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Parks and Recreation Offers Fall Girls Softball

Anson County Parks and Recreation is not accepting registration for their 2014 Fall Girls Softball. This program is for girls aged 4 to 18, with six possible age divisions. They are: SweetTees, 4-6yrs, Darlings, 7-8yrs, Angels, 9-10yrs, Ponytails, 11-12yrs, Belles, 13-15yrs, and Debs, 16-18yrs.

Home games will be held at Little Park in Wadesboro. Away games are in Stanly and Montgomery Counties.

Registration is open now, and runs until August 8. The cost is \$25 per person, and you must come to the office at Little Park to register. For more information call Wendell Small at 704-694-5868 or email ws-small@co.anson.nc.us.

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Burns Brothers Communications

Thinking back before cell phones and remembering the radio craze or whatever, so many who I knew just had to have at least one CB radio. Charles Burns was one of those who enjoyed the "CB lingo" so he and brother Herbert began Burns Brothers Communications - selling CB radios, scanners, etc. I lettered this new van in 1972 - that is Charles standing at the back. In later years Herbert retired, selling out to Charles, who expanded into household appliances - refrigerators, ranges, air conditioners, televisions, stereos and the like. Charles stayed in business until his death on September 14, 1990. Charles had something going with the 14th...he was born April 14th, married December 14th, and of course, died September 14th after serving his community well.



5k Run/Walk in Uptown Wadesboro, NC Saturday, July 26, 2014, 7:30 a.m.

Start line will be at Morgan Street and Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC (between First Presbyterian Church and First Methodist Church).

COST: Early Bird Registration, \$20.00 and Race Day Registration, \$25.00

REGISTRATION: Early Bird Registration ends on July 24, 2014, at 11:59 p.m. Registration will also be available on race day in the First Presbyterian Church Garden. Only those participants registered no later than July 17, 2014, are guaranteed to get a race T-shirt. All those registering after July 17, 2014, may be given a race T-shirt on a first-come first-served basis, while supplies last.

AWARDS: An awards ceremony will be in the First Presbyterian Church Garden and will be held at the conclusion of the 5K race (approximately 8:45 a.m.). Awards will be given to the top three overall finishers. Awards will also be given to the top three male and female finishers in the following age groups: 10 & under, 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and above.

WATER STOP: There will be 1 water stop on the course.

RACE TIMING: Vac and Dash Timing Team, Albemarle, NC www.vacanddash.com

BENEFICIARY: Proceeds from this race will go to the Anson High School/Anson Middle School Majorettes for various majorette equipment, costumes and possible performance/competition trips held in Florida!

PACKET PICK-UP: Saturday, July 26, 2014, beginning at 6:30 a.m. in the Garden of First Presbyterian Church.

MORE INFO: Contact Anne Hyatt at lahyatt@windstream.net or at 704-694-0593. If you would like to become a sponsor for this event, please email or call Anne!

Strollers are welcome!

NC Unemployment Debt Possibly Paid Off in One Year

Recently it was announced that the debt North Carolina owed to the federal government to pay unemployment benefits had dropped from nearly \$2.6 billion to \$980 million. Now, the Division of Employment Security says they are hoping to pay that debt off early, perhaps as soon as August 2015. Initially it was estimated the debt would be paid off by November 2015.

"The quicker this debt is paid off, the quicker we can lower the taxes and level the playing field for North Carolina employers," said Department of Commerce Assistant Secretary of Employment Security Dale Folwell.

Since 2011, North Carolina has had to pay interest on this debt. With a projected interest payment of \$37 million on September 30 of this year, North Carolina's employers will have paid nearly \$262 million in interest payments alone over the past four years.

Once the debt is paid off, North Carolina employers will begin receiving their full Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) credit like employers in 40 other states. North Carolina is in its fifth consecutive year with an outstanding debt. After the second year of borrowing, employers began losing 0.3% of that credit each year the state borrowed from the federal government.

The debt being paid off will give North Carolina employers the certainty that the FUTA taxes they owe for calendar year 2015 will drop by nearly \$300 million from what they will owe for calendar year 2014.

"Our first goal is to pay off the debt, then we need to build the surplus," said Folwell. "Both of these have an impact on taxes paid by employers. This not only gives employers certainty about the cost of doing business in North Carolina but also will help in recruiting and retaining jobs. Businesses don't want to come to a state to help pay off a debt someone else created. By getting rid of this debt and building a surplus, employers will want to come to North Carolina and create jobs. This will drive unemployment even lower."

Letter to the Editor

In Appreciation of the Ansonia Theatre

Dear Editor,
The people of Anson County have a wonderful gem sitting right here in the middle of town! It is the Ansonia Theatre.

We have attended many of the productions that have been produced there since it opened, but Saturday night may have been one of the best. The production was a show by Broadway musical star David Burnham and his very talented piano accompanist. I was pinching myself as I listened to this extraordinarily talented young man. I was sitting in Wadesboro, NC listening to music that you would pay a small fortune to hear in New York City, and it cost \$15!

I urge the residents of Anson County to please take advantage of this gift in our community. Many of the productions that are held here are absolutely free and there are others to which the fee is minimal. The Anson County Arts Council has no paid executive director. Everything that occurs at the theatre is because of volunteers who give their time and talent to making the theatre a valuable addition to our community. They deserve many kudos.

Thank you Anson County Arts Council volunteers and board members for making this already grand community a little richer.
Penny Mills, Wadesboro

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