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Lilesville Hosts 3rd Annual Catfish Stew Cookoff...and More!

Calling all catfish stew lovers! The Town of Lilesville is sponsoring their 3rd Annual Catfish Stew Cookoff on Saturday, March 16. Everyone is invited to either bring your best batch of stew for the contest, or bring your best appetite for the samplin'. It will be held at Hatcher Park from noon to 4 p.m. Judging will take place from 2 to 3 p.m.

But wait! There's more. New this year there will be vendor booths, special singing, giant slides, t-shirts and lots more fun for all ages. You want more? Well there will be the crowning of a Miss Catfish and Master Catfish that day. Girls ages 5 through 6th grade, you will be judged on the best colored picture of a catfish! Boys ages 5 through 6th grade, you will be judged on your essay on the best way to catch a catfish! Rules and entry forms are available at the Lilesville Town Hall. Prizes will be awarded and judging will be done by a select panel of judges.

There's no entry fee for the catfish stew contest and the winner earns \$250! Complete rules and entry forms are available at Scotty's Bait and Tackle, Lilesville Town Hall, Whit's Convenience (all 3 locations), Knott's Service Station, and the Old Store.

Lilesville Mayor Richard Harrington said, "We would like to invite all cooks who enjoy a challenge! Come join us and let's find out who is really the best, because we are going to crown a champion. Stew will be judged by a new select panel of judges."

Town Clerk Lynn Whitlock added, "If you're not cooking, you can join the fun and root for your favorite team. You can also try your hand at being a judge. For \$5 pick up a bowl and spoon and get a taste of each entry and compare your selection with that of the official judges."

Vendors, there are spaces available but they are limited, so reserve yours as soon as possible. The cost is only \$10. Sorry, no food vendors are allowed. Call 704-848-4711 or visit www.townoflilesville.org.

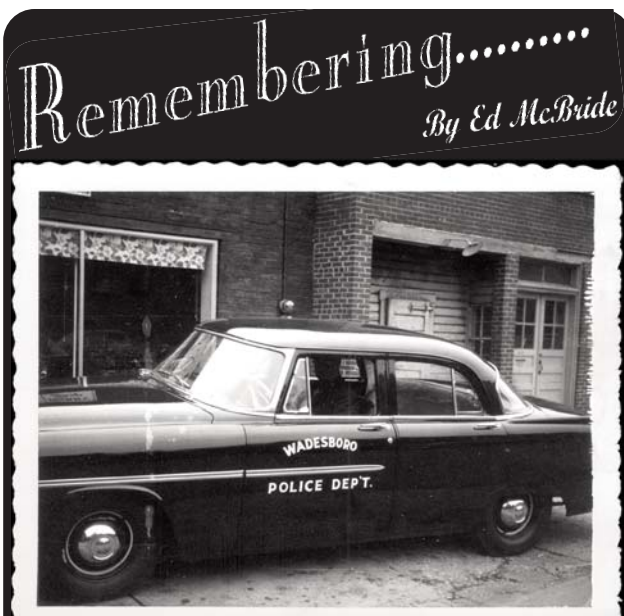
Pork BBQ Plate Sale for Class of 2003

There will be a pork BBQ plate sale on Saturday, March 9, sponsored by the Anson High School Class of 2003 and co-sponsored by the Link Chapter #564 OES PHA. The event will take place at the Masonic Hall Building in Lilesville from noon to 6 p.m. Plates are \$8.

The AHS Class of 2003 reunion planning is underway. For more information visit ahs03reunion.eventbrite.com.

Bowman Class of 1971 Gathering

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 will have their first 2013 Fellowship Gathering on Saturday, March 9th at the Hilltop Restaurant in Monroe at 2 p.m. This gathering is hosted by the Charlotte Group. All 1971 classmates are encouraged to attend.



**Remembering.....
By Ed McBride**

How Many Remember??

Not many are old enough to remember MY school days - they were a long time ago. I graduated in 1939 at Ansonville High School, which at the time was one of Anson County's best designed. (It has been torn down since then, replaced with....!!) Lucy Edwards Martin and I are the only 1939 class members left, all the others are now deceased.

Can you believe that the first "paying job" that I had was at the Wadesboro A&P grocery store? I worked on Saturdays, from 7:30 a.m. until sometime 1 to 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. And, my pay was \$2...less 2¢ for Social Security!!

One of my next jobs was a job for the Wadesboro Police Department - to letter a new Plymouth police car...with "orders" from Chief Smith, "Nothing but white plain letters, no trim or whatever." And, I did just that!!

Later, when I was in the Wade Radio Station call letters in their third floor studios in the Fox & Lyon Drug Store building (which used to be on the square, burned in January 1983).

Now, can you believe this is just a sampling...after only 76 years of sign painting!

I hope that I can share more in the near future that will interest you!

Citizens Law Enforcement Academy Now Taking Applications

Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen has announced the dates of the 11th Citizens Law Enforcement Academy. This 11th Academy will be held from March 7 to April 25, on Thursday nights, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office.

The first ten academies have graduated over 225 individuals. Participants will be exposed to many different aspects of law enforcement and the criminal justice system. They will hear presentations from the Sheriff, the District Attorney, Sheriff's Detectives, US Secret Service, the SBI, FBI, BATF and others. They will tour the Sheriff's Office, the County Jail, the Magistrate's Office, and the 911 Communication Center. They will see demonstrations of the Sheriff's K-9 teams, go to the firing range; see a SWAT Team demonstration and see the Sheriff's Patrol and Emergency Equipment. They will also participate in the Sheriff's "Ride-Along" Program.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have no criminal record and be in reasonably good health to take the walking tours (tours are optional). Interested individuals may now pick up applications at the Anson County Sheriff's Office during regular business hours or go to the Sheriff's web page at www.ansonsheriff.com and print off an application and bring it in or mail it to the Sheriff's Office. Applications must be completed and returned by March 1st. The class can accommodate twenty-five students.

Sheriff Allen said, "Applicants will be selected on a first serve bases. If you are interested in what we really do in law enforcement in Anson County this will be something you will enjoy immensely. The most frequent comment we get from previous students is 'I wish it wasn't over.' Everyone who has taken this class seemed to enjoy it and really appreciate what law enforcement does in Anson County."

Nominations Sought for Business Scholarship

Nominations are being sought for a \$750 scholarship offered by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association (NCEAPA) through March 15, 2013. The scholarship is available to North Carolina residents pursuing a college degree (Associates and/or Bachelors) in business or a business-related field of study. Applicants must be enrolled to attend classes at a college during the 2013-2014 school year.

The scholarship is awarded annually to honor the work and dedication of Edith Herter and Frances O'Neal, co-leaders in forming the NCEAPA in 1973.

Qualified applicants interested in applying for this scholarship can obtain an application packet from the financial aid office at their local community college or high school. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, Anson County, at 704-694-2915, or by visiting the Center at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.



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