



Anson Middle School Students Receive Special Recognition

In a release from Anson Middle School: Anson Middle School is proud to announce that three students have been recognized for their outstanding performance in the 2013 Duke University Talent Identification Program's (Duke TIP) 7th Grade Talent Search. William "Will" Mark Dagenhart, son of Mark and Wendy Dagenhart of Peachland, Hannah Faye Ross (on left), daughter of Melissa (on howard) of Ansonville and Sidnee Reece Williams (on right), daughter of Sammie and Kenneth Williams of Wadesboro, have achieved scores

which have qualified them for state recognition through Duke TIP. Duke TIP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving academically gifted and talented students. The 7th Grade Talent Search identifies bright seventh grade students in middle school. Candidates are invited to take the ACT or the SAT college entrance exams as seventh graders, which allows them greater insight into their academic abilities. Students who receive state recognition score at or above the national average of recent high school graduates on at least one part of the ACT or the SAT. North Carolina is one of sixteen states in the Duke Tip region. While over six thousand students in our state participated in the 2013 Talent Search, just over two thousand students earned scores which qualified them for this recognition. Students who meet the qualifying score criteria receive information on Duke TIP's renowned summer programs, eStudies, as well as a wide range of educational programs which include Independent Learning, eSeminars and Scholar Weekends. Will, Hannah, and Sidnee, along with their parents, have been invited to attend a special Duke TIP Recognition Ceremony on May 24, at the Halton Arena, located on the campus of the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Anson Middle School congratulates these students for their exemplary achievement!

Anson 4-H'ers Place in District Competition

Anson County 4-H'ers brought home top honors from district competition at their annual South Central District Activity Day. Over 400 youth and adults attended the event held at Wingate University.

- District level winning presentations won by Anson County 4-H'ers:
- District Gold winner was Quenton Cromartie - Bugs and Bees, age category 9-10. Quenton will go on and compete at state competitions in Raleigh on June 22nd.
- Silver Medal winner was Na'La Brown - Citizenship/Community Service, age category 11-13.
- Bronze Medal winner was Katie Edwards in Open Class, age category 11-13.

Another presentation participant was Katherine Brown with a presentation in Food and Nutrition, age category 11-13. Congratulations to all on a job well done! Others in attendance for the job well done! Entertains participants, 4-H Volunteer Leaders Betty Garris, Carrissima Martin and Seane Alexander, and parents Terrance and Natona Brown. The Cooperative Extension Service of the US Department of Agriculture and state and local governments conducts 4-H programs. 4-H programs focus on the development of life skills for youth. Programs are offered to all youth regardless of sex, race, religion, national origin or disability.



Native Ansonian Sandra Teal, FNP Joins Carolinas Primary Care

Anson Community Hospital's Carolinas Primary Care practice welcomes certified family medicine nurse practitioner Sandra Teal, FNP, to its office. Teal works with the office's family practice physician, Dr. Elena Sutton, to provide quality preventive and acute care to patients of all ages. After obtaining her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Winston-Salem State University, Teal went on to complete her Masters of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner degree from the University of North Carolina at

Charlotte. Her nurse practitioner student clinical practicums were completed at CPC in Wadesboro, Union Pediatrics in Monroe, Richmond County Health Department in Rockingham, and Dove Internal Medicine in Indian Trail.

Teal's extensive 20 year nursing career began in 1993 at Anson Community Hospital as a certified nursing assistant. While at ACH, she also worked as a licensed practical nurse and a charge/medical telemetry nurse in the Surgical Services Department. Teal also worked as an adjunct nursing instructor at South Piedmont Community College, and most recently as a charge/medical telemetry nurse at Carolinas Medical Center -Union.

Dr. Fred Thompson, ACH President said, "We are very excited to add a family nurse practitioner to the staff at Carolinas Primary Care. Mrs. Teal's advanced registered nursing training will allow her to provide various health services ranging from diagnosing and treating health problems to prescribing medication to performing prenatal, well-child, and adult care checkups for our community." Teal has numerous professional affiliations, credentials, and recognitions. Among them, she is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing, and a current member of Metrolina Coalition of Nurse Practitioners. Native Ansonians, Sandra and her husband Michael, have two daughters, Maddison, 18, and Kaytlin, 13. They reside in Wadesboro.

Carolinas Primary Care is located in the Plank Road Shopping Center on Highway 74 in Wadesboro. Please call 704-694-DOCS (3627) for an appointment.

Chamber Open Golf Tournament

The best ever "Premier Golf Event of Anson County Chamber" was held on Friday, April 19th at Twin Valley Country Club. 46 teams were booked and many volunteers were lined up, so everyone was prepared for a great tournament. With 175 players choosing their tee time of 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. it was sure to be a very busy day for everyone. The weather was overcast for the morning players, but was unpredictable for the afternoon with rain storms approaching. The players were encouraged by Chamber Director Lynn Edwards to play quickly due to bad weather drifting in for later in the day.

Lynn Edwards said, "This event would not be as successful without the support of the sponsors, volunteers and especially the golfers. Deepest thanks to our Presenting Sponsors for this year, Anson Community Hospital and CMC-Union. Special thanks also to Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Tyson, Refreshment Services Inc., Waste Connections, R.A. Jefferies, and IGA of Wadesboro. Also a very special thanks to Russell Sikes of Plank Road Realty for cooking all the chicken for us. There are many others to thank for their contributions to this event with goodie bag items, team and hole sign sponsorships. A special thank you to Mitch Moretz and the staff at Twin Valley Country Club for their support also."

"I certainly have to give my warmest thank you to our Golf Committee, Jella Gathings, Jeff Rodgers, Todd Moore, Terri Martin, Tommy Allen, Freddie Vega, Coco Williams," Edwards continued. "Without these wonderful volunteers this event would not be as successful, and I appreciate each one of them. A big thanks also to the 2013 Leadership Class for helping out on this day as well."

Winners: First Place winner of the tournament were Wadesboro Tire and Auto. Second Place was Tyson Team #2, and coming in Third was BB&T. The winner of the Split-the-Pot was Chris Horne. The winner of the third "Golf Ball Drop" was Robbie Lear.

Congratulations to all of the winners! "Although the stone had entered our tournament by late afternoon, we were able to get the ball drop event completed, but in the rain," Edwards stated. "Thank you to Chris Baxley of Pee Dee Electric for operating the bucket truck again this year for the ball drop event"

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Diabetic Support Group Meets May 23

The Diabetic Support Group will meet on Thursday, May 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. The topic will be treating diabetes without medicine.

For more information call Ruth Hildreth at 704-694-3979 or Beth McLendon at 704-694-4291.

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The Home Where My Heart Is

Thinking back to the days my family took Sunday afternoon drives for no particular reason other than to see the sights around Anson, I recall many beauties that presented themselves while passing by. I secretly picked out favorite homes, streets, neighborhoods old barns and pretty yards. Upon my return visits, no matter how long it might have been, I would wait with anticipation to see if those favorites still looked the same and if they continued to tug at my heartstrings. With each passing they never disappointed. Small details like arched windows and stained glass doorways, tree lined streets and quiet neighborhoods held me captivated until our next Sunday drive. Log cabins and stone cottages were often my most favored homes, the kinds I had seen in magazines and paintings. As I grew older my love for all of the above remained very much the same. And later, as an adult, I found myself staring at one of the very homes I had spied as a kid, now for sale and in desperate need of some tender loving care.

The little stone cottage sitting in the curve on a peaceful street had long been one of my favorites. Always loving the little house with character and charm, neatly built of dappled stones and perched prettily on the picturesque street, it seemed perfectly situated between city and country living. I knew in my heart I had to have it!

I was in the market for a home and that house, ironically, was for sale. Besides, someone needed to give her a good polishing and reveal once again how pretty she could be. Already knowing I loved this HOUSE, I knew too that I would make her my HOME.

Over the next couple of years the house was transformed into my little gem, or my idea of a dream home, everything I had ever wanted. Not a mansion or even close to stately, my home was where the heart was - filled with peaceful days and evenings and restful nights. It was my safe haven and I loved my life while living there. So why would I do anything any differently? I was to live there for the rest of my days, or so I expected, and that would have been A-Okay with me.

But never say never. Four years later I was married, moving a mere four houses up the same beautiful street, but at the same time, still harboring a love for the home I breathed life back into. Unable to part with this piece of my heart I prayed for two years that my mother would move in and make it her own. How wonderful it would be to have her live so close by. But that wasn't her ideal it was mine. And so my pretty little house with character and charm, neatly built of dappled stones and perched prettily on a picturesque street is alas for sale again, her owner with a somewhat heavy heart.

My charming cottage is in search of a new owner, simply because she needs a family, someone who will bring her back to life. As she sits empty and alone I feel a bit of sorrow that no one is enjoying all that she has to offer. She is adorable, she is beautiful and she is special, not a cookie cutter home you too often see nowadays. Back when I was looking to make my purchase several people asked, "Why don't you just build a new home?" And my answer, always the same, "Because you can't build a home like this one anymore."

From "heart" to "soul" poured into this pretty stone cottage, now awaiting a new owner who will love her, care for and protect her as I still do. If you are that special person, I would love for you to see her - a home filled with all the charm, character and cozy comforts you're probably looking for but just haven't been able to find. She may not be exactly what you're looking for, but for me, she is exactly where I had always dreamed of living, the home where my heart is.

By Melanie Lyon

Melanie's home is available for sale. It is located at 507 West Wade Street in Wadesboro. For info call 704-695-2247.