

## Anson High School Scholar Athletes Recognized for Fall and Winter Sports

Anytime a student excels in the classroom, that is a wonderful accomplishment. But couple that 3.5 weighted GPA (grade point average) together with athletics, and that accomplishment becomes even greater. Athletes spend countless hours practicing, traveling to games, playing games, etc. That time spent chisels away at the hours left to actually do homework, prepare projects, study for tests, etc.

There are a select group of Anson students who have managed their time well. These students have been named to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Scholar Athletes for Fall/Winter Sports for 2014.

Congratulations to the following student athletes for your accomplishments both in the classroom and on the field and/or court: Manuel Alonso, Tracey Brewer, James Buchanan, Marquez Davis, Brooke Edwards, D'Angelo Gatewood, Kendall Griffin, Jarred Griffith, Kelsey Harris, McKayla High, Abbey Hutchinson, Cassidy Johnson, Scott Kendall, Justice Leak, Brooklyn Ledbetter, Carey Maner, Rebeckah Pace, Chanel Pauldo, Jonathan Polk, Jalen Powe, Jamie Prouty, Myasya Richardson, Tavion Rorie, Triston Starling, Mallory Taylor, J'Quan Wall, Bradley White, Martavious Williams and Kacie Winfield.

In addition, congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball team for their TEAM recognition. Players must have a composite unweighted GPA of 3.1 or higher to qualify.

### Motorcycle & Car/Truck Show April 5

There will be a Motorcycle & Car/Truck Show & Ride in the parking lot at Burger King, Wadesboro. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. The motorcycle ride will begin at 11:45 a.m. The ride is sponsored by Playerz Elite Motorcycle Club.

For more information, please contact Vincine Sturdivant 704-848-4412 or William "Bugga" Sturdivant 910-206-3427.

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In case you missed me at the Breakfast event...

I will be holding an informal

### MEET & GREET AT FANNIES ALTERATIONS

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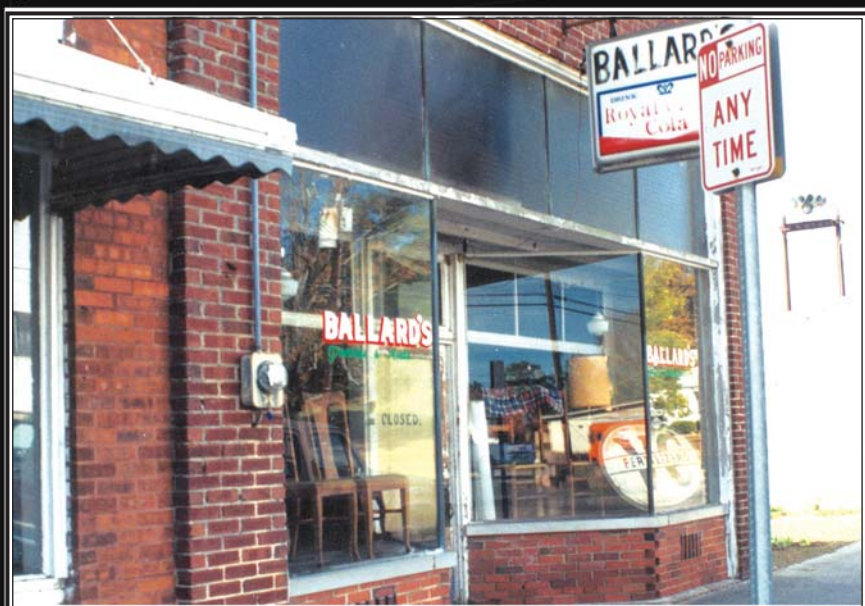
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# Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



## Ballard's Store

This one goes back many years, to 1940. There was a lot going on in Polkton - the shirt factory was across the street, Lum Harrington's grocery, George Preslar's grocery, Fred Horne's seed cleaners, Gene Godwin's pool room, and lots of activity around the depot. You see, at that time there were passenger trains going through...and stopping, too. Then there was Scarboro Lumber Company, T. R. Troutman's Gulf station, Henry Spears' Studebaker agency, and "Mrs. Ledbetter's" US Post Office - plus so much "other goings-on!!"

Tom Ballard (my uncle) came to Polkton in 1940, opening his business in one building, then later moving next door, where he operated for a number of years before purchasing that building. He was active until sickness, then later his death, caused the store's closing in 1981.

Ballard's Store was quite a unique business - selling not only groceries, but small hardware items, such as tools, pots, pans and the like, some dry goods, mens hats, horse/cow feed. In fact, it was a small "general store" with even Gulf kerosene for lamps, delivered by Mr. Dabbs, carried into the store in 5

gallon cans, two at a time, and poured into a hand-cranked pump tank - ready for the customer - whether a quart, a gallon or more!!

During the maneuvers, sometimes I could not get the door open fast enough! The G.I.'s were buying soft drinks, pork and beans, cookies, candy - anything, they said, would beat their "field rations!" They seemed amazed to see such an "assorted inventory" down south!!

Ballard's Store, of course, had the only telephone in Polkton (a pay phone). Many nights Uncle Tom was awakened to go call a doctor or other emergency needing a telephone - such as a death. What would today's population have done? Oh well - another time!

Remembering...so many good people, so many good things, so many who have lived and served, too.

About to forget - even though I lettered the front windows several times during the years, the above picture shows the last one that I did. I lettered both windows, the door too - and the Royal Crown Cola sign hanging over the sidewalk, I did that for Adam Hardison of Pee Dee Bottling Company...many "moons" ago!!

## Veterans, Tip the Scales in Your Favor!

### Exercise program called Move for veterans and their families

The Anson County Veteran Services Office is offering a new program of exercise called Move. The two hour classes will be held at the office every Wednesday beginning April 2 and running through May 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The classes are open to all veterans and their family members currently using VA health care, and to those veterans possessing a DD-214 and a valid photo ID.

Please call to confirm your attendance, 1-800-469-8262 ext 4958.

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## Parks and Recreation Spring Registration 2014

Anson County Parks and Recreation will be offering Tee Ball for ages: 4-6, Coach Pitch for ages 7-8, Micro Soccer for ages 3-4, Youth Soccer Grades for K-12, and Summer Youth Basketball.

You may come to Little Park to register Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline to register is Monday, March 31. Cost for programs is \$25. For more information call 704-694-5751.

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