

Dare to Delve and Discover, Become A Detective, Darling!

All of you have a "fave" holiday, occasion or circumstance that makes your heart pump a little harder and your step a little lighter. Favorites stimulate the senses and make you feel good even on the worst of the worst days.

Valentine's Day is, for what it's worth, my favorite special day. February 14 is not a date occupied with fervent shopping, long to do lists or significant hoopla that sometimes encompasses other holidays, events and occasions. It's just an adorable day satiated with pretty colors like pink, pink and more pink (another favorite) and usually carries with it lovely sentiments. Wine and roses, candy and cards, or diamonds and gold are often typical favors and do provide that warm and fuzzy feeling. But I must say one of the warmest, fuzziest feelings I ever experienced was from none of the above mentioned. No, it came by way of three dance classes for a grand \$10 deal! So the thrills and chills one would expect from expensive gifts were actually realized from a ten dollar bill, some not-so-fancy footwork on the dance floor and carried more value for me than a diamond encrusted tiara. And even though it has been a while, I still remember those classes with sheer delight. Factor in that someone was actually attuned to my thoughts and feelings make the event even more distinctive.

The trick is to discover your special someone's favorites and share those rather than the traditional. It was a wise person who said, "When you speak you repeat what you already know, but when you listen you learn." With that said, make someone truly happy by giving them a heart grabbing ear to ear grin with not so much mullah spent it flattens the wallet or empties the purse. Use a smidgen of creativity, listen intently and find that your guy or gal may surprise you with just how little it takes to intrigue them. Part of their charm, after all, is their unique individuality so don't just give him or her any old trinket requiring no thought provoking exploration. Delve into their minds, their souls, become a detective! And since tomorrow is Valentine's Day, bear with me as I send sappy sentiments to all my family, friends and loved ones. Hopefully you'll receive the unique charms you deserve, like finding a love note in your lunch, on the refrigerator door or in the seat of your car, bubbles in your bath, a container filled with hand-written daily blessings, pennies from Heaven, heads up of course, poetry composed especially for you, a smile and a hug at the door after a long day's work, a favorite song on the radio, warm cover for your afternoon nap, a heart drawn through the steam on your bathroom mirror, or whatever you, in your uniqueness feel passionate about for a perfectly pleasing day.

Take note of the words spoken by those significant in your lives and listen to their hearts when words are left unsaid. You may discover something that proves invaluable. And hey, it doesn't have to be a special occasion either, but happy Valentine's Day nevertheless.

By Melanie Morse

This Week in Sports

Anson High School Athletic Director Terry Mabry has released the sports events scheduled for this week.

Mabry said, "I want to invite you to come out and support our kids. Remember all staff have free admission, just show your school ID card."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

• AHS JV & Varsity Basketball vs Monroe at 4:30pm. Senior Night

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

• AHS Wrestlers - Regionals at Ashboro High School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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Connections Family Support Group Meets Monthly

On the third Tuesday of each month the Connections Family Support Program holds a group meeting for parents, grandparents and foster parents serving children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges. These meetings are free and include brunch.

The meetings take place at the Hampton B. Allen Library, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information contact Suzanne Maness, Family Advocate, at 877-211-5995 (toll free) or email connectionsfsfp@gmail.com.

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Church News

FEBRUARY 13

Guest Speaker

For Women's Ministry at Christ Chapel of Truth is Min Janice Fair, at 2pm

FEBRUARY 14

February Birthday

Program at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3:30pm w/Apostle Annette Ross. All are invited

Family & Friends Day

At Madison Grove MBC 2:30pm w/Min Carlos Melton

FEBRUARY 17 - 19

Appreciation Service

For Overseer Sylvia McLendon at Lindsey Chapel FCOG. Wed-Pastor Sandra Ellerbe, Thu-Pastor Iris Tillman, Fri-Singing program, all choirs invited. All services at 7:30pm

Women of Fire

Program at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church. Wed-Min Christine Hall, Thu-Pastor Bernice Johnson, Fri-Pastor Sharon Lockhart. All at 7:30pm. Everyone is invited

FEBRUARY 21

Black History

Celebration

At New Life Trinity Church in Polkton, 11am

FEBRUARY 28

Family & Friends Day

At Henry Grove Baptist Church, 2:30pm w/Pastor Sylvia McLendon

MARCH 4

Concert

The Telestials, gospel group from Nashville, at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, 7pm. Public is invited. Info 704-694-9432

MARCH 5

Prayer

At New Life Trinity Church in Polkton, 9am

MARCH 12

Gospel Fest

Singing program at New Life Trinity Church in Polkton, 3:30pm

MARCH 13

Usher Board

Program at New Life Trinity Church in Polkton, 3pm w/Rev Ledbetter

ONGOING

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Wednesdays, at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 6:30pm

Service Time

Faith Believers of Deliverance Holiness Church, 215 Brown Creek Rd, Wadesboro. Sunday School 11am, Worship Service 11:30am

Bible Study/Prayer

Every 3rd Saturday at noon, Faith Believers of Deliverance Holiness Church, 215 Brown Creek Rd, Wadesboro

Addiction Seminar

And support group meeting, 6:30-7:30pm at ACCESS Center, 116 E Wade St, Wadesboro. Help for drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, gambling, food addiction & more

Bible Study & Prayer

At Savannah AME Zion Tuesdays at 6pm. The public is invited

Live on the Radio

Min Gregory Williams on WADE 1340AM every 1st & 3rd Saturday, 2pm

Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 6pm at Flakes Chapel MBC. Everyone is invited

Bible Study

Hour of Power at Ebenezer MBC Wednesdays at 7pm

Bible Class

Tuesday nights at Lakeside Holiness Church, 6:30-7:30pm, activities for children

Bible Study

At Parsons Grove MBC Tue at 6:30pm

Noon Prayer

At Greater St. Mark COD, noon on Tuesdays

Community Prayer

Held on Anson High School campus each Sunday at 4pm

Community Prayer

1st Monday each month, 5:15pm at Hatcher Park in Lilesville, Square in Wadesboro, Polkton & Ansonville, Town Hall in Morven

Rides to Service

At East Rock Ford MBC. Call 704-695-2997

Events

FEBRUARY 11

Coal Ash Meeting

Pee Dee Wall meets at Hampton B. Allen Library 6:30pm to discuss possibility of coal ash coming to Polkton landfill. Public urged to attend this free meeting. Info 704-826-6324

Compassionate Friends

Meet 7pm in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric on Hwy 52 South in Wadesboro. Info 704-694-8774

FEBRUARY 15

Brown Bag Book Club Meets

at 12 noon w/author Jerry Adcock, an Anson native. Covered dish lunch. Free, info 704-694-5177

FEBRUARY 20

Taste of Soul

Program by East Polkton School Alumni Association at Lockhart-Taylor Center, 4pm. Tickets \$10. 704-272-7622

FEBRUARY 21

Meet & Greet

The Candidates in the upcoming March Primary Election, hosted by Anson County Democratic Party, open to all candidates. Everyone invited to attend, 4pm at Hampton B. Allen Library. Info 704-848-4412

FEBRUARY 23

Blood Drive

At Peachland-Polkton Elementary School, 2-6:30pm in the gym. Register at www.cbcc.us & walk-ins welcome. Info 704-972-4700

MARCH 1 - APRIL 19

Arthritis Exercise

Program at Grace Senior Center. Tues & Thurs 10-11am. Info & register 704-694-6616

MARCH 2

Free Tax Assistance

For those 60 & older of low or moderate income offered by Grace Senior Center in Wadesboro. Register & info 704-694-6616

MARCH 11

Clover Crawl

Social & Dance in support of Anson 4-H & 4-H Youth

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HOPE brings their mobile ultrasound unit to the Wal-Mart shopping center in Wadesboro on the third Thursday of each month, from 2 until 5 p.m. for free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds.

They also have an ultrasound machine at their office and set up ultrasounds on the first Monday of each month. They can give pregnancy tests in the office as well. It is always best to schedule the tests and ultrasounds, but they do try to accommodate walk-ins when possible.

Be sure to ask about HOPE's clothing ministry.
The website for HOPE is www.hprc-anson.org.

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