

Roy Gaddy to Perform at Fort Jackson

About two months ago Anson County's own Elvis Presley tribute artist Roy Gaddy received a call to do a very special show. He was asked to perform for the troops and law enforcement officers who were graduating from the Police Academy at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina on June 22. A birthday party is also scheduled at the same time. To add to the excitement, Gaddy was told that dignitaries from Washington, D.C., Texas Missouri and Oklahoma would also be in attendance.

Roy's "Tribute to the Troops" performance already has over 275 seats reserved, and calls are still coming in tickets. According to organizers this event will be packed out, and the biggest such event ever. According to Gaddy, "The Army will be there, as well as the Police Academy, the Marines, retired military personnel and their families. I am very excited about performing at this event. I have a caravan of fans going with me to the event, too."



Gaddy recently was honored and inducted into the "King's Hall of Fame" in the book entitled *Second Generation Kings*. The book included all of the top Elvis tribute entertainers across the United States. A large photo of Roy is displayed in the book along with a biography and his musical background. If you would like to order a copy of the book it is available at www.coffeetablepress.com.

Gaddy gives God the credit for his talent and all his accomplishments. "If it wasn't for the Lord I would be a complete failure. I am thankful that God has given me the ability to make so many people happy and give them a memory to cling to in this life," he said. "I am in no way Elvis! There was only one Elvis Presley. There will never be another. I enjoy paying tribute to Elvis' music, while meeting fans and other entertainers. But, most of all, I just like having fun making people happy."

Gaddy is honored to be great friends with Beach Music Hall of Famer and gold record recording artist Ed Dement of the O'Kaysions. They made the song *I'm a Girl Watcher* and other popular songs. Gaddy and Dement performed together for the residents of Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living Center on May 30th. "That was a special event," said Gaddy. The pair have performed together for several months, described as a big hit with audiences.

Roy has also performed with world champions David Lee and Keith Henderson. He describes Champion Michael Spalding, who portrays young Elvis and Michael Jackson, as a great friend.

Gaddy also performs with others who portray Johnny Cash, Neil Diamond, George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Patsy Cline and many more. This talented group of performers get together the second Tuesday of every month at Blue Bay Restaurant in Albemarle at 6 p.m. for the meeting of the Friends of Elvis Fan Club Meeting. The club is free and open to the public for this monthly gathering.

For Roy Gaddy's show dates, bookings and the Elvis Fan Club information call Betty or Mike at 704-426-0796.

Diabetic Support Group Meets

The Diabetic Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. The speaker will be Ms. Joanne Clark who is with the North Carolina Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP).

For more information contact Ruth Hildreth at 704-694-3979.

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Local Quilters Featured at Reception

Locally made quilts in a variety of colors, patterns and sizes will decorate the walls of Olde Mill Gallery for the Arts Council's June Artists Reception, where the creations of the quilting class at SPCC will be featured. Full size and queen size quilts, both handmade and machine-made, along with wall hangings and quilts in progress will be included in the exhibit.

The public is invited to this drop-in reception from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10. Stop by for ten minutes or stay the entire two hours, but don't miss this opportunity to view these beautiful creations by talented local residents. You can enjoy talking with the quilters while enjoying punch, wine and refreshments.

If you haven't yet visited the Olde Mill Gallery, located in the Lockhart-Taylor Center of SPCC at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro, the reception is the perfect time to see this jewel of the local art scene.

Also coming up soon, the Arts Council's annual summer Bach's Lunches offer a delicious lunch and homemade dessert accompanied by live entertainment. Scheduled from noon to 1 p.m., the June 20 lunch will feature the mellow tones of a barbershop quartet. Patriotic music will be performed at the July 18 lunch, and the August 15 lunch will feature a violinist and pianist. Tickets, available at the Arts Council or from any board member, are \$10, or all three lunches for \$25. Information at 704-694-4950.

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