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Emily Cooper, MD, MHA, medical director of Carolinas Primary Care at Carolinas HealthCare System Anson, answers common health questions

Knowing the risk factors for stroke is important - especially here in North Carolina. Our state ranks 7th in the nation for stroke death. Across the country, someone has a stroke every 40 seconds. Your chances of having a stroke increase if you have certain risk factors. There are two types of risk factors for stroke: "non-modifiable" (those you can't control) and "modifiable" (those you can control). Uncontrollable risk factors include race, age, gender and family history. Even though these risk factors can't be changed, you should still be aware of them.

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arteries), high cholesterol, circulation problems, obe-

sity and smoking are all controllable risk factors for stroke. Medical conditions, like high blood pressure,

are treatable by medications and healthy diets.

lifestyle choices, such as ex-

ercising regularly and eating right, can help reduce many of these risk factors and minimize your risk of

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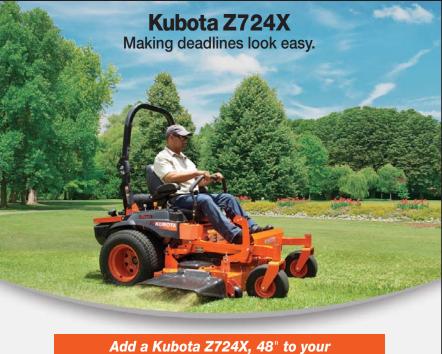
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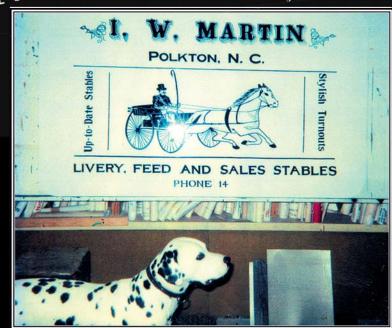


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Remembering..... By Ed McBride



I.W. Martin

of a kind!

Cliff Martin asked me to "fix him a sign for his barn" - giving me his dad's business card for the complete copy - "Up to date stables" and "Stylish turnouts" and "Livery, Feed and Sales - Stables, Phone 14". The location of which was behind the old shirt factory in the early 1900's.

I can "see Mr. Ike" now sitting on one of the benches in downtown Polkton - during World War II and

The above sign was, and is, one later. He lived across the street from the Baptist Church and came downtown several times a day walking down the middle of the street - then on his return home however, he would use the only "cement sidewalk" in town!!

Ike died in the late 1970's at age 89.

And, my buddy, Spot McBride, really had no part in the sign - except to "oversee" the production, of which he approved!!

4-H Yard Sale on June 13

The Anson County 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association will be having a yard sale on Saturday, June $13,\,\mathrm{from}\,\,6.30$ a.m. until $12\,\mathrm{noon}$ at the Old SunTrust Bank parking lot. Lots of neat items will be offered for sale, from clothing to crafts! All proceeds will go to further educational opportunities for 4-H Volunteer Leaders on the state and regional levels.

Wadesboro Has a Recycling Drop-off Site

The Town of Wadesboro is operating a trial recycling drop-off site for residents and small businesses. The location is the back corner of the Police and Fire Station parking lot, with customers entering from East Morgan Street across from the Anson Rescue Squad facility.

The drop-off site will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Hours may be expanded as warranted in the future.

Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell commented, "Thank you to the Town Council for allowing staff to try something new to address citizen concerns about recycling opportunities. Also, thank you to Town of Wadesboro staff for making this happen." Below is a list of materials that are accepted. Items do not need to be separated by

• What you can recycle: cardboard (flattened); all plastic containers #1 through #7 (free of hazardous materials and food contamination & no styrofoam or plastic shopping bags or plastic film; plastic containers #1 through #5 & #7 (i.e. commercial/retail/automotive); wide-mouth plastic containers; glass bottles & jars; cereal & food boxes; milk & juice cartons, juice boxes; aluminum cans; metal food cans, paperback books; magazines & phone books; shredded paper (in clear bags); empty



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aerosoi spray cans (no paint); spiral paper cans with plastic lids removed (chips, snacks, bread crumbs); rigid plastic containers & small hard plastic toys (HDPE must be less than 2 inches in length & 40 pounds); mixed paper, newspapers with inserts & junk mail.

• What you cannot recycle: contaminated food items; pizza boxes; wire hangers; paper plates, napkins or paper towels; plastic bags; ceramics; pots & pans; styrofoam; pencil shavings; candy or gum wrappers; hardbound books; rubber bands; garbage; light bulbs; batteries.



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