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Rescheduled Battle of the Bands is Friday

South Piedmont Community College's fifth annual Battle of the Bands, postponed by weather in April, will be this Friday, August 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the refurbished Helen Goodman Amphitheater on the L.L. Polk Campus in Polkton. Admission is free.

Artists scheduled to perform include Fire Fire, 21st Century Goliath, Clear Water Band, Something Clever, Sons of Saron, Michael Fracy, All Era, Kirkley and the Firecrackers, Eleanora Tragan, Brandon Kinking Jane, Absolute Conviction and Carson Hill. As usual, the previous year's winner - Fire for Effect, in this case - is not eligible to compete.

Prize money has been increased dramatically for this year's event. The first-place band will receive \$1,500 - three times last year's prize. The second-place band will receive \$750 and the third-place band will get \$500. The individual performer will receive \$500, five times last year's prize.

The stage in the amphitheater was completely refurbished over the summer and has a new paint job. The way the stage is constructed now will allow one band to set up while another is playing. "New decks, backdrops, paint - it's basically brand new," Student Activities Director Mike Maffucci said. "It also has had new power run to the stage, with an area in the back to load instruments and equipment."

Various SPCC clubs will have food for sale during the event and Community Blood Center of the Carolinas will have a bloodmobile on hand.

The Battle of the Bands is sponsored by SPCC's Student Government Association.

Anson County's W.A.L.L. Changes Name

In a release from Jennifer Lee of Anson County's W.A.L.L.: Anson County's W.A.L.L. is growing rapidly. We are receiving much interest from surrounding counties in our efforts to stop the "Frack Attack" in North Carolina. At our last meeting on August 4 attending members decided to expand our mission field and change our group's name.. We now can be found on Facebook under our new name.. We Dee's WALL.

The public is invited to attend our next meeting on Sunday, August 26 at 4 p.m. in the basement of the Hampton B. Allen Library.

Remembering.....
By Ed McBride



Parsons Ross House

This one goes back "a day or two." Even I had forgotten some of the details...certainly how much was "packed" on this sign:
Anson County Chamber of Commerce
Anson County Economic Development
Anson County Historical Society
Anson County Historic Properties Commission
Anson County Emergency Medical and Management

As I look at the picture many things flash through my mind. (Allen wants to know what mind...oh well!)

So much has changed, and yet some changes were so gradual that we tend to forget. And also, so many things like the downtown destructive fires - the National Hotel, the Lyon Building, offices and other buildings. So, looking back reminds us - time does "march" on!

Ed

Registered students are cordially invited to attend our Open House... "A Pink & Black Tie Affair" Drop In Anytime Between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. TODAY...WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15



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Students Receive Mary Beth Lear History Awards



Erin Thomas



Anna McGowan

Erin Thomas and Anna McGowan, rising ninth graders at Anson High School, both received 2012 Anson Middle School Mary Beth Lear History Awards recently.

Erin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Thomas of Wadesboro, received her award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to Anson Middle School's Flag Day and her scholarship in American and North Carolina history.

Anna also received her award in recognition of her outstanding scholarship in American and North Carolina history. She was also a member of the History Club who were winners in the state history competition at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh this past April.

Teach College Kids about Money Before They Leave Home

In the next weeks thousands of teenagers will send their teenagers off to college. Before they leave home, the Better Business Bureau urges parents to talk to their kids about money, credit and scams. The BBB's top six money-related topics for parents to discuss are:

- 1) Checking account - Many college kids will have a checking account with a debit card. Parents should discuss overdraft fees, keeping debit card in a safe, using secure internet connections to check balances, and liability if debit card is stolen.
- 2) Credit cards - College kids are deluged with credit card offers and incentives to sign up on campus. Parents should discuss late payment and over limit fees, interest rates, impact on their credit reports, liability if card is stolen, using a safe internet connection to check their balance, email and text spoofing scams from 'bank' about problems with their card or account and shredding documents with personal information.
- 3) Credit report - College is the time when young people first begin establishing credit through a credit card or student loans. They can get a free credit report from each of the three credit bureaus each year at www.annualcreditreport.com. It's important for college kids to get a credit report on a regular basis to insure that no credit accounts have been opened in their name.
- 4) Identity theft - Identity thieves target young people because they have little to no credit which means they typically don't have credit blemishes. Plus, it takes young people longer to find out that they have been the victim of identity theft because they may not check their credit very often. Parents should warn their college bound kids about giving out personal information, especially their social security number, banking or credit card numbers, birth date and home address.
- 5) Credit fraud - Although there are high tech ways that someone can steal your identity, the most common way that young people become identity theft victims is through friendly fraud. Friendly fraud occurs with a roommate, family member or friend uses their card or credit card without their authorization or opens up new credit accounts in their name without their knowledge.
- 6) Requests from friends - Parents should make sure that their college bound kids know about the ramifications of co-signing loans or letting a friend use their credit card.

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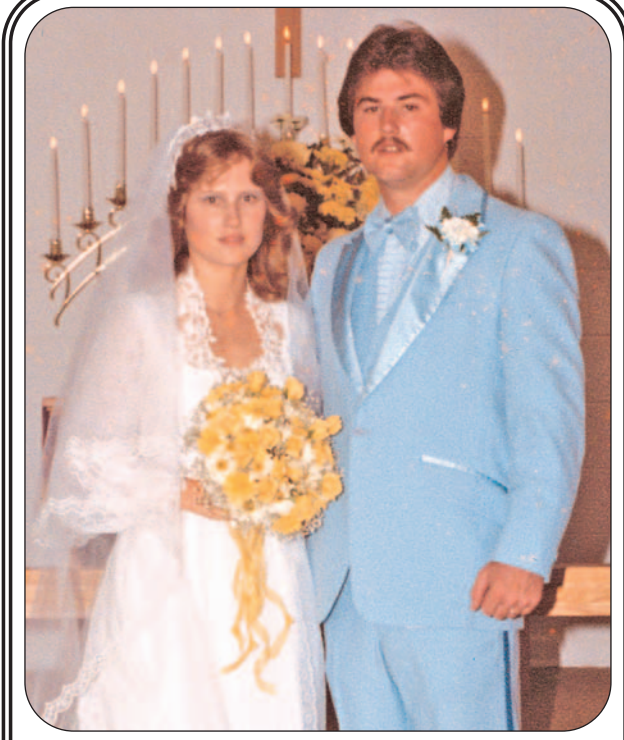
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