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Summer's Here, Time to Jam!

In a release from Uptown Wadesboro, Inc.: Things are heating up around town as the annual Summer Jam concert series rolls in. Preparations are underway to kick off the summer with a bang! Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. is pleased to announce the first band of the season, The Horizon Band, featuring our very own Cletus Surratt.

The Horizon Band will take center stage on Friday, June 1 filling East Wade Street with popular country, southern rock, oldies, and beach music. Such a variety of music guarantees entertainment for everyone. Uptown Wadesboro president Brook Crider encourages guests to do a little toe-tapping and singing a-long. "Plus, there's always room for those who get the itch to dance!" adds Crider.

The Summer Jam concert series aims to provide fun, safe, and free entertainment right here in our community. With the help of local support from sponsors around Anson County, the concerts will be free to the public.

Following the debut in June, the concert series will continue throughout the summer with additional performances the first Fridays of July and August. The July Summer Jam will venture from the streets of East Wade and onto the Ray Shelton Ball Field. This concert will serve as a Fourth of July Celebration, featuring The Big Sam Band and a spectacular fireworks display.

All concerts will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 10 p.m. Local vendors will be located at each event to provide food and snacks including hotdogs, popcorn, baked goods, and drinks. All proceeds will benefit local fundraising efforts. So, come hungry!

Feel free to bring a lawn chair, beach towel or blanket for your family and enjoy the music. Each event will also have activities for children.

For more information contact the Uptown Wadesboro, Inc office at 704-695-1644.

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to improving the business district while providing fun and enjoyable activities for the community.

Pinewood Derby - Fast and Furious Cars, Lots of Winners



On Saturday, April 14th Cub Scouts from all over Anson County met in Wadesboro to compete in this year's Pinewood Derby, proudly sponsored by C&M Auto Supply. The event was co-ordinated and run by Kenny Brower, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 170 of Wadesboro and Tommy Burr, Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 525 of Wadesboro with help from David Howard, Assistant Cubmaster of Pack 525. With a beautiful fleet of competitive cars, racing was "fast and furious!" The top three finishers from each age group recieved an automatic transfer to the Council Derby, held at Z-Max Dragway on May 19th.

Pictured here are the trophy recipients from our district: From left, front: Logan Goodwin-Most Unique; Noah Sturgill-Peoples Choice and Scott Morgan-Best Looking. Second Row: Landon Howard-5th place; Landon Jeffries-4th place; Tommy Buckingham-3rd place; Aaron Johnson-2nd place and Mac Brock-1st place. In the third row are David Howard, Mike McCormick and Tommy Burr.

Kenny Brower stated, "We would like to sincerely thank Mike and C&M Auto Supply for graciously stepping up and sponsoring this year's event, providing the kits for all the participants as well as the trophies won!"

Toys For Tots is Back in Anson County!

With the support of Dr. Bernice Bennett, Toys For Tots Assistant Coordinator, Anson County's 2012 Toys For Tots Christmas Campaign will begin with an evening program at Harris Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Morven on Sunday, June 10, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker for the program will be Dr. Jerry Tyson of Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church in Wadesboro.

Highway Patrol Officer Landric Reid and his wife Cassandra have donated a 26" Huffy 18 Speed Bike, Memorex AM/FM Lector CD Boom Box and a \$25 gift card to raffle off during the program. The public may purchase tickets through the Executive Committee.

"To see a child's face light up during the Christmas Holidays is the best feeling. We are determined to bless more children this Christmas than last," stated Vancine Sturdivant, Toys For Tots Coordinator. "We can truly make this happen with the support of our local businesses and churches. We ask that each business and church please send a representative to Harris Chapel on June 10th."

For more information, to purchase tickets or to donate, please contact Vancine Sturdivant (704) 848-4412, Dr. Bernice Bennett (704) 848-4085, or Jennifer Tarlton (704) 694-3115.

Deadline Approaching for Treasures of Anson Art Contest

Submission dates are here for the AnsonArtLeague Treasures of Anson art contest. You may submit your entry for the bluebird art contest from now through June 30. Judging will take place during the month of July and awards will be announced in August. No late entries will be accepted. Art entries will be accepted at The Forever Inn B&B at 214 South Greene Street in Wadesboro. Please call ahead (704-695-1304) to make sure someone is available to accept delivery of your entry.

The bluebird was selected as the subject for this year's contest. Any medium may be used - oil, watercolor, wood, clay, textiles, glass, paper, photography, etc., but the bluebird must be the main focus. Prize money is being provided by the Anson County Tourism Development Authority. One entry per person and you must be an Anson County resident. You do not need to be a professional artist to enter. Entry must be created on or after October 1, 2011, and be the original work of the artist - not a copy, photograph, print or reproduction of someone else's work - although you may use a photo as a reference.

Total prize money is \$400. Winning entries (and, if space permits, all entries) will be shown at the Arts Council's 2nd Sunday Art Reception on Sunday, August 12 in the Olde Mill Gallery at the Lockhart-Taylor Center at South Piedmont Community College, 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

All artwork must be ready for display and properly labeled. Complete guidelines for the contest are available online at www.AnonArtLeague.com. Please call Merrie Datin at 704-695-1304 if you have any questions about the guidelines or about the art contest.

Adult Literacy Computer & GED Courses

Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center is now enrolling adult students in literacy computer skills classes. Instructor, Mrs. Trina Brooks is waiting to enroll you today. Brooks has successfully provided six weeks of computer skills training to several students. This is a great opportunity for all adults to enhance their computer knowledge, as well as sharpen their skills.

The sessions are free and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the BRLC Community Center. Each session needs a total of 5 students before the classes can start. GED classes are also available to any student who has a desire to acquire their GED or high school diploma. There will need to be an enrollment of at least 15 students to hold this class.

This is a great time to enroll in order that you will be able to grow in this technical age. South Piedmont Community College has partnered with BRLC to provide these classes to adult students. If you are interested in enrolling for the upcoming sessions please drop by BRLC daily, Monday thru Friday, 3 to 5 p.m. to register, or call 704-826-8737 or 704-826-8182.

Ansonville Historical Society Museum Open 4th Sunday of Each Month

The public is invited to come visit the Ansonville Historical Society Museum. The museum is open the fourth Sunday of each month, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information call 704-826-8228.

Community Blood Center of the Carolinas Calls on Students to Help Save Summer, Earn Scholarships

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) will be kicking off its "Students Saving Summer Scholarship" program on Friday, June 1. Area high school and college students who organize and host a successful blood drive with CBCC between June and September have the chance to earn scholarship money for their secondary education. CBCC will award five (5) \$1,000 scholarships to the students who hold the top-producing blood drives.

"Students make up a large part of our donor base so this is a great opportunity to keep them engaged in the summer months when blood supplies tend to drop because of school breaks and family vacations," said Martin Grable, president and CEO of Community Blood Center of the Carolinas. "We look forward to recognizing deserving students with scholarships for their efforts in helping stock our summer blood supply and supporting local patients."

Participating students must hold their blood drive between June 1 and September 30, 2012; select a location; recruit donors; and collect a minimum of 25 units of blood to be eligible for the scholarship. Each student will be paired up with a CBCC representative who will provide assistance with planning the blood drive. The CBCC scholarship donation must be directly transferred to the college, university or other learning establishment of each winner's choice.

For more information or to register for the "Saving Summer Scholarship" program, contact Kim Jones at 704-972-4727 or at KLJones@cbcc.us.

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) is a non-profit community-based blood center and the primary blood supplier to 21 regional hospitals, serving 16 North Carolina and three South Carolina counties. CBCC focuses exclusively on gathering red blood cells, platelets and plasma from volunteer donors to save local lives - every drop of blood collected remains here to help people in the Carolinas. CBCC is a member of America's Blood Centers, North America's largest network of community-based, independent blood centers providing more than 50% of the nation's blood supply.

For more information on hosting a blood drive or donating blood in your area, visit www.cbcc.us or call 704-972-4700.

SHIIP Honors Anson County Volunteers

SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, is honoring its network of more than 800 volunteers and volunteer coordinators throughout North Carolina. In conjunction with its 25th anniversary, SHIIP is holding a series of appreciation luncheons to thank its volunteers.



Pictured from left, Thomasina Spencer, NC Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin, Joanne Clark, Bernice Bennett

Volunteers Thomasina Spencer, Joanne Clark and Bernice Bennett of Anson County attended a luncheon with Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin in Monroe on May 9. Joanne Clark was presented with an award for 20 years of service with SHIIP.

A division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance, SHIIP provides free and unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other

health insurance issues to Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers. While SHIIP employs a small paid staff, a great deal of its outreach is performed through trained volunteers who provide one-on-one counseling in all 100 counties in North Carolina. "Serving North Carolina's 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries would be impossible without the work of our SHIIP volunteers," said Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin. "I thank each and every one of them for their dedication and compassion in helping people make important decisions about Medicare." For more information, visit www.ncshiip.com.

Pressure Canner Lid Testing

It is that time of year again. Gardens are coming off and people are pulling out their canners to put up vegetables. Pressure canning is a must for all low acid foods. This includes all vegetables, meats, poultry, seafood and soups or a combination of any of these items.

Make sure your steam dial gauge is correct. The Anson Cooperative Extension Center is offering Pressure Canner Lid testing for steam dial gauge lids only. Weighted gauges do not require testing.

The Extension Center will offer free testing of canner lids the week of June 11-15. Simply bring your canner lid to the Extension Center at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro anytime during that week and drop it off.

Gauges will be checked, and you will receive a call when it is ready to be picked up. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Canning publications and information are also available.

Before you get too far into your canning season have your dial gauge checked. This is a free service to the public. For questions and information, contact Janine Rywak, County Extension Director at 704-694-2915.

Wadesboro Community Blood Drive

There will be a Wadesboro Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 23, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Wadesboro Fellowship Hall. This event is sponsored by the Wadesboro Rotary Club and the American Red Cross.

Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday

Everyone is invited to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony that will be held on the Square in Wadesboro next Monday, May 28. This event will start at 2:30 p.m. It is an opportunity to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

For more information you can contact Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward at 704-694-4418 or tward@co.anson.nc.us.

Early Dismissal Times for Anson Schools

Anson County Schools will have early dismissal for students on Thursday, June 7.

- Wadesboro Primary School and Wadesboro Elementary School will dismiss at 12:30 p.m.
- Ansonville, Lilesville, Morven and Peachland-Polkton Elementary Schools will dismiss at 1 p.m.
- Anson Middle, Anson High, Anson New Tech and Anson Early College will dismiss at 1:30 p.m.

Deep Creek School Reunion

There will be a Deep Creek School Reunion on Saturday, June 9th at 11 o'clock. This event will be held at the Deep Creek Baptist Church. Everyone is invited, and asked to please bring a covered dish.

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