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### **Diabetic Support Group Meets**

The Diabetic Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. The speaker will be Ms. Joanne Clark who is with the North Carolina Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP).

For more information contact Ruth Hildreth at 704-694-3979.

#### July 4 is Free Fishing Day in North Carolina

July 4 is your one chance a year to get hooked on fishing for free! From 12:01 a.m. until 11:59 p.m., everyone in North Carolina - resident and non-residents alike - can fish in any public body of water, from mountain trout waters to coastal waters, without purchasing a fishing license or additional trout fishing privilege. Although no fishing license is required to fish on July 4, the NC Wildlife Resources Commission reminds anglers that all other fishing regulations, such as size and creel limits and lure restrictions, still apply. To give anglers a better chance of catching fish, the

Commission stocks a variety of fish in waters across the state - including trout and channel catfish. The agency also provides free access to fishing sites across the state, including public fishing areas and boating access areas. A list of more than 500 fishing areas open to the public is on the Commission's website, www.ncwildlife.org/fishing. Authorized by the NC General Assembly and started in

1994, North Carolina's annual free fishing day always falls on July 4. "The Wildlife Commission offers a free fishing day to show novice anglers how much fun fishing can be and to remind lapsed anglers how much fun they've been missing.' said Robert Curry, chief of the Wildlife Commission's Division of Inland Fisheries. "It's a great opportunity for anglers of all ages and abilities to experience the incredible fishing that North Carolina has to offer."

While a fishing license is not required for anglers 15 years and younger, anyone age 16 and older must have a fishing license to fish in any public water in North Carolina, including coastal waters. To purchase a license:

• Call the Commission at 1-888-248-6834. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 7 days a week; · Go to www.ncwildlife.org using a computer or mobile

device: Visit a local Wildlife Service Agent.

For a list of all public fishing areas, visit www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing or call the Division of Inland Fisheries, 919-707-0220.

#### **SPCC Massage Therapy Program to** Start New Class August 1

South Piedmont Community College's Massage Therapy program will start a new class on Aug. 1 on the Old Charlotte Highway Campus in Monroe. With convenient and day and evening classes, the 500-plus hour program can be completed in as little as 24 weeks. SPCC's program provides all the skills and competencies necessary to sit for the national certification exam. This career-oriented program is designed for individuals who are focused on the health and well-being of their clients. Certification in massage therapy can lead to jobs in chiropractic offices, spas, salons, wellness and fitness center, or provide the opportunity to start one's own business. The Massage Therapy program has minimal prerequisites

for entry. Small class sizes ensure individual attention with state-of-the-art training and equipment. For information about the program, call program director

Mary Berger at 704-290-5865 or go to www.spcc.edu, click on "Corporate and Continuing Education" and scroll down to

"Massage Therapy.

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# Remembering..... By Ed McBride

#### The Barber Shop - Days Gone By My son Tommy and I were talking, thinking of days gone

by - even about haircuts and the many barbershops that were here downtown and in surrounding areas. It was then that I thought of the many G.I.'s who had come home at the end of World War II. Many of them were members of our Sunday School class - a class then, that on special occasions would have close to 100 in attendance! I do remember one Sunday, after Sunday School, many of us were out on the church lawn, mostly reminiscing or whatever.

Andy Pesce and I were talking, when I told him how glad I was when he came "south" to live...and before that I had been the ugliest one in our class! And, no, I didn't get hit, but Andy and I had a great friendship through the years - Sunday School, Church, Lions Club, and many activities helping others. I even remember the early days in the Lions Club, having our

meetings, food at the National Hotel - a full meal with coffee or tea, hot homemade rolls...the works, all for only one dollar! Oh well, we can't have everything! My new Studebaker car cost only \$875 brand new, and Allen's grandfather, Dr. Bob Lyon, had a new Studebaker President which was less than \$3,000 with all the accessories of the day...even an automatic hill holder!! Ed

#### **Research on Children Who Stutter -Situation Should Not Be Ignored**

Parents who notice their young child beginning to stutter should seek help right away; and help is available at most public libraries. In the past, experts incorrectly believed that paying attention to a child's stuttering would exacerbate the situation. It was even feared that offering the child therapy "would arouse the child's awareness and cause more stuttering," said Ehud Yairi, speech-language pathologist and researcher at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and Tel-Aviv University. However, research by Yairi published in the Journal of Speech, Language and Hearing Research reveals that all children may be aware of the differences between fluent speech and stuttering as early as age three, and that they often display a social preference for fluent-speaking children by the time they are four years old.

These findings should provide support to the important idea that we should shift from a 'hands-off' approach to more direct therapy techniques, and even more so with school-age children" added Barry Guitar, Ph.D., of University of Vermont.

"Any time parents are concerned about a child's fluency," notes Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation, "they should educate themselves about the disorder and the many ways they can work to prevent stuttering from becoming a chronic problem."

The book, If Your Child Stutters: A Guide for Parents, also available in Spanish, answers questions that parents and teachers often have. Written by leading experts, it describes the difference between normal disfluencies and stuttering and gives tips for parents of ways to help their child immediately.

The book is available at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Books and DVDs produced by the 65-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation are available free to any public library. A library that will shelve them can contact the Foundation at 1-800-992-9392, e-mail info@stutteringhelp.org, or visit

www.stutteringhelp.org or www.tartarmudez.org. Seven Tips for talking with your child

1. Speak with your child in an unhurried way, pausing frequently.

2. Reduce the number of questions you ask your child.

3. Use your facial expressions and other body language to convey to your child that you are listening to the content of her message and not to how she's talking.

4. Set aside a few minutes at a regular time each day when you can give your undivided attention to your child.

5. Help all members of the family learn to take turns talking

and listening.

6. Observe the way you interact with your child.

7. Above all, convey that you accept your child as he is.

#### **NCHurriClaims.com**

#### New website helps North Carolinians prepare for hurricane season

Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin encourages all North Carolinians to prepare for the hurricane season by visiting www.NCHurriClaims.com, a new website created by North Carolina Department of Insurance. NCHurriClaims.com is North Carolina's source of insurancerelated information related to hurricanes and other natural disasters. The website includes tips for before and after a storm, descriptions of insurance coverages, important contact information and more. It will be updated with news and alerts throughout the hurricane season, which runs from June through the end of November.

"Don't wait until a storm approaches to protect your loved ones and property. NCHurriClaims.com makes it easy for you to learn how to prepare," said Goodwin. Learn more about the importance of reviewing your insurance

policies, creating a home inventory, and compiling important documents in a secure place at www.NCHurriClaims.com.

#### **Request For Applications** Anson County Partnership for Children Announces

#### Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 The Anson County Partnership for Children is the

local, non-profit agency that directs the spending of Smart Start funds in Anson County. The partnership is currently seeking applications from individuals, for-profit organizations and not-for-profit organizations for the administration of the following approved activities. Successful bidders must be able to meet bidder qualifications specific to the activities, including

performance measures. For more information and to obtain a bid package, please call Ashlie Jones at 704-694-4036 or email

at acpfc@windstream.net. Completed bid packages due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2012.

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