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**Anson Athletic Billboard Seeks Sponsorships**

If you follow Anson High School athletics then you've most certainly noticed the huge Athletic Board, situated between the ball fields and student parking lot. Recently the board received a major overhaul, which included total sanding and painting, donated by Mr. Addison Moore and his staff.

The Anson Athletic Board is used as a fundraiser and is in search of new 2013-2014 sponsors. The money raised will help provide essentials for athletics and will show community support in their efforts. Businesses can use this board as a means of advertising by purchasing space for \$250 per year.

Since there is no Booster Club in Anson County it makes raising the necessary funds to support Anson Athletics even more difficult. If you are interested in showing your of support, please contact Mrs. Terry Mabry, Anson County Athletic Director, at 704-475-0728 to reserve your space.

"We truly need your help to make our athletic programs run smoother and more efficiently...and they will with your financial assistance," said Mabry. "I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. Anson County always comes through for us." *By Melanie Lyon*

**Ansonia Theatre Seeks Sponsors for First Season.**

Drama, comedy, dance and music have filled the Ansonia Theatre in the year and a half since the renovated performance venue opened. This year the Anson County Arts Council (ACAC) and the Ansonia Theatre Committee are proud to announce a 2013-14 season of four major events that will allow for season tickets/preferred seating to be purchased for the first time. There will also be additional "special" events offered at the theatre. Expect a detailed listing of upcoming events and info on the season tickets to be released soon.

In addition, there will be an opportunity for community support. A Patron Package with multiple levels of support and a variety of advertising and recognition possibilities has been developed. This support is needed to ensure high quality programming and reasonable prices. It will also allow for an occasional desirable program that may not show a profit.

The ACAC is asking for this help to come from Anson County and surrounding areas as well since the programs have been planned to include attendees/participants from the entire region. If you are interested in being one of the supporters for this groundbreaking season, please call or come by the Arts Council. The telephone number is 704-694-4950.

**Obituaries**

**Mrs. Carolyn Lang Vaughn**

Mrs. Carolyn Lang Vaughn, 62, died Thursday, September 5, 2013, at the Brian Center in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 8, 2013, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Carolyn was born July 6,

1951, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Lonnie Henry Lang and the late Ruby Lee Brower Lang. She had worked for many years at Little Cotton Manufacturing, and later drove a school bus for Anson County Schools. She was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband Roger Vaughn of the home; her children, Michael Vaughn of Wadesboro, Vickie Vaughn Newsome of Cheraw and Steven Vaughn of

Morven; her grandchildren, Brittany, Bethany and Zane Vaughn and Charles Thompson, III; and her brothers and sister, Philip Lang of Cheraw, Scott Lang of Wadesboro and Gale Lang Teal of Hartville, SC. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother and sister, L.H. Lang, Jr. and Tammy Lang.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at

leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

**Infant Benjamin Riley Weil**

Infant Benjamin Riley Weil, passed away Thursday, September 5, 2013.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 9, 2013, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Whitley officiating.

Benjamin is survived by his loving parents, Travis Darb

and Melinda "Sissy" Hildreth Weil of Wadesboro; his brother, Rolan Weil; paternal grandparents, Carl and Melissa Hildreth of Wadesboro; maternal grandparents, Daniel and Michelle Weil of Wadesboro; and uncles, Adam Hildreth, Avery Hildreth, Carl Hildreth, Jr. and Damien Weil.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

**Will You Be A Match? Will You Save A Life?**

One benefit of living in a small town is very often considered a drawback - everyone knows everything about everybody! "I have so many people who are praying for me, cheering for me and offering their support to me, when others have no one to care or no one to support them. That's a huge advantage of living in Anson County, my small hometown," shared Elizabeth Goins.

Elizabeth was diagnosed with Leukemia in August of 2012, the same disease which took her father's life in 1996. Since her diagnosis she has received chemotherapy and was in remission for a few months before receiving the news that the leukemia had returned. The next step would be a bone marrow transplant, or rather to find a match for the transplant. So, the journey began as most do, with family members. Elizabeth's sister Caroline was a match and happily so. Family, friends, and the entire community were taken aback when word came that Caroline, even though a match, could not help by donating to her sister for she too has the same genetic mutation.

So it was back to the drawing board. Elizabeth signed onto the Bone Marrow Registry. Initially the registry did not find her a match, so Elizabeth continued her chemotherapy while she waited two long months. "She has probably experienced every side effect there is," confided Caroline Goins. "In July she spent more time in the hospital than out, and during those two months we waited with no match. It was difficult to say the least. As her older sister I want to protect her, but I was left with an enormous feeling of helplessness and there was nothing I could do."

Thankfully a cord match, from umbilical cord blood, has been found and Elizabeth will receive her transplant at the beginning of October. She is grateful to be headed to Duke for the procedure in the next few weeks. But, Elizabeth wants all of us to realize the importance of joining the Bone Marrow Registry. "If it weren't for a complete stranger I still wouldn't have a match. Remember that those who are affected are mothers and fathers, husbands and wives and yes, children who need help," reminded Elizabeth.

For that reason Mrs. Bonnie Morgan and the Anson Women's League will be sponsoring a Bone Marrow Registry drive on Saturday, September 21, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Anson High School Cafeteria. The school is located at 96 Anson High School Road (off Highway 74, across from Wal-Mart), so if you are perhaps from out of town just program your GPS and all roads will lead you to Anson High School on September 21! Those of you from Anson County certainly know where the school is and should put this registry on your list of things to do. The procedure is as simple as ABC and 123 - in about fifteen minutes you will fill out a quick questionnaire and have the inside of your mouth swabbed with a q-tip for a DNA sample. That's it! There are no needles and there is no pain. Feel free to contact Bonnie Morgan at 704-695-5373 or at [bonnie.morgan@windstream.net](mailto:bonnie.morgan@windstream.net) for further information.

Truthfully, no one knows if or when something like this could happen to us or someone we love. Elizabeth was shopping for her wedding gown on the day she, her mother and sister noticed that something was terribly wrong. She was 22 at the time, with an approaching college graduation, wedding and normal life ahead of her. Instead she encountered a hurdle in her path and an obstacle course to maneuver rather than the smooth path to her future. It could happen to you, to me, to any one of us. Will you be a match? Will you save a life? Will you attend the bone marrow registry drive on September 21? If you do, you could be a lifesaver for someone you know or someone you've never even met. It's about saving lives and our ability to do that with such ease. Think about it. Think seriously about it. Wouldn't you want someone to do the same for you? I know I would and am planning to join the registry myself.

Elizabeth is an inspiration with an amazing outlook. She is not worried about herself, but rather the countless others who face this disease. Elizabeth's belief is a simple one. "Trust in God. You have to let go and let God," she says. Her sister Caroline adds, "That's where we draw our strength, and my little sister has enough strength for us all." *By Melanie Lyon*

**Sen. McLaurin Votes to Override Governor's Vetoes, Receives Interim Committee Appointments**

The NC Senate voted on September 4 to override the Governor's vetoes of House Bill 786-Reclaim NC Act and House 392 - Drug Screen Applicants for Public Assistance. Having previously voted 'Aye' on both bills, Senator Gene McLaurin (Anson-D) voted to override the Governor's vetoes.

Senator McLaurin commented on House Bill 786, a bill directing the Department of Public Safety to study measures for addressing the problem of illegal immigration and to clarify which employers are subject to the state's E-Verify laws, saying, "It was clear to me after hearing from numerous farmers in the district, as well as Agriculture Commissioner Troxler, members of the NC Farm Bureau, NC Grange, and many other agricultural organizations, that this bill should become law. Farmers came to us and asked for help, and I was pleased to offer my support."

The second bill, House Bill 392 will require drug tests for applicants of certain public assistance programs. Senator McLaurin said, "I supported this bill because, like many private sector employees, am subject to a random drug test in my job. Anyone today who happens to be on public assistance and is seeking work needs to understand that many jobs today require such testing as a condition of employment. If someone is abusing the system and taking advantage of taxpayers, then I feel like we should know about it and be in a position to deny benefits."

While in Raleigh, Sen. McLaurin was appointed by Senator Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore to the following interim committees: Joint Legislative Energy Policy Committee, Joint Legislative Workforce Development System Reform Committee, Environmental Review Committee, and Joint Legislative Economic Development Committee. "I look forward to working with my Senate colleagues to provide oversight, create jobs, and sustain long term economic growth for our rural district and for our great state."

Senator McLaurin, a small businessman and former Rockingham Mayor, is serving his first term in the NC Senate (District 25) for Anson, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland and Stanly Counties.

**East Polkton Alumni Casino Trip**

The East Polkton Alumni are sponsoring a one day trip to the Harrahs Casino in Cherokee, NC on Saturday, September 14. The trip costs \$50, and you will get back \$20 in free play.

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