

Letter to the Editor

Thank You to Emergency Responders

Dear Editor,

Since it is impossible to thank everyone personally, we would like to publicly thank everyone who responded, in any way, to our wreck on Sunday, March 16, 2014. It was a rainy day, but the response to the 911 call was outstanding. It is overwhelming to know that people who are volunteers, and the people on assigned duty, are willing to show such concern and caring - using their expertise, knowledge and abilities to help people in need.

When I, Margaret, heard Deputy Josh Beam say, "Mrs. Lowe, this is Josh, I'm going to pull you out and then get Mr. Lowe," it was such a comfort. Thankfully we were not hurt, but our car was a total loss.

We can never fully express our thanks and appreciation, but just know that we are deeply and forever grateful to everyone who came to our aid. Thank you, and God bless you and your families.

Love in Christ, Spencer and Margaret Lowe and family

CMC-Union to Host Free Community Health Talk on Breast Cancer June 12

Carolinas Medical Center-Union, part of Carolinas HealthCare System, is hosting a community health talk, titled "Understanding Genetics: Breast Cancer" on Thursday, June 12 at 6 p.m.

A breast cancer diagnosis - whether for yourself or a close relative - is frightening. Educating yourself about the genetics of the disease and how that plays into treatment options and possible prevention is key. Join Carolyn Menendez, MD, breast surgery specialist, in a conversation about breast cancer and genetics.

The event will be held in the Outpatient Pavilion Auditorium at CMC-Union. Seminars are free and light refreshments will be provided. For more information or to RSVP call 704-631-0938.

Healthy Living and Eating Seminar June 15

Pathway to Peace Ministries presents ANEWSTART, healthy living seminar and cooking class on Sunday, June 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. Learn how to cook plant-based foods that will heal you. Learn how to lose weight, have more energy, reduce cholesterol, reverse diabetes, lower blood pressure, and much more.

Interested? Come! Seminar and cooking class is FREE! It will be held at 11775 Highway 109 South in Peachland. For more information call 704-695-1441.

Storytime at the Library

Every Tuesday the public is invited to enjoy storytime at the Hampton B. Allen Library. The program begins at 10 a.m.

Enjoy this Remembering column from 2010

Remembering...
By Ed McBride



Television - Then and Now...

Can you believe that until July 15, 1949, there was no television in North Carolina?? Now - it is another story! In the early spring of 1949 I received an invitation/letter from Chapman & Wilhelm Company in Charlotte to attend a meeting concerning the new television station that was being built, soon to go "on air" with a test pattern. It would be the first television station in and serving North Carolina. Anson County and area surrounding Anson would really be on the "fringe receiving area." It was an exciting and challenging opportunity!

"In the beginning," after many trips to Charlotte for classes and information, we first saw a test pattern on July 15, 1949 - 61 years ago this July 15th - with limited programming coming later.

We received our first television set directly from the Stromberg-Carlson factory, installed it in the corner of our living room...and waited!! Coming home daily hoping to get a glimpse of testing going on, that day finally did come. We received a "skip signal" - a snowy picture that lasted about thirty minutes from station WKY AM/FM/TV in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - seen by several curious spectators like us!

Yes, I did write the station, receiving a nice reply from station manager P. A. Sugg telling about their station and programming schedule that had begun on June 4, 1949. I still have many notes and memories of "early television." I thought some of our "younger population" might like to hear about "our gadget things" - and that was not just yesterday!

I can even remember early telephones before the days of "these matchboxes." They were large oak cases hanging on the wall - wired in to the "central office!!" No dial up, just pick up and tell the operator!

The above picture is of our first television, the first one in Anson County to receive a signal, "leading the way for more technology" in a world eager for more, a world with so many changes and advancements that affect our lives.

Thanks so much to readers for your interest and comments - truly a "fur-piece" from our "wooden body" school buses, the 15¢ bag of eight o'clock coffee - even you cigarette smokers could buy a pack of Lucky Strikes, Camels, Chesterfields and the like for only 15¢ per pack!! - Oh well!! Ed

Uptown Wadesboro Brick Pavers Now Available

It's time once again for ordering your own brick pavers for the sidewalks of uptown Wadesboro. Is there someone or a particular organization you'd like to honor or recognize with a commemorative brick paver? You can honor an organization, a business, your high school graduating class, a special event or special person.

Please pick up an order form at the Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. office at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce in the Scarborough Building at 107 East Wade Street.

The pavers may be placed anywhere in the uptown area where unmarked bricks are located. You may wish to create a cluster of bricks related to your family members or group. Since the beginning of the brick paver program, hundreds of bricks have been placed in the uptown Wadesboro area.

The bricks are available in two sizes. The four inch brick accommodates three lines of print and costs \$50; the eight inch brick allows for six lines of print and costs \$100. For an additional \$100 you may add a company logo.

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