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Fund Established to Help with Spay and Neuter Costs

Thanks to the generosity of the late Sandra Harmon Clive, an ardent animal lover, a memorial fund has been established with monies from her estate that provides a no-cost spay and neuter clinic for dogs and cats. It was Mrs. Clive's desire to provide low income citizens and senior citizens of Anson County with this assistance.

Mrs. Clive's siblings asked her friend, neighbor and fellow church member Gloria Overcash to direct the Sandra Harmon Clive Memorial Fund. After Mrs. Overcash became involved with the fund it was decided by Mrs. Clive's siblings and Mrs. Overcash to add senior citizens to the group of eligible participants.



Pictured here are Dr. Danny Wright, Carol Ann Gibson and Thomas Williams, Anson County Animal Control Officer.

Dr. Danny Wright of the Brown Creek Animal Hospital agreed to assist with the program. Carol Ann Gibson, Interim Director of the Anson County Health Department, agreed to accept applications for the program and will assist Mrs. Overcash in screening potential applicants.

Any Anson County citizen who would like to apply for assistance through the Sandra Harmon Clive Memorial Fund may obtain an application from the Anson County Health Department, Brown Creek Animal Hospital, the Hampton B. Allen Library or at any of the library bookmobiles. Applicants must be low-income and/or senior citizens. Completed applications may be taken to Carol Ann Gibson at the Anson County Health Department or mailed to Carol Ann Gibson, Anson County Health Dept., PO Box 473, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Tax deductible donations to support the work of the Sandra Harmon Clive Memorial Fund can be made by contacting Gloria Overcash at 704-695-2326.

The youngest of three children, Sandra Harmon Clive was born in Quincy, MA and raised in Medfield, MA. As a child she grew to love animals, particularly the dogs, cats, chickens and roosters that became her pets at her quiet country home in Medfield. As a child she rode her bicycle to watch Palomino horses at a nearby farm.

She was a retired second grade teacher. After retirement from the teaching profession she moved with her husband to the Anson County community of Peachland (approximately 35 years ago), and soon thereafter found a new animal love-goats! During her years in Peachland she enjoyed playing golf and was an active member of Peachland United Methodist Church. She died in October 2010.

Anson County Native Sherri N. Knotts To Host Literary Festival this Saturday

Wadesboro native Sherri N. Knotts will be the host of the 2012 Holla/Hampton B. Allen Library Literary Festival. The festival which is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, February 4 at the Hampton B. Allen Library, will help promote literacy in Anson and surrounding counties by exposing residents to some top authors of fiction, nonfiction and spoken word. Hundreds of people have attended the festival over the past few years and this year the expectations are even higher!

Knotts has authored two books, *It's His Loss When The Relationship Ends* and *Verbal Portraits of SHE*. She has written over 60 poetry/spoken word pieces, three stage plays, seven screen plays and has exceeded an array of events. "I am a lover of life who enjoys seeing it played out on stage and the big screen," she says.

At 12 noon authors will be allowed to share their personal stories with the audience. Throughout the morning and afternoon various forms of entertainment will be provided, such as poems, creative dance, mimes, singing and more.

"The objective of this event is to expose the community to the vast possibilities that come with the mastery of literary skills," said Amesia Huntley, planner of the event. "It will not only encourage literacy, but it will also provide attendees with the reward of sharing experiences."

A highlight of the event will be the presentation of the winner of the Holla 100 Reasons to Achieve Essay entitled, *Bullying - Causes and Remedies*. The winner will receive a \$500 reward to be used to pursue their interest in writing.

Authors and others interested in participating in the festival are encouraged to send your name and the title of your work(s) via email to Holla@wadesboro.com. For more information call 704-851-3144.

SPCC Increases Prize Money for Fifth Battle of the Bands

Prize money has been dramatically increased for South Piedmont Community College's Battle of the Bands, set for Saturday, April 21. The SPCC Student Government Association, sponsor of the event, is now seeking bands and individual performers who would like a shot at the cash.

The Battle of the Bands is scheduled for 5 to 10 p.m. on the L.L. Polk Campus on U.S. 74 in Polkton. The first-place band will receive \$1,500 – three times last year's prize – and will have the option of being the opening act at the Carolinas Emerging Music Festival on SPCC's Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe on May 5.

The second-place band will receive \$750 and the third place band will receive \$500. The top individual performer will receive \$500, five times last year's prize.

Last year's first-place winner, Fire For Effect, is not eligible to compete.

Bands will be required to use their own instruments, including drums. All performances during Battle of the Bands must be live, and no recorded accompaniment will be allowed.

Prospective performers should submit a recording of the band via online link or CD to Mike Maffucci by noon March 22. Maffucci can be reached at 704-290-5864 or mmaffucci@spcc.edu. Bands will be notified by 5 p.m. March 23 about whether they have been selected.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Held at BRLC



Pictured here are Genova Griffin, Leroy Jackson, Author Covington and Linda McPhatten

In a release from Carol Smith of the Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center: Dr. Lola D. Cash of Supreme Dental of Wadesboro was the guest speaker for our Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Mrs. Cash reminded each of us of the progress that has been made due the civil rights movement. She strongly encouraged education and determination as key factors for continue success. Individual failures and successes will happen in life, but with education and determination they will overcome.

Residents from Anson, Union and Stanly Counties joined the Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center volunteers as they honored Dr. King's Legacy. The welcome and opening speeches were presented by Louise Caudle and Vinnie Daniels. The pledge allegiance to the US Flag was led by student Morrah Jacob. Delma Ingram provided the invocation. Words of

Greeting were given by Anson County Sheriff's Office Corporal Richard Flowers. Moments of remembrance of Dr. King and the Civil Rights movement were presented by students Eyanni Polk, Jakeem Ingram, Bianca Garma, asmine Rorie, Devonta Hammond, Itoya Ingram and Alton Jackson. Mrs. Lynette Polk and Latrayal Ingram coordinated this part of the celebration.

A solo (Precious Lord) was presented by Mrs. Arrie Perry of Marshville. Steven Flake and student Allen Jackson presented their views of Dr. King's life and the changes we have witnessed because of the stands he and many more took against prejudices and injustices.

A wonderful Lunch was prepared and served by Mrs. Mary Hammond and Valerie Hammond. Youths from the Burnsville community and the Shining Stars Eastern Star Chapter of Cedar served food to all who attended.

Anson County 4-H Clover Crawl Social is Back!

Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise is pleased to announce that the Clover Crawl is back. The event will be held Friday, March 16 at the Twin Valley Country Club in Wadesboro from 7 p.m. until midnight. The Clover Crawl is an adult event, 21 and over. The event will be sure to bring an evening of fun, food, dancing and great socializing. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and drinks will be served. This year's DJ/Entertainer is 4-H alumnus Ryan Short of Ryan Short Entertainment (www.ryanshort.net).

Funds raised will be used to support on-going 4-H youth programs in Anson County. Advanced tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the Extension Office located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, Lacy's, or from committee members and staff. Ticket price at the door will be \$30. The fundraiser helps make up dollars lost due to shortfalls and cutbacks in funds that have traditionally provided 4-H programming and operating budgets. The dollars raised from the Clover Crawl will support programs that address the well being of youth, families, and communities in Anson County.

4-H programs annually reach over 1,000 young people in the community. Youth participate in activities and programs such as school enrichment, summer camps, after school programming, community service and other year round educational programs. Anson 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise also work with adults, volunteer leaders and youth to provide community projects, parenting skills and enhanced leadership abilities. All 4-H programming is available to any youth between ages 5-19.

The fundraiser was a popular success last year. They are optimistic that they will have an even better response this year. 4-H programs have had much impact on the youth in this county through the years. With the public's help and support, programs can continue to make significant contributions to their future, and the future of our county.

If you would like to learn more information about this event please contact Roshunda Blount, 4-H Agent or Erin Dempsey, Program Director at 704-694-2915.

Two Community Blood Drives in February

Blood donors in Anson County will have two opportunities to donate blood during the month of February.

- Wednesday, February 8 at South Piedmont Community College, 680 Highway 74 West in Polkton, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 21 at Anson Community Hospital, 500 Morven Road in Wadesboro, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) is hosting its Fourth Annual 'Pint for Pounds' campaign to support Second Harvest Food Bank of MetroLina. CBCC will donate six pounds of food for every blood donation now through February 29.

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas' minimum weight requirement for blood donors is 120 pounds

More public drives can be found by logging on to the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas Web site at www.cbcc.us. CBCC also has donation centers in Charlotte, Belmont, and Union County. You may call 704-972-4700 to make an appointment at any location.

SPCC's Free College Day Set for Saturday, February 18

Ever wondered what classes are like at a community college? Ever wanted to learn how to kayak? Huh? What do those two things have to do with each other?

Come to South Piedmont Community College's Free College Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, February 18, on the Old Charlotte Highway Campus and find out. It will be a chance to experience college for free and learn a little something in the process. The schedule includes classes that are serious as well as some that are just plain fun, like the kayak class. With more than 70 classes designed for ages 13 and up, there should be something to suit almost everyone's interests or pique their curiosity.

There will be six sessions, beginning on the hour at 9 a.m. For a complete schedule and to register in advance, go to www.spcc.edu and click on the "Free College Day" button on the home page. Each class has a seating limit, so register as soon as possible to guarantee you get in the classes you want.

Sign up for one class, or sign up for six and stay all day. The Human Services Club will be selling food at a nominal cost and Early Childhood Education faculty will provide free children's classes. Seats are limited for the children's classes.

Additionally, FAFSA Day will be held on the same day from 9 a.m. until noon. Students attending or planning to attend any college are welcome to drop by and get help with their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which is required for most financial aid everywhere. Visit www.spcc.edu to learn what documents are needed before you arrive. For information about FAFSA Day, contact SPCC Financial Aid Director John Ratliff at 704-272-5325 or jratliff@spcc.edu.

Anson New Tech High School Hosting Wellness Fair

In a release from Anson New Tech High School: On Saturday, February 25 Anson New Technology High School will be hosting the Anson Wellness Fair, an event intended to raise awareness about all aspects of health. It will be held at Anson New Technology High School, located at 118 West Ashe Street, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The students hope to advance the county toward a healthier lifestyle.

Students will host the fair with health professionals available to answer questions and give assistance. Twenty health topics will be presented, including mental health, parenting, healthy movements, and homeopathic medicine. Mobile screening units will be available, as well as various takeaways for each topic.

We encourage all members of the community to attend in order to improve their health and the health of their family and friends. We hope to see you there on February 25th. Please contact Anson New Tech at 704-694-7447 with any questions.

Join us to lend a healthy hand to Anson County, to North Carolina, and to the nation.

Ansonville Historical Museum Open 4th Sunday of Each Month

The public is invited to come visit the Ansonville Historical Society Museum. The museum is open the fourth Sunday of each month, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information call 704-826-8228.

Uptown Wadesboro Planters a Collaborative Effort Benefiting Our Community



In a release from Uptown Wadesboro, Inc.: Hopefully, you've been noticing the planters in the Uptown Wadesboro business district. Since last spring, the planters have been a joint community project of Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. and the Wadesboro Garden Club. UWI provides the funding (from their own fundraising efforts and grant funding) and members of the Wadesboro Garden Club provide the expertise – selecting the plants and planting them. Thanks to Town of Wadesboro Manager John Witherpoon for arranging that Town employees water the planters.

Last spring the planters were filled with pink roses and purple petunias which bloomed all summer. Last fall colorful cabbages, blue & white pansies and rosemary herb plants were planted. These latest plants will develop over this winter season and burst into color this spring.

This is a valuable collaborative project providing a bit of beauty in our town. The results of this project are much appreciated. Thank you to all involved for their dedication and hard work toward making our community a great place to live and work. A special thanks to Ken and Alex Miller for their work on this project.

Artists Reception is February 12

The Anson County Arts Council will hold their monthly Artists Reception on Sunday, February 12, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the featured watercolors, pottery and woodworking.

This free event will be held at the Olde Mill Gallery in the Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

Look inside for special inserts from IGA Living Well