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Anson County Parks and Recreation Little Park Pool Opens June 3

The Swimming Pool at Little Park opens on Saturday, June 3 for the summer! The hours are from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the weekends until Tuesday, June 13.

Starting on June 13 the schedule will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The cost is \$1 per person. For more information call Wendell Small at 704-695-2782.

For several years in the late 1990's and early 2000's Bill Billingsley wrote a column for The Express. It began with the title 'Billingsley's This and That' with the title later evolving to become Billingsley's "T N T".

Bill managed WADE Radio station in Wadesboro for many years. He was quite well known in the community - Anson County's own celebrity - with many friends. He was also known nationwide for his pitch-perfect and authoritative 'radio voice.'

Due to a computer mishap, it appeared that Bill's "TnT" columns were lost. But, after working on the project for several years, we have managed to recover most of his work. Because of that good fortune, we are proud to present a column below that Bill wrote for the May 10, 2000 edition of The Express.

Billingsley's This and That

By Bill Billingsley



If you follow this column with any regularity, you are bound to know by now, that among other things, I am a radio nut.

Retired Doctor of Pharmacy, Bob Huntley, knowing my penchant for radio and, in particular, commentators and editorialists who smack of Eric Severeid and Edward R. Murrow, that do not fear words, even trenchant remarks, sent to me the following, which I felt absolutely necessary to share with you. Here it is:

- AMERICANS -

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the Franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it. When distant cities are hit by earthquakes, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, war-mongering Americans. I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States Dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tristar, or the Douglas? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon -- not once, but several times -- and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of thirsting with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their noses at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles.

I hope Canada is not to one of those."

Gord Sinclair
 Canadian Radio and TV Commentator

"Faith is not knowledge of what they mystery of the universe is, but the conviction that there is a mystery, and that it is greater than us."

-Rabbi David Wolpe



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Anson County Parks & Recreation Swim Lessons Dates Have Changed

Anson County Parks & Recreation will be offering swim lessons. There will be different classes for various age groups and skill levels, from beginners to advanced. The cost is \$18. There must be a minimum of 10 in each class in order to have the class. Classes are open for registration until the first day of class.

Classes will be held June 12-22, June 26-July 6 & July 10-20. The daily schedule is:

- 8-9 a.m. Adult swim lessons
- 9:30-10 a.m. Youth beginners
- 10:15-11 a.m. Youth advanced
- 11:15-11:45 a.m. Parent & Child, Preschool

You can register at Little Park in Wadesboro. Also registration will take place at the schools below between the hours of 2 to 3:30 p.m.:

- **Tuesday, May 16** - Wadesboro Elementary School Gym
- **Wednesday, May 17** - Wadesboro Primary School
- **Thursday, May 18** - Peachland-Polkton Elementary School
- **Tuesday, May 23** - Ansonville Elementary School
- **Wednesday, May 24** - Lilesville Elementary School Ballfield
- **Thursday, May 25** - Morven Elementary School

For more information call Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.

McLeod Children's Hospital Hosts Asthma Camp this Saturday

This Saturday, May 13, McLeod Children's Hospital in Florence, SC will host a free Asthma Camp for children ages eight to 10. During the camp, children will learn how to manage their asthma through fun and interactive games. Game stations will demonstrate lung anatomy, trigger avoidance, as well as asthma medication and proper usage. Games will also teach the importance of asthma control during activities such as sports.

The camp also includes a parent education session conducted by a Certified Asthma Educator, focusing on asthma basics, symptom recognition, trigger avoidance, proper medication administration, and the Asthma Action Plan.

The camp will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the McLeod Children's Hospital Child Life Activity Center. Snacks and lunch will be provided.

McLeod Children's Hospital is located at McLeod Regional Medical Center, 555 East Cheves Street, Florence SC 29506.

To register for the McLeod Children's Hospital Asthma Camp, call McLeod Reservations and Scheduling at (843) 777-2095. For more information about the camp, call the McLeod Asthma Educator at (843) 777-8506.

Sponsored by the McLeod Health Foundation, the McLeod Asthma Camp is a safe environment for children, staffed by Certified Asthma Educators and experienced Pediatric Respiratory Therapists and Registered Nurses.



Something for Everyone at the...

Yard Sale of the Carolinas

Saturday, May 13th

7AM - NOON

200 & 300 blocks of West Main Street (in front of County Courthouse)
 Historic Downtown Chesterfield

Single Booth space (one parking space) available for \$15 - multiple spaces may be reserved.

Limited number of spaces available. Registration available at Hospice of Chesterfield

County office located at 700 West Blvd., and Sunshine Shoppe, 122 Main Street, both in Chesterfield.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 10.

For more information call the Hospice office at (843) 623-9155.

Event held regardless of weather.

