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School Uniforms Donated to Ansonville Elementary School

On March 15 Tasha Carelock from the Faith Based Center of Hope in Morven presented school uniforms to Ansonville Elementary School. Mary Kay Woods and Dr. Kaye Mangum accepted the uniforms on behalf of the school. Ansonville Elementary would like to thank the Faith Based Center of Hope for donating school uniforms to children of our school who are in need.

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride

Early March Blossoms

A few of you remember in the year of 1960 or 1961...every Wednesday in the month of March we had snow. Some were light, some were heavy for our part of the world.

For many years I kept weather records on my calendar daily - but never remember the weather as it is right now. For days now the azaleas have been in bloom - reds, pinks, whites and other colors. And white dogwoods...the whites are so brilliant, with leaves too!

The above picture is a small sample as you look all around, with thanks and appreciation!

Ed

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Three Win Prizes Just by Registering for SPCC Classes



Pictured are, from left, SGA Secretary Leyna Crane, Kelvin Reeves, Tamara Parker, William Taylor and Adrian Roberts, SGA public relations officer for the Old Charlotte Highway Campus.

Three South Piedmont Community College students have won prizes simply by registering for spring classes. Students who registered for spring semester or 12-week classes that began February 7 were eligible for the drawing on February 13 if they were still attending classes at that time.

The winners and their prizes were:

- Tamara Parker, Charlotte, \$100 gift certificate to Best Buy
- Kelvin W. Reeves, Waxhaw, iPod Touch
- William M. Taylor, Wadesboro, iPad 2

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SPCC to Offer Two New Mechanical Engineering Programs

South Piedmont Community College will offer a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology beginning in the fall semester. SPCC will also offer a certificate in Mechatronics (industrial maintenance), which was previously available only as a continuing education program.

The Mechanical Engineering Technology curriculum was developed based on local industry research and recommendations. The program is designed to take four semesters to complete for those who earn an Associate in Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology. Students can also complete a diploma or certificate in less time.

People who pursue the degree will learn about the design, manufacture, operation and maintenance of mechanical systems and processes such as engine and control systems for automobiles and aircraft, electric power generation plants, lifesaving medical devices and many consumer products.

The degree could lead to job opportunities in a number of industries, including aerospace, automotive, chemical, construction, energy, engineering consulting, medical, pharmaceutical and entertainment (special effects, amusement parks).

The Mechatronics certificate can be completed in two semesters. It includes instruction in motors and controls, and hydraulics and pneumatics, as well as introductions to CNC (computerized numerical control) machining and PLC (programmable logic control) programming.

For more information, contact SPCC Mechanical Engineering Coordinator Leo Maganares at 704-290-5890 or lmaganares@spcc.edu.

Don't Keep Your Heap!

In a release from Cars4Charities: The economy is showing signs of recovery even with the rising cost of gas. Many people who held on to their car during the recession are now looking to replace it with a more fuel efficient one.

If you are one of those people, you have to figure out what to do with your car. If your vehicle does not get good gas mileage, has a lot of miles, is more than 5 years old or is not in good condition, the dealership won't offer you much for it as a trade in. They won't want it because there is no demand for it. It will be difficult to sell it privately for the same reason.

One alternative is to sell it for a couple of hundred dollars to a junk yard. A better alternative is to donate your car to charity. Cars4Charities will gladly take your old car, no matter what shape it is in. In return for your generosity, you will get a tax deduction of \$500 or more. They have hundreds of charities that can be helped by your car donation. For details, please go to www.cars4charities.org or call 866-448-3487.

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New Arrivals

• Ryland Wesley "Kirk" Ratliff was born on January 28, 2012 in Stanly County. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His parents are Jessica C. Ratliff and Gregory A. Kirk. His grandparents are Charles and Angie Ratliff of Polkton, David Kirk of Peachland and Jennifer Kirk of Charlotte.

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