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BBB Warns Parents about College Aid Schemes

Over the next few weeks, thousands of seniors will graduate and begin the transition from high school to college. Many families struggle with how to pay for college and they seek financial aid to help defer the costs. There are many sources of financial aid with different qualifications that can be both confusing and overwhelming for parents. Sources include the college or university that your child plans to attend as well as federal and private lenders.

The Better Business Bureau warns you to carefully screen private companies that offer loans and other forms of financial assistance for your child's education. These companies often use direct mail marketing, telemarketing, television, radio, and online advertising to promote their products.

"Parents who need financial aid for their college-bound students in the form of grants, loans and scholarships may ignore deceptive business practices that some private lenders use," said BBB President Tom Bartholomy.

The BBB has advice for how you can spot the red flags that could lead to financial losses instead of financial aid.

- Red flags:**
- Payment of an advance fee to get a grant, loan or scholarship.
 - Payment of the fee in cash or by wire transfer only. These types of payments do not leave a paper trail.
 - Guaranteed promise that you will get the grant, loan or scholarship.
 - Phone numbers or fax numbers outside of the United States.
 - Request for social security numbers and credit card numbers of parents and student to qualify you for the financial aid.
- BBB advice:**
- Apply for financial aid directly through the college or university where your child will be going.
 - Apply for assistance through federal financial aid programs.
 - Research prospective private lenders before providing personal information about you or your child.
- For more information about financial aid programs for college bound students, please visit www.bbb.org.

Remembering..... By Ed McBride



Remembering the Old Ansonville School

Many of you remember some of the early days of the Ansonville High School - that was a long time ago!! So many people through the years attended school there before the Anson County Schools were consolidated.

When I began school there in 1928 it was a fairly new school building...even much of the school yard had not been finished yet. The design was quite unusual in that every classroom had outside view glass. Even the auditorium had glass each side. A real plus was that all of the inside of the building was well lighted...with electricity.

My 1939 graduating class was the largest ever to graduate from Ansonville High School. Now all the members of the class are deceased except two! I guess you can guess at least one of them...me (second row, left)! Lucy Edwards Martin is the other. I am moving slowly though!! (Allen says "Much too slow!!") Ed

BRLC John Brewer Day Rescheduled to June 22

Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center has rescheduled their annual John Brewer Day. The event, originally scheduled for June 8, is now scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 22, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This event will consist of a huge yard sale, food and activities. Invitation to this once a year celebration is extended to the entire community.

The yard sale begins at 7 a.m. The official opening is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. This special event and activities will cater to the whole family. This will be a morning of good fellowship, fun, food and getting to know your neighbors. All monies that the BRLC receives will support BRLC programs and the John and Rosa Brewer Scholarship. This scholarship is given annually to deserving students.

Yard Sale vendors are invited to participate. All yard sale vendors will be responsible for their own yard sale items. A small fee will be collected from vendors before they set up for the day. Each yard sale vendor is asked to make prior arrangements with BRLC in advance if at all possible.

Contact Carol Smith at 704-826-8182, Linda Pratt 704-826-8066 or Mary Hammond at 704-826-8737 for more information about the event or setting up as a vendor.

The BRLC is located at 1961 Wightman Church Road (Highway 742 North), across the street from the Burnsville Fire Department. www.brllc.us

Writer's Club to Present Bathanti Documentary

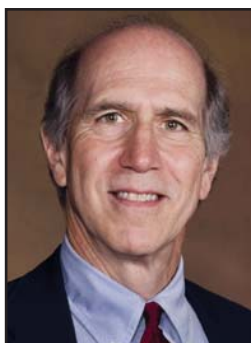
Bathanti, a documentary about North Carolina's Poet Laureate Joseph Bathanti, will be shown in the Hampton B. Allen Library's Little Theatre at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 24. The program is co-sponsored by the Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC) and the library. Admission is free.

An award-winning author of poetry, short stories, novels and essays, Bathanti was a visiting artist serving Anson and other NC counties from 1985 to 1989. Much of the documentary was filmed in Anson County and shows familiar scenes such as the Hub Restaurant, where he could be found working on his latest writing. A book of poems, *Anson County*, is the result of the artist's time spent here.

Interviews with Bathanti are blended with insights of other writers such as Michael Parker and Robert Morgan. Location footage, photos, archival film and text are used to interpret readings from Bathanti's work.

"Joseph Bathanti created a wonderful, radiant and reverent memoir of his time spent here in Anson County as visiting artist," said Beverley Getzen, ACWC President. "His book *Anson County* garnered praise for him and brought joy to the hearts of Ansonians who had the chance to get to know him during his stay here. He is a great story lover and storyteller, able to capture the feelings of people for the places in which they live. This film will bring back warm memories to those who knew him and gain him a host of new fans once they see this sensitive documentary."

Bathanti's other books of poetry include *The Feast of All Saints* and *This Metal*. *East Liberty* and *Coventry* are acclaimed novels, and *The High Heart* is a collection of his short stories. The writer has received numerous awards including the Sam Ragan Fine Arts Award, the Sherwood Anderson Award and the Novello Literary Award.



Fun Day & Charity Ride for Johnny Carelock

Johnny Carelock of Ansonville has to have a lung transplant and must raise a minimum of \$10,000 before he can go on the waiting list. To help him achieve this a Fun Day and Biker's Charity Ride fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 13, with events starting at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to come out for a day of fun that will also be a great benefit to Mr. Carelock. This event will be held at the Old Anson Tech Baseball Field which is across from the Ansonville Fire Department on Highway 52.

The charity ride begins at 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 for single riders and \$15 for double riders. Participating bikers will receive free food and drinks.

There will be lots of fun events for children, and flavored sno cones and cotton candy. DJ Diz will provide great music. Food and beverages will be sold throughout the day.

To purchase tickets or learn more please call Timeka Carelock at 704-826-8926.

Child Care Providers Honored

In a release from the Partnership for Children: Local child care providers were honored Thursday, May 23 at the Anson County Partnership for Children Child Care Appreciation Banquet. The annual event recognizes child care professionals for the work that they do to provide safe, quality early education for the young children of Anson County.

Special guest, NC Senator Gene McLaurin, addressed the group of 80 child care providers, ACPC staff, and guests. Senator McLaurin expressed his commitment on behalf of the education and support of young children in North Carolina.

Katie Rohleder, Director of Discovery Place Kids - Rockingham, emphasized "The Importance of Play," including a presentation of photos and videos of the many activities and learning opportunities available for children at Discovery Place Kids - Rockingham.

ACPC Child Care Resource and Referral Coordinator Rosezetta McCray presented Star Level Achievement Awards to the following child care centers and family child care homes that had achieved their Star Level this year: Janice Smith's Home Child Care (4-Star), C's & T's Child Care Center (4-Star), Shirley Smith's Happyface Child Care Center (4-Star), Central Center for Children & Families (5-Star) and Morven Head Start (5-Star).

Sharon Little from South Piedmont Community College presented education awards to Lyra Johnson and Lisa Torres, both of whom received their AAS in Early Childhood Education.

To promote quality in early education and decrease staff turnover in the field of child care, the Partnership awarded over \$19,000 in Education Support Supplements to 24 eligible providers. These providers either completed a degree or at least six credit hours toward an Early Childhood or related field in the last year.

Special recognition was also given to the Wadesboro Rotary Club Child Care Teacher of the Year, Latasha Merritt-Gatewood, and the Rotary Family Home Child Care Provider of the Year, Barbara Ingram. In addition, Karen Gerald was recognized as ACPC Child Care Provider Volunteer of the Year.

Pictured above are Lyra Johnson and Lisa Torres as they receive Education Awards for completing their AAS degrees in Early Childhood Education.



Zimmer Friends to Meet Friday

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