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## Upcoming Events at the Ansonia Theatre

**August 16** Gospel Sing, 7:30  
**August 24** In One Era and Out the Other, 3:00  
**September 6** The Sammie's, 7:30  
**November 7 - 9** Steel Magnolias, 7:30 (Sunday, 3pm)  
**November 14 - 16** Steel Magnolias, 7:30 (Sunday, 3pm)  
**December 13** Sweet Potato Pie, 7:30

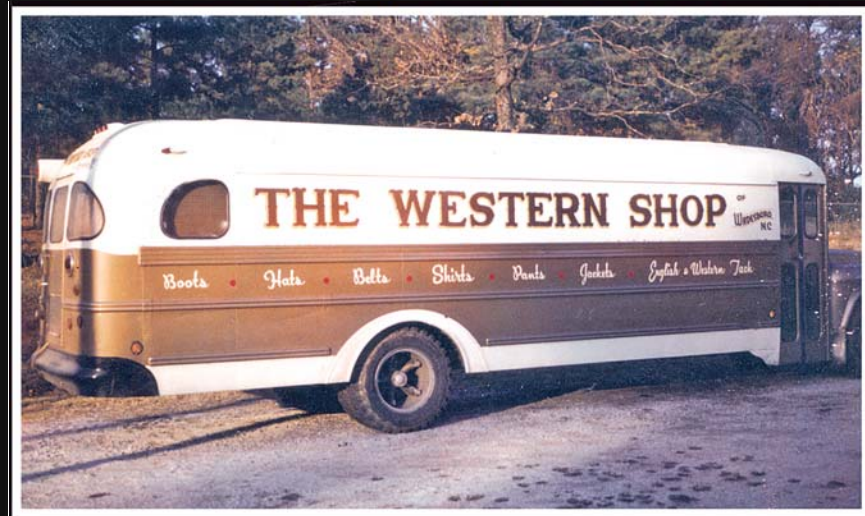
## 50+ Club Program Entitled Pride of Home

The Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ Club will meet on Monday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The program will be presented by Dr. Leon Smith and David Napier. The theme of the program is *Pride of Home*. Leon has composed a group of songs with titles like *No Finer Tongue*, *Pee Dee Club Soda Blues* and *I Remember* to name a few. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend for this very special program.

For more information call 704-694-5177.

# Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



## The Western Shop of Wadesboro, Inc.

This one goes back a few years, back when Larry Griggs was "much younger." I lettered the above vehicle for him on November 27, 1970. The unit traveled the area to the horse sales, usually every Monday, and to the various horse shows on weekends.

The inventory included boots, hats, belts, pants, jackets, english and western tack, plus many associated items. The main store was located at the Plaza Mini Mart.

The first driver was none

other than Chester Rogers, followed next by Star Parker - whose mother Jewel rode with her much of the time. (And she still works!) Jewel still remembers "those days."

This and so many other unique and unusual business ventures that have served our area in the years gone by - made me think of the "First Annual Horse Race" (Anson County) that was chartered February 1947 - which is another story all its own!!

## Help for Kids who Stutter is as Close as the Library

Kids who stutter have a lot to say, and friends can show them how in *Stuttering: For Kids By Kids*, a DVD starring kids who stutter, available at most public libraries. Many children who stutter have never met anyone else who struggles with the same disability. But in this DVD from the Stuttering Foundation, they meet other kids who recount how they handle challenges such as teasing, speaking out in class, and teaching others about stuttering.

Swish, a lively and engaging animated basketball character designed by students at Purdue University, narrates the DVD. The children, who range in age from first-graders to high school students, offer frank and sometimes differing views of stuttering. For example, Matthew, age 10, says about his speech difficulties, "It's no big deal;" but Kate, age 9, worries about talking, what is going to happen next and whether or not she'll stutter. Arianne, age 14, says, "The hardest part about stuttering is to get through it and to stay in there when you're stuck." Umang, age 12, agrees, "Sometimes it gets kind of annoying when you want to say something and you can't. I also get worried what other people might think if I do stutter and wonder if I'll be able to get out of my blocks and things."

"All those interested in helping kids learn more about stuttering will want to see this tape," said speech-language pathologist Bill Murphy of Purdue University. "The children featured are a perfect example of how to openly and honestly handle stuttering." "This is an important tool for families and teachers of kids who stutter," added Jane Fraser, president of the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation.

Other professionals and specialists in stuttering taking part in this production include Kristin A. Chmela, Northwestern University, Joe Donaher, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Lisa Scott of Florida State University and Lee Caggiano of the support group for children, Friends.

Several books and DVDs produced by the 66-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation are available free to any public library. A library that will shelve them can contact the Foundation at 800-992-9392 or e-mail [info@stutteringhelp.org](mailto:info@stutteringhelp.org).

International Stuttering Awareness Day is October 22nd.

## You Can Help Report Wild Turkey Observations

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is seeking public assistance in reporting observations of wild turkeys this summer. From July 1 through Aug. 31, wild turkey sightings by volunteers and Wildlife Commission staff can be recorded and entered into an online database. The information gives an indication of annual wild turkey productivity, gobbler carryover and other population trends - all of which help the Commission manage the state's turkey population.

To participate, volunteers should use the online survey link on the Wildlife Commission's website, [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) or directly at [ncwildlife.org/summerturkeysurvey](http://ncwildlife.org/summerturkeysurvey).

Before the 1970s, wild turkeys were scarce in North Carolina, with only about 2,000 birds statewide. Today, there are more than 260,000 birds from the mountains to the coast, and wild turkeys are one of North Carolina's most popular game animals.

Survey summaries are made available on the Wildlife Commission's wild turkey webpage, while turkey hunting results in North Carolina may be found online at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

"Individual surveys are reported either through an online portal or a survey postcard," said Ryan Myers, a surveys and research analyst with the Commission. "We ask volunteers to provide accurate counts of all turkeys observed."

After new volunteers submit observations, the Commission will automatically send a survey postcard the following year to provide an opportunity to participate again. Previous volunteer observers include members of the National Wild Turkey Federation - a valued partner of the Wildlife Commission in the reintroduction of the wild turkey in North Carolina.

For more information or to participate in the wild turkey summer observation survey, contact Myers at 919-218-3376 or email [ryan.myers@ncwildlife.org](mailto:ryan.myers@ncwildlife.org).

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