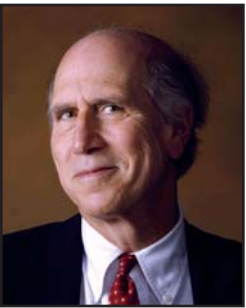


The Anson County Writers' Club will sponsor a workshop on narrative poetry, led by author and poet Joseph Bathanti, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 16 at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall in Wadesboro.



Joseph Bathanti

The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. The workshop will focus on writing longer poems that tell stories using classic conventions of fiction, dialogue, plot, conflict, characterization, setting, etc., while still relying on key elements of poetry. "We will strive to balance the imaged-charged voltage of poetry with traditionally discursive narrative strategies of fiction and creative non-fiction," Bathanti said. "We will focus on the occasion of the poem, and the dramatic situation that inspired it." Participants will be provided with examples of narrative poems aimed at triggering the narrative impulse.

Bathanti is professor of English and McFarlane Family Distinguished Professor of Interdisciplinary Education and writer-in-residence at Appalachian State University's Watauga Residential College. He is a former Poet Laureate of North Carolina and recently received the Lee Smith Award from Lincoln Memorial University.

For a complete bio and list of Bathanti's works please visit www.ansoncountywritersclub.org/bathantibio.html. For more information, call Kaye Ratliff at 704-694-5431 or Sandy Bruney at 704-694-5211.

The registration fee may be paid at the door the day of the workshop. However, seats are limited so participants are urged to register by calling 704-694-5211 or email info@ansoncountywritersclub.org. Please note any dietary restrictions at this time.

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Ballard's Store

This one goes back many years, to 1940. There was a lot going on in Polkton - the shirt factory was across the street, Lum Harrington's grocery, George Preslar's grocery, Fred Horne's seed cleaners, Gene Godwin's pool room, and lots of activity around the depot. You see, at that time there were passenger trains going through...and stopping, too. Then there was Scarboro Lumber Company, T. R. Troutman's Gulf station, Henry Spears' Studebaker agency, and "Mrs. Ledbetter's" US Post Office - plus so much "other goings-on!"

Tom Ballard (my uncle) came to Polkton in 1940, opening his business in one building, then later moving next door, where he operated for a number of years before purchasing that building. He was active until sickness, then later his death, caused the store's closing in 1981.

Ballard's Store was quite a unique business - selling not only groceries, but small hardware items, such as tools, pots, pans and the like, some dry goods, mens hats, horse/cow feed. In fact, it was a small "general store" with even Gulf kerosene for lamps, delivered by Mr. Dabbs, carried into the store in 5

gallon cans, two at a time, and poured into a hand-cranked pump tank - ready for the customer - whether a quart, a gallon or more!! During the maneuvers, sometimes I could not get the door open fast enough! The G.I.'s were buying soft drinks, pork and beans, cookies, candy - anything, they said, would beat their "field rations!" They seemed amazed to see such an "assorted inventory" down south!!

Ballard's Store, of course, had the only telephone in Polkton (a pay phone). Many nights Uncle Tom was awakened to go call a doctor or other emergency needing a telephone - such as a death. What would today's population have done? Oh well - another time!

Remembering...so many good people, so many good things, so many who have lived and served, too. About to forget - even though I lettered the front windows several times during the years, the above picture shows the last one that I did. I lettered both windows, the door too - and the Royal Crown Cola sign hanging over the sidewalk, I did that for Adam Hardison of Pee Dee Bottling Company...many "moons" ago!!

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EDUCATION 1955 graduate of Graham High School, Alamance County
 •1959 graduate of East Carolina University, Bachelor of Science
 •1964 graduate of East Carolina University, Master's Degree
 •1976 certified in vocational education by N.C. State University

PERSONAL Married to Norma East Thacker, retired elementary teacher
 • Two sons, Thomas and Todd Thacker
 • Deacon, First Baptist Church, Wadesboro for 40 years
 • Conference Basketball Coach of the Year in 1969, 1972 and 1982
 • Coached Little League baseball and youth basketball
 • Organized first Job Fair at Anson Senior High School
 • Presenter, State Tech Prep Conference 1990 and 1991

PROFESSIONAL 38 years in public education, including 34 years in the Anson County School System as a teacher, assistant principal, athletic director, head basketball coach, head football coach, baseball coach, coordinator of the Industrial Cooperative Training Program and the coordinator of the Industry Education Program.
 • Volunteer assistant basketball coach at Pfeiffer College where team qualified for NAIA National Championships in Kansas City
 • Volunteer assistant basketball coach at Wingate University
 • Head golf coach at Wingate University

PUBLIC SERVICE 1993-2002, Anson County Commissioner, District 6
 • Twice former Chair, Anson County Board of Commissioners
 • NC Association of County Commissioners Board of Directors
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 • Served on NCACC Risk Management Pool Board of Trustees
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- Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food.
- Arrive between 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to be sure you can receive food.
- If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445.
- You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

Interested in volunteering for the Mobile Food Pantry? Email tschumpert@wncumc.net. The goal of the Mobile Food Pantry is to feed the hungry and serve those in need.

If you are in need before or after the distribution of food date, please contact Anson Crisis Ministry at (704) 694-2445 or Union County Crisis Assistance at (704) 225-0440.

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