

Arts Council Puts Spotlight On Stanley Marsh



This is a release from the Anson County Arts Council: Stanley Marsh was an enthusiastic volunteer at the Ansonia. He and his buddy Marshall Ray helped build sets and transform our stage from show to show. Stanley was a kind, gentle soul and was so proud of his community and his involvement in it.

The last set he built was for *A Christmas Story*, and part of it still remains for the current production of *All Shook Up*.

Stanley was a fighter, but lost his battle with cancer in February of this year. Stanley was named the first Ansonia Angel, and was recognized recently at the Ansonia Theatre Awards. His picture will be displayed in the lobby.

Stanley is gone but his legacy will live on.



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Kids and Mobile Phones

What age is appropriate for a kid to have a mobile phone? That's something for you and your family to decide. Consider your child's age, personality, and maturity, and your family's circumstances. Is your child responsible enough to follow rules set by you and the school?

When you decide your children are ready for a mobile phone, teach them to think about safety and responsibility.

Phones, Features, and Options

- Decide on options and features for your kid's phone. Your mobile phone company and the phone itself should give you some choices for privacy settings and child safety controls. Most carriers allow parents to turn off features, like web access, texting, or downloading. Some cell phones are made especially for children. They're designed to be easy to use, and have features like limited internet access, minute management, number privacy, and emergency buttons.

- Be smart about smart phones. Many phones offer web access and mobile apps. If your children are going to use a phone and you're concerned about what they might find online, you can choose a phone with limited internet access, or you can turn on web filtering.

- Get familiar with social mapping. Many mobile phones now have GPS technology installed: kids with these phones can pinpoint where their friends are — and be pinpointed by their friends. Advise your kids to use these features only with friends they know in person and trust, and not to broadcast their location to the world, 24-7. In addition, some carriers offer GPS services that let parents map their kid's location.

Develop Cell Phone Rules

- Explain what you expect. Talk to your kids about when and where it's appropriate to use their cell phones. You also may want to establish rules for responsible use. Do you allow calls or texting at the dinner table? Do you have rules about cell phone use at night? Should they give you their cell phones while they're doing homework, or when they're supposed to be sleeping?

- Don't stand for mobile bullying. Kids can use mobile phones to bully or harass others. Talk to your kids about treating others the same way they want to be treated. The manners and ethics you've taught them apply on phones, too.

- Set an example. It's illegal to drive while texting or surfing or talking on the phone without a hands-free device in many states, but it's dangerous everywhere. Set an example for your kids. Talk to them about the dangers and consequences of distracted driving.

- Mobile Sharing and Networking** Networking and sharing on-the-go can present unique opportunities and challenges. These tools can foster creativity and fun, but they could cause problems related to personal reputation and safety.

- Use care when sharing photos and videos. Most mobile phones now have camera and video capability, making it easy for teens to capture and share every moment. Encourage your teens to think about their privacy and that of others before they share photos and videos via cell phone. Get the okay of the photographer or the person in the shot before posting videos or photos. It could be embarrassing and even unsafe. It's easier to be smart upfront about what media they share at the outset than to do damage control later.

- Use good judgment with mobile social networking. Many social networking sites have a feature that allows users to check their profiles and post comments from their phones, allowing access from anywhere. Filters you've installed on your home computer won't limit what kids can do on a phone. If your teens are using a mobile phone, talk to them about using good sense when they're social networking from it.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Brings Attention to the Power of Disability Community

The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) is proud to recognize March as Developmental Disabilities (DD) Awareness Month to bring attention to the great work being done across the state that promotes inclusion and integration for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Every March, we observe National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to highlight the many ways in which people with and without disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities. This year, DD Awareness Month will cover three main areas: education, employment and community living.

"We are proud to recognize March as DD Awareness Month and bring attention to the incredible contributions across North Carolina of people with I/DD and their families," said Alex McArthur, chairperson of NCCDD.

Currently, NCCDD has funded 15 initiatives focused on community living, financial asset development and advocacy across the State — in line with its Five Year Plan.

The annual campaign seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with I/DD in all areas of community life, as well as awareness to the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting within the communities in which they live.

About North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities: The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) works to assure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in all areas of community life. The Council identifies problems facing its community through its five-year planning process and funds innovative projects and initiatives that promote the goals of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) for all North Carolinians.

Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every second Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 11 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. There is no cost, but you must be 55 or older to play. For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.

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