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Polkton's Annual Fun Day is Saturday

Everyone is invited to Polkton this Saturday for their all-day Polkton Fun Day. The big event runs from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m., promising a day packed with fun, food and music! This family event has a long history of great fellowship and community spirit.

Live music will be provided by Lucas Gathings & Kyle Leary, the Raisin' Cain Band and the Ethan Allen Band. There will be lots of delicious food, vendor booths, activities for the kids such as bounce houses, and lots more. Also, the very popular pet show will be held, so give Rover a bath and bring him!

Event t-shirts cost only \$10 and are available now at Polkton Town Hall. They will also be available at Fun Day.

A schedule of events is posted on Facebook. Vendor spaces are still available. For more information about vendor space or the event call George Wallace at 704-294-5356.

South Piedmont Community College Launches New Agribusiness Program

South Piedmont Community College's new Agribusiness Technology program will provide students the entrepreneurial and technical skills they need to manage a profitable, environmentally sound, community-based farm or agriculture business. Classes, many of which will be available online, begin later this month.

Agribusiness students will learn the fundamentals of agriculture, focusing on crop production and sound business practices. Emphasis is placed on entrepreneurial and field training. Students will also learn the basic principles of the U.S. economic system and government policies and programs relating to agriculture.

Graduates of the program who earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Agribusiness Technology will qualify for a variety of jobs in agricultural businesses, such as feed and supply sales, management of agricultural supply stores or cooperatives as well as management of a variety of agricultural-related businesses, farm and greenhouse operations, environmental and agricultural education or any career that requires business knowledge and a strong understanding of agricultural practices.

Program coursework includes instruction in agriculture, business management, accounting, finance, marketing, planning, human resources management and other managerial responsibilities.

For more information the Agribusiness Technology program contact: Maria Lander, 704-290-5267 or mlander@spcc.edu or Mark Little, 704-290-5245 or mlittle@spcc.edu.

Mary McLendon Brown, Former Operator of F&M Funeral Home Charged with More Crimes



On Friday, September 5 Mary McLendon Brown, the former owner and operator of F&M Funeral Home in Wadesboro, was served with two true bill of indictments. She was indicted on one count of Obtaining Property by False Pretense and one count of Disturbing Human Remains. These charges stem from a second body that was found in the building that was formerly used as the funeral home. Investigators were searching for one missing body, and were surprised to discover two bodies. The remains had been abandoned in the former funeral home for several years.

Brown was given a written promise to appear and returned to the custody of the North Carolina Department of Corrections. Her court date is September 29, 2014 in Anson County Superior Court.

Still Accepting Applications for Day of Caring 2014

This year's Anson County United Way Day of Caring is fast approaching. The Day of Caring is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, with a Kick-off Ceremony to be held at 7:30 a.m. on the Uptown Wadesboro Square. A light breakfast will be provided prior to the ceremony and lunch will be served at First Baptist Church for volunteers and applicants.

Both Team and Project Site applications for this year's Day of Caring are being accepted until Wednesday, October 1. If you would like to volunteer to be part of a team or are a person or non-profit agency in need of help, please hurry and submit your application! Electronic applications are available through the Anson County Chamber of Commerce (www.ansoncounty.org) and Town of Wadesboro (www.cityofwadesboro.org) websites. You may also contact Ashley Rivers at 704-848-4121 for questions or to submit an application.

Peachland's Music on the Square Event is September 27

The Town of Peachland invites everyone to come and enjoy their 8th annual "Music on the Square" which will be held on Saturday, September 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. This free event will feature the Village Green Band, which performs all over North Carolina, along with lots of food vendors, activities for the kids and more.

Among the many vendors are youth and women's groups from local churches and the fire department. A wide variety of beverages and food will be available. For more information contact Lynn H. Griffin at 704-272-7781.

Indian Pow Wow Event Postponed

The Intertribal Indian Pow Wow that was announced for the weekend of September 12 in Morven has been postponed. Organizers stated that they will reschedule the event, hopefully in spring 2015.

Job Recruiting Event Offered on Thursday

Anson and Union County Workforce Centers are holding a Fall 2014 Job Recruiting Event on Thursday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be full-time, part-time and seasonal job opportunities with area employers.

Attendees are reminded to bring a resume, and professional dress is required: dress pants/skirts; dress shirt/blouse; dress shoes; jacket and tie optional.

The schedule is: 10 to 11 a.m. Veterans Only. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open to the Public. The event will take place at the Old Armory Community Center, located at 500 South Johnson Street in Monroe. Register in advance at www.NCWorks.gov. For more information call Scott Clontz at 704-694-6551.

Elementary Student Night at Bearcat Stadium

Friday, September 5 was Elementary Student Night at the Anson versus South Stanly football game. Students were admitted free, and they helped cheer their beloved Bearcats on to a fantastic win. The students also participated in a parade walk around the field, led by Superintendent Michael Freemant and Athletic Director Terry Mabry.

Photo by Melanie Lyon



Pee Dee Electric Makes Generous \$100,000 Donation Pledge for Agri-Civic Center

Pee Dee Electric has pledged to donate \$20,000 a year for the next five years to help fund the Anson County Agri-Civic Center. The donation was made in response to the Anson Agri-Civic Center Capital Campaign. The campaign, It's All About People, is a multi-year drive to raise \$2.5 million in support of the new facility, which has been designed to provide meeting and conference space for the county while meeting the needs of the agricultural community.

The proposed Civic Center will be a 48 thousand square foot facility that will house a 26 thousand square foot conference center. The conference center will have the ability to be separated into three separate smaller rooms and utilized for break-out spaces or smaller meeting spaces as needed. There will also be smaller pre-conference areas in addition to smaller conference rooms also available for public use. Several agricultural offices will be housed on site as well and include the Cooperative Extension office, Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation Department, Farm Service Agency, and Natural Resources Conservation Services.

"We are truly excited about the Agri-Civic Center project and the opportunities it will afford our county," stated Lee Roy Lookabill, Jr., chair of the resource development committee for the Agri-Civic Center. "This is the most important project in Anson County since the building of the elementary schools. The focus of the campaign is the belief that building this facility for Anson County is all about the people who live in Anson County; the organizations, businesses, youth groups, farmers, churches, associations and schools - all people."

"Pee Dee Electric's pledge exemplifies our commitment to improve the quality of life in Anson County," stated Donnie Spivey, president and CEO of Pee Dee Electric. "The Anson Agri-Civic Center will be a facility that our community will use extensively and can be extremely proud of. Our Board of Directors believe in the need for the Agri-Civic Center and support this project whole-heartedly!"

Pictured above are, from left, Donnie Spivey, Janine Rywak and Lee Roy Lookabill.

Pee Dee Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative whose goal is to provide reliable, dependable electric service for its members while focusing on value, quality customer service, and enhancing life in the communities they serve. Pee Dee's service area consists of Anson, Richmond, Union, Stanly, Montgomery, Moore, and Scotland counties. For more information about Pee Dee Electric, please visit www.pdemc.com.

Benefit Breakfast and Yard Sale

A Benefit Breakfast and Yard Sale in memory of Alice Wright Moore will be held on Saturday, September 20 at Lilesville Baptist Church. Bring your appetite for the delicious breakfast of eggs, grits, pancakes, sausage, bacon and toast...only \$5 for all you can eat! It will be served from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Yard Sale will offer great deals and something for everyone! It runs from 7 a.m. until.

Alice was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2001, and passed away in 2005 due to the extent of the disease. Her son Adam is trying to raise \$3,000 to donate to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society whose mission is to create a world free of MS. He will participate in the Challenge Walk MS, a 3 day, 50 mile walk with hundreds of participants to raise the money. Proceeds from the Benefit Breakfast and Yard Sale will help underwrite the expenses of the Challenge Walk.

MS stops people from moving. The National MS Society exists to make sure that it doesn't. They do this by funding more MS research, providing more services to people with MS, offering more professional education, and furthering more advocacy efforts than any other MS organizations in the world.

If you would like to help, please come out to the Lilesville Baptist Church, located at 118 Camden Street in Lilesville on September 20. For more information please call Adam Moore at 704-695-6806.

Compassionate Friends Meet Thursday

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for families who have lost a child of any age, meets this Thursday, September 11 at 7 p.m. in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric on Highway 52 East in Wadesboro.

Anson and Chesterfield "Battle For The Border" is Friday

Trophy presented by local non-profit hospices

The Anson High School Bearcats and Chesterfield High School Rams will face off on the gridiron for the inaugural "Battle For The Border" trophy on Friday, September 12. The trophy is being presented by non-profit hospices serving the two counties, Anson Community Hospice and Hospice of Chesterfield County.

The two schools - separated by only 18 miles - have a 2-2 record over the past four seasons. In each of those years the team "crossing the border" has won. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. at Chesterfield High School.



Bearcat Athletic Support Foundation Meeting is Tonight

A meeting of the newly formed Bearcat Athletic Support Foundation (BASF) will meet this evening, Wednesday, September 10 at 6 p.m. in the Anson High School Media Center. This group will focus on student athletes grades K-12. There will be discussions on improving attendance at games and stirring up community support for student athletics.

All parents, guardians and community members are encouraged to attend. Bring a friend!

Would You Like to Volunteer to Help Set Up 9/11 Tribute at Courthouse?

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. will once again set up 2,996 American Flags at the Anson County Courthouse to commemorate the September 11, 2001 attacks. They are asking for volunteers to help with this task.

Setup will begin at 6 a.m. on Thursday morning, September 11 on the Courthouse lawn. Breakfast biscuits will be provided. The display will stand until Friday afternoon, September 12.

If you can help, please contact Brook Crider Ainsworth at 704-694-8809.

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