THE EXPRESS • January 11, 2011 • Page 6 Mobile Veterinary Services Now Available

Mobile Veterinary services, vanguard in other parts of the country, are now available to you right here. Pampered Pets Mobile Veterinary Services is up and running and can visit your pets right in the comfort of your home. Talk about hassle free pet care, this could be just the ticket for many rea-If you are a multiple pet owner, are elderly, sons. handicapped...or if you have pets who just do not particularly "purr" when it comes to their visits to the vet, then consider seeing Leigha B. Williams Burr, DVM.



Pampered Pets Mobile Veterinary Services can provide non-emergency services, not to include surgical services. Services are available by appointment only and include small animal house calls and a variety of outpatient services including minor surgeries. Dr. Burr can visit on weekdays or weekends, days or nights. And, the rates are very reasonable!

Call 704-465-2307 and leave a message to set up an appointment for your pet. Or call for more information. By Melanie Lyon

Erin Kelley Wins Ansonville Elementary Spelling Bee

In a release from Ansonville Elementary School: Ansonville Elementary would like to recognize and congratulate their 2011-2012 School Spelling Bee Champion, Ms. Erin Kelley. Erin is



a sixth grader. She is the niece of Mrs. Sara Holder. Her favorite hobby is reading books, and she is also a member of AES's Battle of Books the Team.

Erin will be participating in the district-wide Spelling Bee at Wadesboro Primary on Thurs-January day, 26 at 3:30 p.m. We wish you the best of luck and we're behind you 100%.

Safe Kids NC Warns of Battery Ingestion Dangers

"The Battery Controlled" program aims to save children's lives by raising awareness

Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Wayne Goodwin today announced a critical partnership between the 36 coalitions of Safe Kids North Carolina, Safe Kids USA and Energizer to educate parents, caregivers, local safety advocates and the medical community about the potential risks of coin-sized, lithium batteries.

"As we approach the holidays, many families will be bringing more electronic gadgets into their homes, and they can bring danger in the form of the coin-sized batteries that power them," said Goodwin, chair of Safe Kids North Carolina. "By spreading the word about the danger these batteries pose to our children. North Carolinians can help save lives and prevent injuries.

Coin-sized button batteries can lodge in children's throats, where saliva triggers an electrical current that can burn the esophagus in as little as two hours. In some cases, children have died from their injuries. The number of cases where children have been seriously hurt or have died has more than quadrupled in the past five years (2006-2010) compared to the five years prior (2001-2005). In 2010 alone, there were more than 3,400 swallowing cases reported in the United States, according to the National Capital Poison Center.

The formation of "The Battery Controlled" program by Safe Kids USA and Energizer shines a light on this growing issue and provides easy steps that parents and caregivers can take to prevent injuries and death to children.

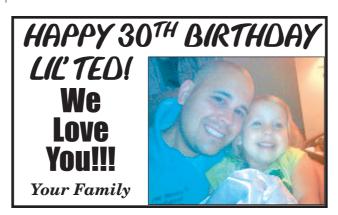
Where the Risk Hides: Coin-sized button batteries, approximately the size of a nickel, are found in everyday devices, such as:

- Mini remote control devices that unlock car doors and control MP3 speakers
- Calculators
- Bathroom scales
- Reading lights
- Flameless candles
- Talking and singing books and greeting cards
- Preventive Steps for Parents and Caregivers
- Examine each device and make sure the battery compartment is secure.
- Keep coin-sized button batteries and devices out of sight and out of reach.
- · Go to the emergency room immediately if swallowing is suspected
- Call the National Battery Ingestion Hotline at 202-625-3333 for additional treatment information.
- Tell others about this threat and share these steps
- Videos, tip sheets and more information can be found at www.thebatterycontrolled.com.

Safe Kids North Carolina reaches out to parents, caregivers and children to prevent childhood injuries through 36 Safe Kids coalitions serving more than 64 counties. For more information, visit www.ncsafekids.org.

BRLC Free Food Pantry Every Wednesday

Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center holds their Emergency Food Pantry outreach every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are available to serve families. For more information call the Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center at 704-826-8182 or 826-8737.





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