



Toys For Tots 1st Annual Masquerade Ball

In a release from Toys for Tots: The Anson County Toys For Tots Executive Board hosted a Masquerade Ball entitled 'Christmas in July' on Friday, July 19th at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. The purpose of the Ball was to begin raising funds for Christmas toys. Special guests and political officials, such as Justice Cheri Beasley, Rep. Mark Brody, Marshville Mayor Frank Deese, Richmond County Sheriff James Clemmons, Partnership For Children's Elaine Scarborough, an attorney from Poisson, Poisson and Bower, were present at the Masquerade Ball. In all, over 175 guests were present. Cassandra Reid and Priscilla Little scheduled a silent auction and dance contest during the ball. The winners of the dance contest were: 1st Place - Alisha and Cedric Hartley, Jr.; 2nd Place - Tim Bennett and Crystal McLendon; 3rd Place - Lisa Talley and Mario Guadalupe. Lisa Talley and Mario Guadalupe also won best dressed. A special dance tribute was dedicated to Vancine Sturdivant by the Ebenezer Marriage Ministry. Masquerade Chairperson Cassandra Reid stated, "I think we had a great turnout and the Ball was successful. The reason I wanted to have a Masquerade Ball was because I wanted to bring an event to Wadesboro that required the attendees to dress formal. People like to put on their best, they like having a good time, and they don't like always having to go out of town in order to do so. I also thought it would bring a little sophistication to Wadesboro. Next year's ball is still in the planning stages, but we plan to go bigger and better. We want it to have more of a big town feel." Toys For Tots Coordinator Vancine Sturdivant stated "It is all for the children. If I can put a smile on one child's face, my living is not in vain." To contribute to Toys For Tots, please contact Sturdivant at 704 848-4412.



Report Finds Status of NC Women Improving, Challenges Remain

The NC Department of Administration's Council for Women has released a report entitled the Status of Women in North Carolina. The report is the latest research on women in North Carolina and tracks the progress and disparity in opportunities and outcomes for women since 1996. The report will be unveiled on Monday at the NC Women's Roundtable in Greensboro, NC. The report will reveal that women made significant progress over the past 15 years by increasing representation in the state's elective executive positions, holding a higher proportion of state legislative seats, and narrowing the gender wage gap. However, the report will show that women continue to be underrepresented in the North Carolina General Assembly relative to their share of the population, and that women still earn less than their male counterparts, only 83 cents on the dollar when compared to men. "This report shows that North Carolina's women are becoming better educated, more prosperous and more politically influential than ever before," said Beth Briggs, Director of the NC Council for Women. "But it is clear that an equality gap still exists between where women are and where women should be in relation to men." The report was prepared by the Institute for Women's Policy Research with funding from a public-private partnership which included the NC Council for Women, the Wells Fargo Foundation, Women for Women with the Community Foundation of Western NC, Women to Women with the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, and the Women's Giving Circle of Cumberland County. Other funders and the full text of the report will be available at www.councilfor-women.nc.gov on Monday. The Status of Women in North Carolina report was released and discussed at the NC Women's Roundtable in March in Greensboro, NC. Speakers included: Dr. Jo Allen, President of Meredith College; Susan Brown, Market President for Wells Fargo in High Point; and Ariane Hegewisch, Study Director for the Institute of Women's Policy Research. Other information presented at the roundtable event included Meredith College's new report on the Status of Girls in NC and the NC Women United draft agenda from the 2012-13 Women's Assemblies. Governor Pat McCrory proclaimed March as Women's History Month. The proclamation recognizes women's significant contributions to North Carolina's economy and way of life.

Youth Baseball and Basketball Clinics

Anson County Parks and Recreation will hold a Youth Baseball Clinic and a Youth Basketball Clinic. • Youth Baseball Clinic - August 5 to 9, from 9 a.m. to noon for ages 8 to 12 at Little Park • Youth Basketball Clinic - August 12 to 16, from 9 a.m. to noon for ages 8 to 12 at Little Park Both clinics are free. For information contact Wendell Small, CPRP at 704-695-2782.

Eager Beavers 4-H Club to Meet

The Eager Beavers 4-H Club meeting will be held on Saturday, August 17, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Anson County Extension Center.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUKE WHITE

On June 29, Luke White brought his 1st birthday in with a bang...celebrating with over one hundred loving family, friends, and church family at his home in Peachland. His Stars and Stripes themed party featured patriotic decorations, hotdogs with all the trimmings, homemade ice cream, pound cake, and patriotic cupcakes and gift bags for the kids. His 1st birthday cake was a special Stars and Stripes design. Luke enjoyed the fondant stars best. There was lots of fun for all ages; including fishing lessons, canoe rides, water games, corn hole and pitching horseshoes. Luke was blessed with many thoughtful and fun gifts. He would like to thank each and everyone for their part in making his 1st birthday so special. God has blessed Luke and his parents with many wonderful people. Thank God for each of you. Luke is the son of Joel and Lenelle White of Peachland, grandson of Julian and Jackie White of McFarlan, and David and Katrenia Davis of Peachland, and great-grandson of Margaret White of Bennettsville, S.C. and Kate Mabry of Peachland. The day's festivities ended as they began, with a bang - showcasing an array of spectacular fireworks. An appropriate end for a little firecracker like Luke.

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