

Writer's Club Presents Book to the Library

Kaye Ratliff, left, president of the Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC), is pictured presenting a copy of *The Goose River Anthology*, 2019 to Hampton B. Allen Library supervisor Kit Brewer.

ACWC member Charles Kaska's award-winning short story, *The Assignation*, is included in the anthology published by Goose River Press in Waldoboro, Maine. Kaska's short story won first place in both the ACWC and Union County Writers' Club annual contests.



First Autonomous Air Taxi Demonstration in North America is a Success - Test Held in NC

More than 100 spectators, including Governor Roy Cooper and Transportation Secretary Jim Trogdon, gathered in Raleigh on Tuesday, January 7 to witness North America's first demonstration of an autonomous air taxi.

"Flight started in North Carolina over 100 years ago," said Trogdon, whose agency hosted Tuesday's demonstration. "So, it is appropriate the demonstration of this cutting-edge, disruptive technology takes place in North Carolina."

The autonomous aerial vehicle flew in front of a crowd gathered at the State Highway Patrol Facility/Aviation Hangar in Raleigh. Due to Federal Aviation Administration guidelines, Tuesday's demonstration flight was unmanned, but the EH 216 can carry two adult, non-pilots.

The autonomous aerial vehicle is designed to function as a taxi service delivering people on pre-programmed routes. The aircraft has been flown in other parts of the world, but it has never been demonstrated for the public in North America.

In 2019, the state helped launch the first-ever commercial drone delivery service, shipping medical samples and supplies at Raleigh's WakeMed Hospital. The N.C. Department of Transportation has won numerous awards in recent years for its groundbreaking use of drones to expedite the response and recovery efforts during Hurricane Florence.

The flight demonstration comes just before the 2020 North Carolina Transportation Summit, which brings together stakeholders to discuss transportation safety, funding and new and disruptive technologies. The summit is Wednesday and Thursday at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Reception for Brick House Dolls Creator Leslye Smith



The Anson County Arts Council invites the community to an Artist Reception on Sunday, January 26, from 2 to

4 p.m. for Leslye Smith, creator of Brick House Dolls. The reception will take place at the Drake Gallery in the Arts Council Office which

is located at 110 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro.
Inspired by the "brick house" public housing in which she grew up, and her sister's battle with Lupus, Leslye has crafted unique, beautiful dolls with some serious attitude! Come enjoy refreshments and meet Leslye and her dolls.

For more information call the Arts Council at 704-694-4950, email ansonart@windstream.net or visit the website ansoniatheatre.com.

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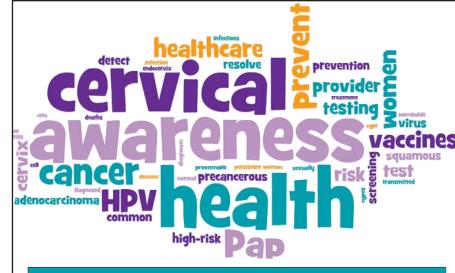
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