

Parks & Rec US Whitewater Center Trips

Anson County Parks and Recreation is planning whitewater rafting trips to the US Whitewater Center in Charlotte on Tuesday, July 17 and Tuesday, August 7. The trips are for kids aged 10 years and older. The cost is \$55 per person, and transportation is included. Participants will leave from Little Park at 8:30 a.m. each day, and cars can be left at Little Park.

The deadline to register for the July trip is Friday, July 13. You can come by the Parks & Rec office to sign up. Call 704-694-5751 for more information.

Veterans Affairs Program to Provide Free Healthcare Information

Nurse educators from the rural health program at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury will be conducting the first class of a diabetes self-management course at the Anson County Veterans Service Office, located at 111 North Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro on Thursday, July 12. The diabetes course consists of six classes that progressively focus on diabetes self-management and last approximately 2 hours each. The classes will be held each Thursday, for the next six weeks, from 10 a.m. until noon. Additional time for one-on-one sessions will be provided at the end of each class. Future class dates are July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9 and August 16. The classes are free of charge.

All veterans currently receiving VA health care are encouraged to attend. Former and current military members and their family members are also invited to attend the classes. The team also provides assistance/education on registration and enrollment for VA health care.

For more information, contact the rural health program office, at 1-800-469-8262, ext. 4937/4642/4938, or visit www.salisbury.va.gov. Rural health outreach activities are posted at www.salisbury.va.gov/calendar. Veterans are encouraged to stay informed by visiting Facebook page facebook.com/VASalisbury.

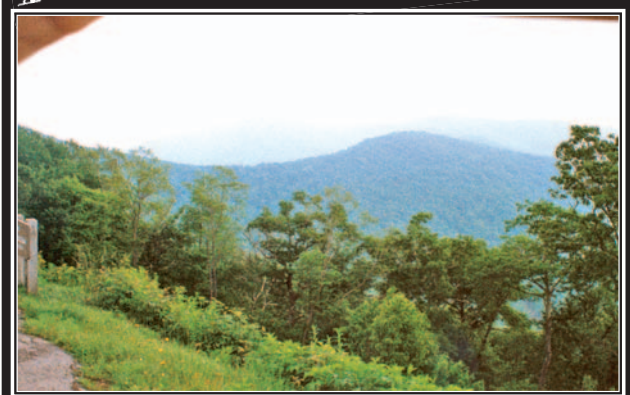
Veterans' State & Federal Benefits Seminar

The Anson County Veterans Service Office is sponsoring a meeting for all Anson County veterans and their spouses on August 1st in the Little Theatre at the Hampton B. Allen Library, from 6 until 8 p.m. The library is located at 120 Greene Street in Wadesboro. Topics shared will be state and federal benefits. Also special guests will share about the benefits of a county veterans' council.

Ted Ward, the Veterans and Spouses in Anson County, encourages all veterans and their spouses in Anson County to attend. This meeting will be very informative and enlightening to all present. Any questions contact Ted Ward at (704) 694-4418 or tward@co.anson.nc.us.

THE EXPRESS CLASSIFIEDS

Remembering..... By Ed McBride



Summertime: Warning!

We are now in our "summer mode." The latest reports today are that 100+ degree temperatures might be just around the corner. You know that is hot! Of course the cotton growers like that - it makes the cotton grow better!

The picture above is one that we made in 2001 near Lake Junaluska, where the temperature was considerably cooler than today's Anson temperature. This reminds me of days and years gone by when so many of the boys and girls would to Welika Lake to swim and cool off. I can remember when the real attraction was not only the water, but the very simple building that was there for the swimmers. Inside were packages of cheese crackers, peanuts, soft drinks, and even a piccolo which played 78 rpm records under the shelter. (A piccolo was a jukebox.) It only cost a nickel to play a song! Several people would even try to dance on the rough plank platform!

I haven't thought of this in quite a few moons - and really it has been about 75 years ago. Ed

Circles of Hope Thanks Leadership Anson

In a release from Stephen L. Shytle, Coordinator of Anson County Circles of Hope: When the Leadership Anson Class of 2012 held their graduation ceremony on June 12th, the non-profit organization known as Circles of Hope had no idea that they would be presented with a monetary donation from them.

Circles of Hope would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the Leadership Anson Class of 2012 for contributing so generously. Because the Leadership Anson Class of 2012 gave in such a prolific way, now even more can be done through Circles of Hope to empower families to end the cycle of poverty in their lives.

Circles of Hope is very grateful for the donation given by the Leadership Anson Class of 2012. However, the motivation behind their benevolent gesture is worth more to Circles of Hope than any monetary value. And here's why: because it means the Leadership Anson Class of 2012 felt strongly enough about the work Circles of Hope is doing in Anson County to organize a fundraiser that would generate funding for their cause.

Circles of Hope recognizes the incredible efforts the Leadership Anson Class of 2012 made to organize such a successful fundraiser. So thanks so much for supporting Circles of Hope and our efforts to improve the quality of life for hard working families in Anson County.

Anson Bank & Trust Announces New Mobile Deposit Capabilities

Anson Bank & Trust has announced a new mobile banking feature available in their mobile banking app that meets or exceeds the capabilities of the largest banks in the United States, the ability to deposit checks with their smartphone.

Anson Bank & Trust, along with Bank of Stanly and Cabarrus Bank & Trust, all local financial institutions, announced new capabilities for their mobile and online banking systems offered through Intuit Financial Services. Customers with the e-zBanking® app from these

banks on their smartphone currently enjoy access to account information, make transfers, receive alerts and pay bills. Their mobile banking convenience on iPhones and Android devices has now been enhanced by e-zMobile Deposit, a feature allowing customers to deposit checks without ever going to the bank - simply by taking a picture of the check.

"We are adding this tool to help simplify the financial lives of our customers," Dana Maness, President of Anson Bank & Trust said. "Our customers are amazed that this convenience is available from their local community bank when most of the largest banks and credit unions in the United States have yet to make Mobile Deposit Capture available across a broad spectrum of devices - if at all."

"Mobile Banking is the leading edge in bank technology today and promises to revolutionize the ease of doing business for bank clients," said Bill Lawhon, President of Bank of Stanly.

"Historically, the majority of customers tend to select their bank based on 'convenience.' Nothing is more convenient than banking from your phone, anywhere, anytime," said Pat Horton, President of Cabarrus Bank & Trust. "The convenience and speed of mobile access is becoming more important over time and banking is no exception."

The e-zBanking Mobile app is available via the iTunes App Store for the iPhone and the Google Play Store for Android devices. The app is available for Bank of Stanly, Cabarrus Bank & Trust and Anson Bank & Trust. The three banks also announced that e-zMobile Deposit will be available for the iPad tablet very soon.

Bank of Stanly, Cabarrus Bank & Trust and Anson Bank & Trust are all local community financial services companies serving the counties of Stanly, Cabarrus and Anson, NC, respectively. They offer a full range of financial solutions to their customers via a common technology provider, Uwharrie Capital Corp. Additional information about these banks can be found at their respective websites: www.AnsonBankandTrust.com; www.BankofStanly.com; and www.CabarrusBankandTrust.com.

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