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Anson Schools Sports Update

Anson High School Wrestling

• Total Team record 5-8. Conference 1-3.
Lee Chambers 15-8;
Jackson Stinson 14-11;
Leigha Clark 10-7
(Pirate Duals 4th place);
Al Kessie 2nd place);
Etalia Ortega 7-8
(Pirate Duals 3rd place)
(currently injured);
Drekwon Owens 6-10;
Omarion McCune 6-11
(currently injured);
LaBrian Bowen 3-8;
Shavondra Tanner 3-7
(Pirate Duals 2nd place);
Javen Reyes-

Garcia 3-10; Angelica Crawford 3-2 (Roughedge Rumble 3rd place) (currently injured); Dejuan Leak 2-8; Elijah Maske 2-5; Kyla Chambers 1-3 (Pirate Duals 3rd place); IreAngel Crawford 0-2.

Upcoming Schedule: January 21 Anson @ W. Stanly 8a (this is our conference tournament with Monroe, Forest Hills, CATA, Parkwood, and W. Stanly).
Post-Season begins on January 29 with Team Duals.

2023 N.C. State Fair Junior Livestock Scholarships

Youth who participated in N.C. State Fair junior livestock competitions are eligible to apply for N.C. State Fair Junior Livestock Scholarships. The deadline to apply is March 1.

Up to 25 \$2,500 scholarships are available, in addition to one \$2,500 Farm Credit of N.C. Premier Scholarship. "Paying for college can be challenging especially with the rising costs on every day expenses, but scholarships awarded through this program have helped many families with those expenses," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Since the program started in 2015, we have awarded around \$350,000 in scholarships, which is a tremendous investment in young people. Thank you to all the buyers who helped make this program a success."

All youth who exhibited a livestock animal at the State Fair are eligible regardless of species, class or show placement. Scholarships are good for institutes of higher learning, including community colleges and technical schools. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 course hours.

The scholarship money is raised through the State Fair's annual Sale of Champions where grand and reserve grand champions, along with champion Got to Be NC animals are sold at auction. A percentage of the sale total goes into this youth livestock scholarship program.

High school seniors and college students will need to submit the completed application, including their State Fair junior livestock experience, a 500-word essay, academic achievements and extracurricular activities they are involved in. Youth are eligible to receive the scholarship a maximum of four times.

Applications can be downloaded at:

www.ncstatefair.org. Completed application packets should be returned to N.C. State Fair, Attn. Livestock Office, 1010 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1010. For questions, contact Neil Bowman at by email at:

neil.bowman@ncagr.gov. The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Animal Services is accepting grant applications for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Nonprofits and government agencies wishing to apply have until March 3 at 5 p.m.

Grace Senior Center Sweet Heart Drop In

Be sweet to your heart! Grace Senior Center invites all seniors on Tuesday, February 7 at 12 noon. Music will be provided by N2HIM. They are located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA. For information call 704-694-6616.



Jo Anne Bradley Wallace

On January 15, 2023, Jo Anne Bradley Wallace, 83, went to be with her Lord. She passed away peacefully at her home after a long fight with Parkinson's disease.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro with Pastor Heather McIntyre officiating. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service in the fellowship hall.

There will also be a visitation on Friday, January 20, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Appalachian Funeral Home, 165 Skyland Dr., Sylva, NC with a graveside service following at 1:30 p.m. at Old Savannah Baptist Church Cemetery, also in Sylva.

Jo Anne was born on December 31, 1939, in Sylva, NC to the late Albert Jackson Bradley and the late Irene Cabe Bradley Tatham Fisher. Jo Anne is survived by two sons, Steve Hugh Wallace and wife Mary, and Kirk David Wallace and wife Kristie, all of Norwood; five cherished grandchildren, Mary Catherine Chase Wallace McGee and husband Rob of Huntersville, Stephen Hugh Wallace, Jr. and wife Ellie of Norwood, Anna Christine Wallace of Charlotte, Abbey Caroline Wallace of Charlotte, and John David Wallace of Raleigh; and two beautiful great granddaughters Olivia James McGee and Blakely Grace Wallace. Her sister, Linda Nell Tatham Cummins of Sylva, also survives her. Her husband, Hugh Emmette Wallace, preceded her in death.

Jo Anne grew up in Sylva, located in the mountains of North Carolina. She lost her father to appendicitis when she was only three months old, but Jo Anne was blessed with a wonderful and loving extended family (grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins) and they were deeply a part of her daily life, creating cherished childhood memories. Her mother would later remarry Nelson Tatham. Jo Anne suffered from asthma as a child but that would not keep her from roller skating and playing with lifelong friend Alice Hart. As a youth she was a junior assistant pianist at her church, First Baptist Church of Sylva.

She graduated from Sylva High School where she won The Betty Crocker Cooking Award and went on to graduate from Wake Forest University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science. It was at Wake Forest University where she met the love of her life, Hugh, in the library. While in the library, Jo Anne was reading the comics in the newspaper, and Hugh asked her if he could see the business section. This brief encounter would later turn into a marriage that lasted fifty-seven years until Hugh's passing in 2018. They married in 1961 and began their life together in Lancaster, SC. There they started a family with the births of Steve and Kirk.

They moved to Wadesboro, NC in 1969 where they joined the First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro and would become lifelong members. Jo Anne loved the church and appreciated the love and support the congregation gave her, especially in her later years. Jo Anne was a teacher and taught at several schools in Anson County during her career. Most of those years were at the former Bowman High School where she enjoyed the fellowship of the other teachers. She valued all the friendships made during her career in teaching. She retired from Anson County Schools in 1993. Jo Anne was a member of several Bridge clubs and played regularly. In her retirement, she enjoyed many trips to the beach with Hugh where she loved collecting seashells.

Jo Anne loved her family and enjoyed baking Christmas cookies with her grandchildren. She made each one an apron to wear during the cookie baking and also made each one a needlepoint Christmas stocking. Jo Anne's body failed her in her later years but her mind was always sharp. Let us rejoice that she is now in heaven with a renewed body and is forever with Hugh once again.

The family would like to express sincere gratitude to the many caregivers that have cared for her over the years including Angela Hudson, Olivia Chambers, Nancy Hunsucker, Nellie Melton and especially Leslie Lett, and neighbors Linda and Dwight McCormick.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro, 208 South Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Old Savannah Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, Dan Buchanan, 186 Chigger Ridge, Sylva, NC 28779.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

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