.
 - **Make the phone off limits** - Your child should never answer the phone for just anyone, set up guidelines, if caller id let them know who it's alright to answer for.
 - **Don't leave the house** - Your child should never leave the house unattended unless it is cleared and approved by a parent or guardian.
 - **Practice first aid** - Keep a first aid kit handy and review it with your child. Help them distinguish between a real emergency and a minor one that they can handle themselves.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful spring and summer, lets continue to work together to make Anson County a safe place for our children. **Sheriff Reid**

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