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Celebrate Agriculture this Weekend at Ag Expo and Fair

The annual fair, expo, and youth livestock show are scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, at the 2012 Anson Ag Expo and Fair. In addition, special events new and old, including the returning lumberjack competition, are also planned.

The weekend's festivities kick off at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of SPCC. Starting on Thursday fair entries will be received in the Ingram Room of the Lockhart-Taylor Center from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

- Friday's schedule includes:**
- Educational Exhibits Registration & Set Up, 4 p.m.
 - Fair and Expo Open to the Public, 6 - 9 p.m.
 - Scarecrow Contest Registration, 6 - 7 p.m.
 - Youth Creative Squash Challenge Registration, 7 - 8 p.m.
 - Pee Wee Goat Show Weigh-In, 4 - 5:15 p.m.
 - Pee Wee Goat Show, 5:30 p.m.
 - Youth Goat Show Weigh-In, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
 - 4-H Youth Goat Show, 6 p.m.

Food will be offered by Deep Creek Masonic Lodge 382, Order of the Eastern Star and Bella's Concessions. Menus include hot dogs, sausage dogs, popcorn, kettle corn, pork skins, lemonade, shaved ice and drinks. In addition, the State Employees' Credit Union "Fat Cat" mascot will be visiting.

- Saturday will include:**
- Fair Viewing, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 - Educational Booth Judging, 9 a.m. (open to the public)
 - Scarecrow Contest Judging, 9 a.m. (open to the public)
 - Adult Local Foods Bake-Off Registration, 9 - 10 a.m.
 - Youth Creative Squash Challenge Judging, 10 a.m. (open to the public)
 - Adult Local Foods Bake-Off Judging, 11 a.m. (open to the public)
 - Youth Scavenger Hunt Registration, 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
 - Youth Scavenger Hunt Bicycle Drawing, 12 p.m.
 - Kiddie Tractor Pull Registration, 10:45 a.m.
 - Kiddie Tractor Pull, 11 a.m.
 - South Atlantic Woodsmen's Association Lumberjack Competition, 12:30 p.m.
 - Pee Wee Heifer Show Check-In, 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.
 - Pee Wee Heifer Show, 9:30 a.m.
 - Youth Heifer Show Check-In, 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
 - 4-H Youth Heifer Show, 10 a.m.
 - Lamb Weigh-In, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
 - 4-H Youth Lamb Show, Immediately Following Heifer Show

Outside vendors will include, Anson County Partnership for Children, Tractor Supply, Cub Scout Pack 530, Food Lion, and the Cooperative Extension booth, which will also serve as registration and an information center.

Celebrate Anson Agriculture t-shirts will be on sale in the Extension booth, as well as ham and sausage biscuits on Saturday morning by Extension Secretaries' Association.

Inside the Ingram Room, other vendors include the Anson County Beekeepers Association, Anson County Farm Bureau, Anson County Farm Service Agency and South Piedmont Community College. Vendor applications are still being received, so there may be more to offer.

Come out and enjoy the fun this weekend. This year promises something for everybody. Celebrate agriculture in Anson!

Domestic Violence Coalition's Purple Ribbon Campaign Needs You

In a release from the Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition: Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition has begun our Annual Purple Ribbon Campaign 2012. The campaign is running from September until December. The funds raised from this campaign will be used to help defray program and direct service costs. We must match every state and federal grant we receive by 20%. Our goal is to raise \$30,000.

We are a non-profit agency in Anson County, serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child and elder abuse. We serve the community by providing education and awareness, along with a 24-Hour Confidential Crisis and Reporting Line for victims and those who want to report abuse. Anson is the only county in North Carolina with a Domestic Violence First Responding Team.

Individuals who donate \$100 will receive a certificate, a purple ribbon lapel pin, and will be recognized (if approved by you) in our local papers in January 2013, as a contributor to the campaign.

Businesses or Churches who donate \$100 will receive a certificate for the business or church and will also be recognized in January in our local papers (if approved by you). If an individual at your business or church donates on their own \$100 they will also receive their own certificate, pin and recognition.

Donations can be mailed to Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition, PO Box 694, Wadesboro, NC 28170. All contributions are tax deductible. Please indicate whether or not if you would like to be publicly recognized for your donation(s) in January.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. Domestic violence and sexual assault are continuously on the rise in Anson County. If you are or know someone who is being hurt or abused, we are here to help - You Are Not Alone.

For more information or to speak with an advocate, call 704-690-0362 to reach our 24 hour Crisis Line.

Back to School with Pride Event Held



Over 1,000 people attended the Back to School with Pride event held at Hatcher Park in Lilesville on Friday, August 24. Sponsored by the Faith-Based Center of Hope, this event provided over 500 students with school supplies. Highway Trooper Landric Reid held his annual Shoe Rally at the same time, contributing over

125 pairs of shoes to less fortunate citizens. Vancine Sturdivant of Center of Hope said, "It just feels good to be able to bless someone else. Not only did we bless over 500 students at our event, but with the generous donations we received we were also able to provide school supplies for every school in the county and several churches. Because we did not receive the amount of school uniforms we would have liked, we gave all the uniforms to the schools to provide to the students as needed."

Thanks were given to Lilesville Mayor Richard Harrington, the Lilesville Board of Commissioners, Holla, M&M Fun Fun, Evadne Smith-Little and Judge Lisa Thacker. Harrington, Ross Streater, Bernice Bennett, Weaver Thomas, Bobby Galimore and Ester Lindsey assisted with the event.

Hornwood, Inc. Donates \$15,000 to the United Way Campaign for Local Agencies



Hornwood, Inc. of Lilesville was the first company in Anson County to give a corporate donation to United Way of Central Carolina's annual campaign. The textile manufacturer serves as an example to the rest of the community with their contribution to the umbrella organization for local humanitarian agencies. Hornwood is one of the largest contributors of the Anson County United Way campaign to the annual United Way campaign every year. Last year, United Way allocated \$77,000 to local agencies for educational and health programming.

Pictured are the Hornwood partners who serve on the Partner Contribution Committee, from left, Athan Tillman, Lowery Spencer, John Marshall, Caroline Goins, Mary Liles, Georgina Brown, Anita Mullis and Robbie Chambers. Darrell Goodson is not pictured.

This is Child Passenger Safety Week

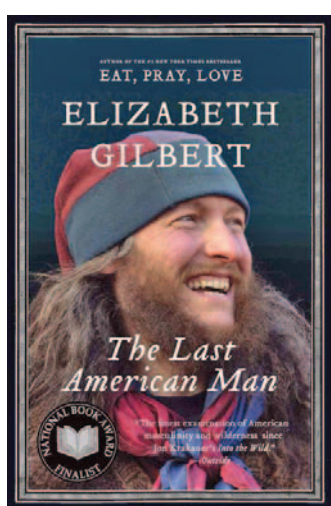
According to new data announced by Safe Kids Worldwide, seventy-three percent of car seats are not being used correctly. However, when used properly, child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent. In an effort to educate parents about the importance of car seat safety during Child Passenger Safety Week (September 16-22), Safe Kids Anson and the Anson County Partnership for Children are holding several events to help raise awareness about the importance of child passenger and car safety.



- Wednesday, September 19th - Appointments are available for the Permanent Checking Station located at the Partnership Office at 117 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be onsite to assist with education and installation of car seats. Parents and caregivers should call the Partnership office at 704-694-4036 to make an appointment to have their car seat either installed and/or inspected by a certified CPS technician.
- Thursday, September 20th - A Car Seat Check Event will be held in the parking lot of Kids Express, located at 1705 Morven Road in Wadesboro, from 2 to 5 p.m. Technicians will be onsite to assist with education and installation of car seats. Drop in times only, no appointments necessary.
- Saturday, September 22nd - Come by and visit the Child Passenger Safety Informational Booth at the Anson Ag Expo, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro.

The Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership is responsible for developing collaborative strategies to meet the unique needs of children and families in Anson County, focusing on: Child Care Quality, Child Care Accessibility, Child Care Affordability, Health, Literacy and Family Support. For more information, contact Ashley Ratliff-Haynes at 704-694-4036.

TV Personality to Appear at the Ansonia Theatre



In a release from Anson New Tech High School: The Anson Arts Council along with Anson New Tech High School are very pleased to bring Eustace Conway, star of History Channel's hit show Mountain Men, to the Ansonia Theatre on Monday, October 1 at 6 p.m. Conway is a renown naturalist. He celebrates the freedom of individuality in all aspects of life.

Like Thoreau, Eustace has gone to the woods to live deliberately, fronting only the essential facts of life, to see if he could not learn what it had to teach. At age seventeen he moved outside to live in an Indian tipi, which was his only home for 17 winters. For years he wore only homemade buckskin clothes and made and gathered his own implements. At age eighteen he canoed 1,000 miles on the Mississippi River. Then he walked across America on the Appalachian Trail, completing the 2,000 mile journey. He has lived with many different Indian tribes, celebrating their cultures with them. He has also served as state naturalist at Crowders Mountain Park in North Carolina.

In 1987 Eustace founded a lifelong dream, Turtle Island Preserve, an environmental education center and 1,000 acre wildlife preserve near Boone, North Carolina. There he directs a unique visionary approach of getting people in touch with nature. As an educator, he loves to uphold Emerson's quote, "What you do speaks so loud, that I cannot hear what you say."

Conway will be speaking on his many adventures as a naturalist and advocate for nature. For more information you can check out The Last American Man, by Elizabeth Gilbert, available on Amazon and other book retailers. Gilbert's primary focus is on the fascinating true story of Conway. Conway will also be available after his presentation to do a book signing. Tickets for this event will be available at Lacy's, the Anson Arts Council, and will be sold at the door. Costs are adults, \$10 and students (with ID), \$5. Please join us for this unique opportunity.

Community Blood Center of the Carolinas Awards \$1,000 Grant to Anson High School

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) announced that Anson High School was one of 10 winners of its regional "High School Grant" program. Anson High School received a \$1,000 grant for hosting a top-performing blood drive during the 2011-12 school year.

"Students make up 20 percent of our donor base so we appreciate the valiant efforts and commitment of all of our region's high schools and students who donate blood with us," said Martin Grable, president and CEO of the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas. "We are proud to recognize these top-performing high schools that went above and beyond in hosting blood drives throughout the year to ensure local patients have access to life-saving blood."

The "High School Grant" program is one of the many ways CBCC is supporting local students and schools. Throughout the year, CBCC will offer \$36,000 in scholarships and grants. Participating high schools are encouraged to sponsor a minimum of two drives throughout the 2012-2013 school year to qualify in winning a grant.

For more information on CBCC's scholarship and grant opportunities, contact Kim Jones, director of development and public relations, at 704-972-4727 or kljones@cbcc.us.

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

Peachland-Polkton Elementary Blood Drive is Friday

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, September 21. It will be held in the gym from 2 to 6:30 p.m. All presenting donors will be entered into a summer drawing for \$3,000!

Donors should eat iron-rich foods for 2 weeks before donating blood. Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine on the day of the drive. For more information you can contact the Red Cross at 800-RED-CROSS or redcross.org.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic this Saturday

The fall Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held on Saturday, September 22 in the Tractor Supply parking lot, from 2 to 5 p.m. All dogs, cats and ferrets four months of age must have a current rabies vaccination that is administered by a licensed veterinarian.

Meet the Candidates Forum on September 24

The Anson County Partnership for Children is teaming with the Anson County Chamber of Commerce and South Piedmont Community College to host a "Meet the Candidates" forum on Monday, September 24th. The event will be held in the Ingram Community Room at the Lockhart-Taylor Center at SPCC in Wadesboro from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Every candidate running for office in this year's election from governor to Anson County Commissioners has been invited to attend.

School Board Meets Monday, September 24

The Anson County School Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, January 30th at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a closed session. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to participate.

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