

Billy Sikes Winner in NC DOT "Roadeo"



The North Carolina Department of Transportation held an "Equipment Roadeo" in Concord on April 2 and 3, and Ansonian Billy Sikes won the Tandem Axle Truck competition. This annual event tests the safety awareness and skill level of NCDOT maintenance employees in Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Union, Stanly and Anson counties who operate heavy equipment.

Because he won his competition in Concord, Billy will move on to compete in the statewide "Roadeo" in Raleigh this summer.

More than 50 participants engaged in friendly competition with their co-workers to determine who can best maneuver a dump truck, tractor, backhoe or motor grader through obstacle courses that model real-life scenarios. The winner in each category goes to the statewide "Roadeo" in Raleigh.

The winners are pictured here, from left: Dustin Thompson, Stanly County Maintenance - Single Axle Truck; Billy Sikes, Anson County Maintenance - Tandem Axle Truck; Henry Bryant, Bituminous Unit - Low Boy Truck; Josh Eudy, Union County Maintenance - Backhoe; Roy Poplin, Stanly County Maintenance - Motor Grader; and Ryan Bowers, Roadside Environmental Unit - Tractor-Mower.

The overall goals of the "Roadeo" include helping NCDOT workers advance their skills, emphasizing the importance of safety when operating equipment, fostering a sense of team spirit and recognizing employees who excel at their jobs.



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Family Vacations - Fun For All? Planning vacations for all ages

From Roshunda Blount, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development: When planning a vacation, parents do their best to plan a great family trip, but sometimes it is hard to please a teenager and an elementary-age child at the same time. To make sure a predicament like this does not happen, here are a few tips to get the most fun out of your summer vacation.

First, involve all family members in the choice of a vacation location. I'm sure it would be easier for Mom and Dad to pick a place and go, but involving youth in the process will help them see it as a choice they made, not one dictated to them. To help keep things reasonable and fair, narrow down a list of possibilities that would work for your family before presenting the choices to the kids.

Once a location is chosen, keep your children involved in the planning process by giving them a chance to choose specific activities. If your children are close in age and interests, allow each child to plan a day of events for the family. Each child will have his or her "day" to look forward to, and they will be more willing to sit quietly through the activities scheduled by other family members.

Now, if your children are several years apart, you have a situation that seems impossible to keep everyone happy and excited. Once again, involving the children will help things move smoothly. Take time with the older child to see what he or she is really interested in visiting while on vacation. Plan to visit the area, but look into surrounding interests for the younger child. For example, if your 14 year old is dying to see the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, research to find what attractions they may have for younger children. Often, these places will have Children's Museums that focus on hands-on activities to hold their interests.

A final consideration when planning a vacation is travel. I am not discouraging car travel, but I am suggesting to plan the car ride just as much as you plan activities for the actual vacation site. Everyone has their own taste in music, so allow for a change in the radio once every hour or two to satisfy passengers. Load up on books, magazines, and travel games to keep entertained. Most importantly, allow for frequent stops to stretch legs and have some alone time for just a few minutes. This will ease tension that might be mounting up in the back seat.

Wherever you and your family might venture off to this summer, have a fun and safe trip. Remember that no amount of planning can make things perfect. Just sit back and enjoy!

Parks and Rec Walking Program

Anson County Parks and Recreation is teaming up with Wadesboro IGA, Anson Bank & Trust, and Jeff's Trophies and T's to offer their Walking Program this spring. The program is free of charge and you can register at Parks and Recreation main office at Little Park Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants who pre-register by Friday, May 3 will receive a pedometer and a t-shirt. Those who complete all benchmarks by June 1st will receive a small prize.

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FEDERAL PROJECT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Anson County School System annually receives funds from the Federal Government through the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction sanctioned for assistance in meeting the needs of "educationally" deprived students, technology learning needs of students, children with special needs and for children in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children. The school system is in the process of reapplying for these funds and amending these programs.

These programs include Title I (Compensatory Education/ESEA Basic Education Program), Title II (Improving Teacher Quality), Title II, Part D (Enhancing Education through Technology), Title III (Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students), Title V (Media and Technology), IDEA VI-B (Handicapped and Preschool Handicapped), which is in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA - Part B Public Law 105.17), and 21st Century Community Learning Center.

The above named projects are presently being amended and/or renewed. The projects describe the special education, media and technology, compensatory education programs that Anson County Schools proposes for federal funding for the 2013-14 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments and/or revisions to these projects and make comments/requests concerning the implementation of these Federal Programs. All comments will be considered prior to submission of these projects to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The projects are open to the public for review and comments during May 1 - May 15, 2013, in the offices of Howard McLean, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, and Nancy Diggs, Exceptional Children's Program Director, located at 320 Camden Road, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Participation in programs receiving the Federal funds will require supervision by appropriate school personnel as delegated by the superintendent and/or his designee.

Private schools wishing to participate in the planning phase should notify the Anson County School System of their wishes to participate. Please call the office of Howard McLean, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, at (704)694-4417, extension 226 and Nancy Diggs, Exceptional Children's Program Director, at (704)694-4417, extension 225. Private schools please notify the school system of your existence.

There will be a planning meeting with interested parents on May 15, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. This meeting is to address the federal program plans for the 2013-14 school year. The meeting will be held in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center at the School Board Office and is located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Please address questions to the offices of Howard McLean, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, at (704)694-4417, extension 226 and Nancy Diggs, Exceptional Children's Program Director, at (704)694-4417, extension 225.

CLASSIFIEDS

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Big Yard Sale - something for everyone! Sat, May 4, 7am-noon at 1155 Shannon Dr in Wadesboro, off Morven Rd. Rain cancels.

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