

WPS Hosts Summer Reading Book Drive

Your donation of just five new or used books can literally change the course of a student's life

Have you ever heard of the term summer loss? This is not a drop in profits that local businesses may see when families go on vacation. Low-achieving students lose valuable literacy skills when they stop reading during their break from school. But a troubling trend in which students lose valuable literacy skills when they stop reading during their break from school. Low-achieving students lose valuable literacy skills when they stop reading during their break from school. Low-achieving students lose valuable literacy skills when they stop reading during their break from school.

For this reason the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, has launched the "Give Five - Read Five" campaign. As a part of this initiative Wadesboro Primary School is asking parents, business leaders and members of our community to donate five new or gently-used books to our school. Research done at Harvard University by Dr. James Kim shows that even reading four or five books over the summer helps to prevent the summer slump, so just imagine what we will accomplish if we make sure every student in grades K-3 leaves school on the last day of the year with new books in hand.

Literacy skills every student in grades K-3 leaves school on the last day of the year with new books in hand. Students with strong reading skills are more likely to remain in school and graduate prepared for higher education and the workplace. It is hard to believe, but a simple donation of books to our elementary school could go a long way in helping students to be better prepared for the future. I encourage you to donate as many books as possible and you may drop these off at Wadesboro Primary School, County EMS Office, Anson High School, and Anson County Government Center until May 24th.

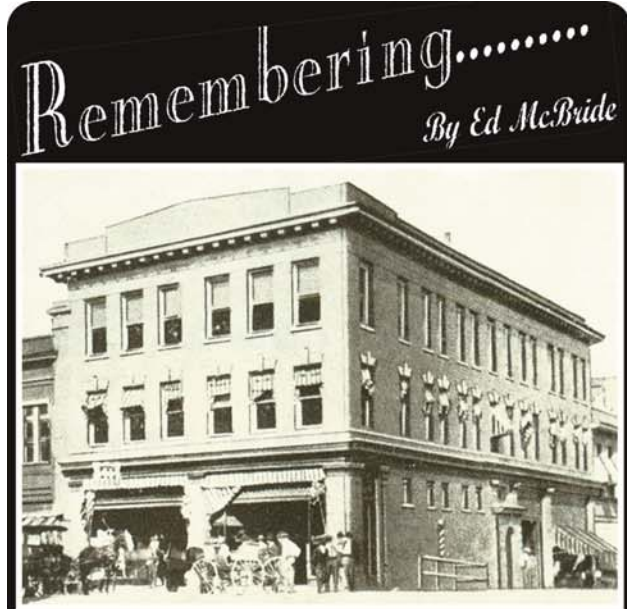
Community Love is Alive and Well in Anson County



Pictured here are Attorney Fred D. Poisson, Jr. (second from right) and the citizens on Child Street in Wadesboro.

Poisson, Poisson & Bowers Law Firm, C's & T's Childcare Center and Annie Parsons, along with Dr. Bernice Bennett teamed up with Faith-Based Center of Hope's Vancine Sturdivant in feeding the elderly, homeless, sick and shut-ins. Mrs. Sturdivant stated, "With the economy and what is going on in Raleigh, we cannot wait on legislature to take care of our citizens. I ask that as a loving community we look within ourselves, then ask the question, 'Am I doing all I can do for others?'"

Faith-Based Center of Hope feeds needy elderly citizens weekly. If you would like to contribute please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704 848-4412.



Fox & Lyon Building - Part II

Last week was a "reminder of some history/memories of the Fox and Lyon building" - and there is more.

Fred Hart had a snack stand on the sidewalk next to the Fox entrance to the second and third floors of the building. There he sold cokes/soft drinks, crackers/snacks and the like. This he did daily, and, since he was blind, his dad or others would bring him to his business to spend the day - leaving only for his lunch time.

Then, of course, downstairs (the basement) was the Graves Barber Shop - complete with a number of barber chairs, tiled floors, shoe shine stand and showers. Pat was telling me about "some farm folks" and other working men, taking "a nice hot shower," putting on their clean clothes, then taking "care of business." A few of the barbers besides Jim Graves were Dewey Hildreth, Ned Harkey, Doss Heavner, Bill Watson, Joe Wingate, Shine James, Pick Chewning and several others by time!

Then, back upstairs on the second and third floors, were not only the law offices of H. P. Taylor, Sr., attorney as well as Lt. Governor of North Carolina and Pat Taylor, Jr.,

fresh out of law school, also an attorney and Lt. Governor of North Carolina, but also A. Paul Kitchin, a retired FBI agent as well as 8th District Congressman kept a law office there.

Oh yes, Allen, you thought that \$12 seemed like a great deal to fill a couple of my teeth in last week's column - actually it was only \$2!!

During World War II, the Rationing Board office was "going full blast" upstairs. It was necessary to have a "coupon" to buy canned food, gas, tires, etc. The coupon did not pay for those items, it only entitled you to buy them.

I mentioned radio station WADE last week. Well, this was really something for our area - a first!! Hillbilly John (Ingold) along with last week's list of Jack Hawkins, Uncle Pete, Bill Billingsley, Bill Ballard, Bob Rogers, David Thomas, Kathryn Kendall, Walter McDaniel...even Ris was on the air daily in later years.

You do remember the trick cars that he had for parades, Banks Thomas, attorney, J. B. Watson, Jr. CPA, the dance studios, Don Gray, the law offices of H. P. Taylor, Sr., photographer, the Lyon's Den - so many people who have, through the years, "done so much - for so many."

Report from Raleigh Changes ahead for the construction industry

From Rep. Mark Brody: Rep. Mark Brody of Anson and Union County, has introduced HB999 which directs the legislature to commission an official study of the design, implementation and enforcement of building codes throughout the state. "Safety and consumer protection must be maintained but many parts of the code itself have become erratic in its development, confusing to trade contractors, unnecessarily expensive and inconsistent in its enforcement," Brody says. The North Carolina Building Code is administered through the NC Department of Insurance and gets completely reviewed, updated and amended every three years with minor changes adopted periodically. The department itself, however, has not been reviewed in a very long time.

Rep. Brody is working on a complete review of the Code department. Many contractors have complained that new and expensive products are forced upon them by the code department and are often caught between contradictory opinions among different code enforcement officials. In addition, the major complaint among contractors is the inconsistent implementation of the codes as they build or remodel in different areas of the state or even a county.

The Building Code is required to be enforced the same in every area of the state subject only to variances in the geography. Brody says, "As we work our way out of the recession the construction industry will lead the way to a prosperous recovery. An antiquated and inefficient code system can only slow that recovery down." (704) 575-5906, brody@ncleg.net

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Wadesboro Rotary Club Hosts Another Successful Sporting Clays Competition!

Buchanan Shoals was a beautiful setting on Saturday, March 23 for the third annual Wadesboro Rotary Club Sporting Clays Competition. Despite morning downpours, by start time the sun was shining and the 36 competitors enjoyed beautiful weather and a great event. Proceeds totaled nearly \$4,000 and will be used to support the Rotary Youth Shooting Team and other community projects.

A big thank you to this year's sponsors Anson Bank & Trust, Anson Family Optometric, Covington Optometric Eye Clinic, Classic Graphics, Hornwood, Pee Dee Electric, Kiker Resource Management, LKC Engineering, Lynn Thomas Grading, and R.E. Burns & Sons, Inc.

Winners include: 1st Place Team - Lynn Thomas Grading (John Phillipy, James Phillipy, Seth Floyd and BJ Hill); 2nd Place Team - Buddy Waddell Farms (Buddy Waddell, Brian Allen, Mike Preslar and Chris Moore); and 3rd Place Team - Covington Optometric Eye Clinic (Mark Hammonds, Randy Thomas, Neal Conklin, and Travis Martin).



Fun and Easy Ways to Fight Obesity

Obesity is fast becoming a major epidemic in our society. In North Carolina one third of adults are obese. The rate of obesity in adults is 33.1%. Even pre-school children face an obesity rate of 15.6% according to county statistics. Obesity can be dangerous, leading to health problems with the heart, diabetes and certain types of cancers. What can we do to get in better physical shape? Well, the first thing is to get started! We need to eat healthier and move more!

- Here are a few suggestions to assist you:
- Eat bananas on whole grain cereal or oatmeal
 - Ride bikes after dinner
 - Order a green salad instead of fries when dining out. Ask for fat-free dressing "on the side" and use only half of it
 - Walk your kids to school or walk to work
 - Grill, steam, or bake food
 - Play ball at the park
 - Sign your kids up for community sports or lessons
 - Use lean meats such as white meat chicken, lean ground turkey or fish in place of beef or pork
 - Don't eat late at night
 - Choose fruit for a snack or dessert
 - Dance with your children
 - Take your dog on longer walks
 - Choose video games that get your kids moving, like dancing or fitness games

Remember, it will take consistency, persistence and dedication but the rewards are lifesaving. You can do it! Begin today! Submitted By Deborah Seigler, R.N., Anson County Health Department

Class of 1971 to Meet

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 will have a meeting on Saturday, May 18th at 2 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library in the Little Theatre. This meeting is to discuss the 60th Birthday Cruise.

Contact Linda Waring at (704) 608-2352 for questions or details.

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