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Last seen near Pee Dee Orchards Packhouse at Highway 74 and Highway 145 intersection.

Fun Planned for 2015 Barn Blast on January 30

The Anson County Partnership for Children will host its 9th annual Barn Blast fundraising event on Friday, January 30 at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. The 2015 Barn Blast is proudly presented by Poisson, Poisson and Bower, LLC and Uwharrie Bank.

Barn Blast guests will feel lucky when they play the popular Barn Blast games of Heads or Tails, Bonanza and Lucky Ducky. Everyone is a winner when they buy a Lucky Ducky and take it to the Lucky Ducky Store to claim their prizes. Each Lucky Ducky buyer is also entered into a drawing for a fabulous grand prize. The more Lucky Duckies the guest buys, the greater the chance of winning the grand prize.

There will also be new Barn Blast crowd pleasers including Champagne Toasts during the Live Auction and the Blue Line Raffle. Game winners will receive valuable prizes including jewelry, out of state travel and a week vacation at a NC mountain condo.

Excitement has been building in the community as pictures of Barn Blast auction items are posted on the Anson County Partnership for Children's Facebook page. The auction items include handcrafted wooden bowls, pottery, wreaths, quilts; tickets for whitewater rafting, zoos, and other adventures; hair and beauty baskets from local stylists and gift certificates to local restaurants.

Barn Blast guests will need to hold onto their cowboy hats when the Live Auction begins! This fast-paced auction will offer exciting new items as well as annual favorites such as Cynthia Little's handcrafted quilt. This year, Cynthia's quilt features the brilliant colors and designs from the classic children's book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle.

If the weather is too cold in Anson, guests can purchase the Florida Vacation Package which includes 2 nights at the Coco Cay Hotel and Water Resort and tickets to Disney World. Other destination packages include a Tennessee package with lodging, restaurant gift certificates and tickets to attractions and a Charlotte package with overnight at the Hilton, restaurant gift certificate and attractions.

For the first time, a very lucky guest will go home in style with a new black leather Coach purse on her arm. Two professionally-framed, signed and numbered prints by Bob Timberlake entitled "Studio Moon" and "Boone Winter" will also be available to the top bidders.

Sponsor A Child for Morgan at the Barn Blast will celebrate the life of Morgan Lastowski, granddaughter of Partnership employee Bonnie Morgan, who passed away in 2013 at age 2 1/2. Guests will sponsor children in Anson County to receive Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books which are mailed to their homes each month. More than 1,100 children in Anson County are currently registered to receive these books at a cost to the Partnership of \$25 per child. Anyone can Sponsor a Child for Morgan by contacting the Anson County Partnership for Children.

2015 Barn Blast sponsorships and auction items are still accepted by the Partnership. Please call 704-694-4036 if you have questions about the 2015 Barn Blast. Lindsey at 704-848-8452.

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Donate on Line 27 of NC State Income Tax Form to Help Wildlife

By donating on line 27 of their N.C. state income tax form, North Carolinians can ensure the health and future of wildlife and their habitats for future generations to enjoy. Donations on line 27 support the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund, which the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission uses to conduct research, conservation and monitoring work that benefits animals not hunted or fished - animals such as songbirds, sea turtles, eagles, salamanders, frogs, turtles and bats.

Donations made to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund make up the largest and most significant source of non-federal funding to help these animals, so donations - no matter how small - are critical to the continuation of many projects.

"Any amount people donate helps us to match federal and other grants, pay for educational activities and programs, such as the N.C. Birding Trail and Green Growth Toolbox, and conduct research on nongame and endangered animals," said Allen Boynton, Wildlife Diversity Program coordinator with the Commission. "By matching grants, we can double the dollars that are donated to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. A \$100 donation results in \$200 we have to use to help protect these species."

Current work includes surveys to determine the abundance and distribution of many species throughout the state, such as colonial nesting waterbirds along the coast and northern flying squirrels in the mountains. Through surveys, biologists collect data that help them determine the most effective ways to manage wildlife and their habitats, ensuring that species not only survive, but thrive, in a state where habitat continues to disappear at an alarming rate.

Green Growth Toolbox and other technical guidance programs also are funded through Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund donations. These programs help local government officials and the general public design communities, homes, workplaces and backyards that meet human needs as well as the needs of wildlife.

The Tar Heel state is home to more than 1,000 nongame species. Many of them, such as box turtles, green anoles and cardinals, are common and can be found in many backyards, fields and woods. Others, such as sea turtles, many freshwater mussel species and several bat species, are endangered or threatened and need conservation to prevent them from disappearing entirely from our state's landscape.

Online tax preparation software, such as TurboTax, does not have numbered lines, so e-filers will be asked if they would like to make a donation to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. Other tax filers can also tell their tax preparer they would like to donate.

Tax season isn't the only time or way to contribute to wildlife conservation. Other ways to help North Carolina's wildlife and their habitats year-round are:

- Registering a vehicle or trailer with a N.C. Wildlife Conservation license plate
- Donating online at www.ncwildlife.org/give

More information about the Wildlife Diversity Program, including projects and quarterly reports, is available on the Commission's website www.ncwildlife.org.

Ribbon Cutting for Anson County Family and Pediatric Dentistry

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend a Business After Hours and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Anson County Family and Pediatric Dentistry on Thursday, January 22, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. The Ribbon Cutting will take place at 4:30, dinner between 5 and 6:30. You are invited to come and meet the staff, take a tour of the facility, and enjoy the fellowship.

Anson County Family and Pediatric Dentistry is located at 148 East Morgan Street in Wadesboro, at the corner of Morven Road.



Francis Liles McDonald

Francis Liles McDonald, age 91, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at Fair Oaks Hospital in Fairfax, Virginia from congestive heart failure. The family will hold a service for Francis in the spring.

Francis was born May 8, 1923 in Wadesboro, NC. He was the son of the late Charles Henry McDonald and Fannie Mae Huntley. He was predeceased by seven brothers and sisters. Francis was married to the late Loretta Sue Waring McDonald for 51 years until her death in November of 2004. He worked as a Yard Supervisor at Fruit Growers Express in Alexandria, Virginia from 1952 until he retired in 1984. Fruit Growers Express was a railroad refrigerator car leasing company. Francis and Sue moved to Sanford, NC in 1984 to enjoy their retirement. Francis was a character and a good story teller. He had numerous nicknames over the years ... Buck, Puck, Mac and Red. We believe his most memorable "nicknames" were husband, father and pop pop!

Francis was a member of the First Baptist Church of Annandale, VA and the First Baptist Church of Sanford, NC. At the time of his death he had been living with his son and his family in Centreville, Virginia.

Survivors include his two children, Eleanor McDonald Zemruski (Ron) and Francis (Frank) Liles McDonald, Jr. (Terri); three beautiful granddaughters whom he loved very much, Lauren Frances McDonald, Caitlin Sandra Zemruski and Rebecca Sue McDonald; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Francis' memory to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 5845 Richmond Highway Suite 800 Alexandria, VA 22303.

Francis lived his entire life with Type 1 Diabetes. He also had a battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He would love to support finding the cure!

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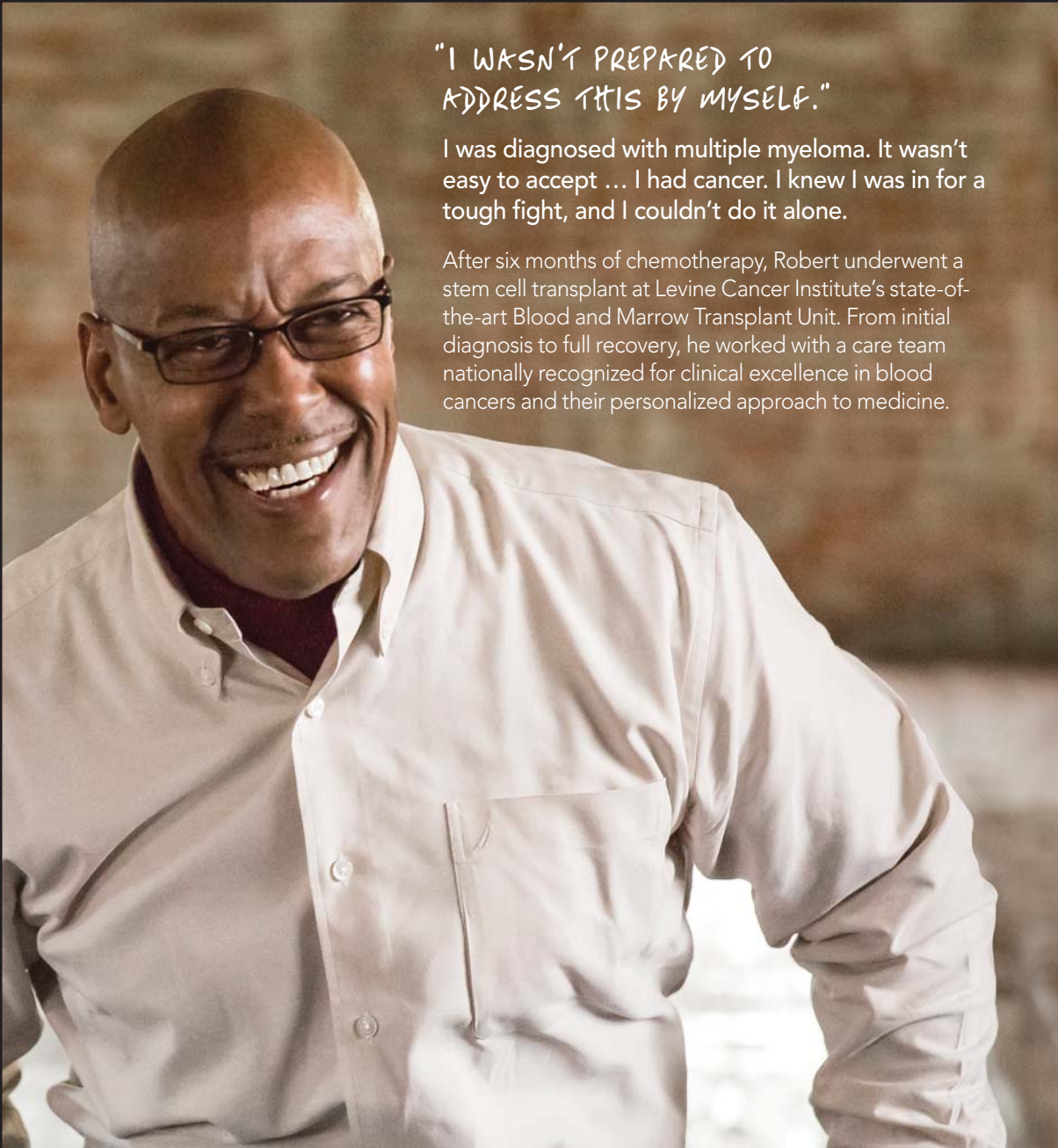
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