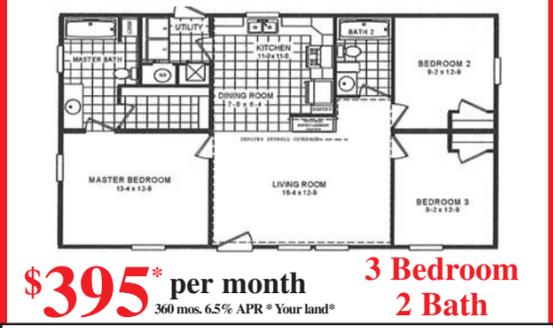


**HUNTER BROCK RATLIFF** turned 4 on Wednesday, January 25th. He celebrated on his birthday by having a party with his classmates at Kids Express. On Saturday, the 28th he celebrated with a Cars theme party at Xtreme Play in Monroe with his family & friends. Everyone enjoyed lots of play time and of course cake.

Hunter is the son of Bud & Kimberly Ratliff of Wadesboro & the big brother to Gracie. His grandparents are Anthony & Patty Ratliff of Wadesboro, Tommy & Virgie Long of Stanfield, and Ted & Mary Moore of Wadesboro.

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## Elvis is Coming to Wadesboro!

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club will meet on Monday, February 13 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Attendees are in for a treat as tribute artist Roy Gaddy will be presenting a program of Elvis Presley's top hits. The library staff invites you to please join them for this fun event. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair

There will be a job fair for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members and eligible spouses on Monday, February 13, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Embassy Suites, 5400 John Q. Hammons Drive NW in Concord. This event will be a one-of-a-kind free hiring fair for both employers and job seekers.

Employers and job seekers must pre-register for free at HoH.GreatJob.net. If you need assistance registering, please contact hiringourheroes@uschamber.com.

This Hero2Hired (H2H) sponsored hiring event is being conducted by the US Chamber of Commerce, Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce, Cabarrus Economic Development Corporation, the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training (DOL VETS), the North Carolina Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), NBC News, and other local chambers.

The North Carolina Society of Human Resource Management will conduct a workshop to help to prepare our Heroes for the upcoming job fair. If you need to brush up on your interviewing skills, write or update your resume, or practice interviewing in a mock interview, then come to the Employers Association at 3027 W. Arrowood Road in Charlotte on Tuesday, February 7. HR professionals will be there to assist you. The workshop will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Mock interviews will be conducted from 5 o 7 p.m. Register for this event at [www.employersassoc.com](http://www.employersassoc.com) or call 704-522-8011.

## Remembering.....

By Ed McBride

### Valentine's Day Wishes - 2012

According to my calendar, Valentine's Day 2012 is just around the corner, on February 14. And, I do have many memories of Valentine's Day - even from our second and third grade teachers at school.

In those days some students had a "few more pennies" to spend than others for a Valentine! Mr. Oscar Ross had a dry goods store in downtown Ansonville - sold shoes, socks, pants, even Valentines at his store. This was an era of time when truly "a penny was a penny" - and a time of the Great 1929 Depression" era.

I do remember the small Valentines for a penny. And, oh, about the Valentine bear - Lucy sent it to me from our dog Spot some several years ago with a note attached...to his master!!

Happy Valentine's Day 2012 "you all!!" Ed

## Shakespeare Competition at Wingate U

Much Ado About Nothing, Hamlet and King Lear will come alive at Wingate University's annual Shakespeare Competition scheduled for February 28. In association with the English-Speaking Union of the United States, middle and high school students from surrounding schools are invited to the campus to compete in the contest each year.

For the preliminary round students recite a sonnet and a portion of a Shakespeare play before a faculty/staff judge and a student judge. Winners in the preliminary round then go on to compete in the final round of the contest at the George A. Batte, Jr. Fine Arts Center.

More than 300 students usually participate in this popular event that runs from 11 a.m. until an awards ceremony at 2:15 p.m. All participants receive a certificate. Plaques will be awarded to winners in each division. The first-place winner in the high school division receives a free trip to New York City to compete in the National Shakespeare Competition. Lunch is included with the entry fee. Union County students and CMS middle school students should submit a \$6 fee; CMS high school students, CMS private school students and those outside Union and Charlotte-Mecklenburg counties should submit a \$9 entry fee. Wingate University tuition scholarships will be given to first through fifth place winners in the high school division. This project is supported by the Union County Community Arts Council Arts in the Schools Grant Program and Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. More information about the contest can be found at [www.wingate.edu/academics/english](http://www.wingate.edu/academics/english).

**GAVIN JOHNSON** celebrated his 2nd birthday on January 7th with a Cars party at his house, attended by family and friends!

His parents are Deanna and Chris Johnson, and his grandparents are Jerry and Debbie Meachum, Dean and Pam Preslar, Jeff and Betty Chatham and Sonny Johnson

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## Check Line 28 on State Income Tax Form to Help NC's Wildlife Flourish

Helping conserve North Carolina's nongame and endangered wildlife species is as simple as checking a box. By checking line 28 on your North Carolina State Income tax form this year, you can help the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission fund research, conservation and monitoring projects that benefit animals not hunted or fished. Every dollar of your tax check-off donation goes to the Commission's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund, where it matches federal and other grants, or is used to fund educational activities and watchable-wildlife projects like the North Carolina Birding Trail.

Tax check-off donations are particularly important because they provide the largest and most significant source of state funding for nongame projects, said Chris McGrath, the Wildlife Diversity Program coordinator in the agency's Wildlife Management Division. "Every dollar we receive in donations - whether it's through the state income tax check-off, license plate registration or other means - is absolutely critical in helping us continue our work," McGrath said. "In addition to matching other grants for nongame wildlife research, monitoring or habitat management, these funds are the only source available to produce informational materials, conduct events that connect the public to wildlife, or support wildlife-viewing opportunities and partnerships."

Over the years, projects conducted by wildlife diversity biologists have led to restoration of animals that were once considered critically endangered, such as the bald eagle and peregrine falcon. Conversely, biologists have worked with animals that aren't yet endangered, such as the box turtle, freshwater mussels and many species of songbirds, to ensure that their populations remain viable and sustainable.

In fact, much of the work biologists do today helps maintain viable, self-sustaining populations of all native wildlife, with an emphasis on priority species and habitats identified in North Carolina's Wildlife Action Plan. They have conducted numerous surveys to determine the abundance and distribution of many species across the state - from Carolina northern flying squirrels that glide through the high-elevation forests of western North Carolina to robust redhorse, a fish that swims only in the Pee Dee River basin to colonial waterbirds that nest and raise their young on beaches and dredge islands along the coast.

Through their surveying and monitoring efforts, 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 pristine habitat continues to disappear at an alarming rate.

Other projects funded through tax check-off dollars, such as the Green Growth Toolbox, have made habitat more suitable for wildlife. Through the Green Growth Toolbox, wildlife diversity biologists last year provided technical guidance to more than 160 local government officials, instructing them on ways to design communities and maintain high-quality wildlife habitat while building new homes, workplaces and shopping centers.

"Wildlife conservation is about ensuring that we have clean water and wild places to enjoy in our great state," McGrath said. "It's also about making sure that our children's children can hunt, fish, bird watch, photograph or enjoy the bountiful wildlife that our parents did. Checking line 28 on your state tax and income form and making a contribution to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund allow the Wildlife Diversity Program staff to continue this important work."

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](http://www.ncwildlife.org/give)

More information about the Wildlife Diversity Program, including projects and annual reports, is available at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

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Admission covers the cost of the show and dinner, and the funds are being raised for Youth Missions. Reservations are required. For more information call Rev. Norm Jones, Lilesville Charge of the UMC, at 704-848-4694 or email [rev.norm@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:rev.norm@alumni.duke.edu).