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Campbell Award for Creative Nonfiction.

Joseph Bathanti

Joseph Bathanti will lead a workshop on writing the short story on Saturday, October 28, at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall in Wadesboro. The intensive work-

shop is sponsored by the Anson County Writers' Club and will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a break for lunch. Cost is \$25. Class is limited to 15 participants. For more information or to register via Paypal, visit www.ansoncountrywritersclub.org or www.carolinaswritersconference.org. Participants may also register by sending a check for \$25 made out to the Anson County Writers' Club. Address envelope to: ACWC

the door, please register at info@ansoncountywritersclub.org. Bathanti, Professor of Creative Writing at Appalachian State University in Boone, is a former Poet Laureate of North Carolina (2012-14). He is the author of eight books

of poetry. His latest volume of poems, The 13th Sunday after Pentecost, was released by LSU Press in 2016. His novels, East Liberty, and Coventry, won the 2001 Carolina Novel Award and the 2006 Novello Literary Award respectively. A new novel, The Life of the World to Come, was released from University of

South Carolina Press in late 2014. His book of stories, The High Heart, won the 2006 Spokane Prize. They Changed the State: The Legacy of North Carolina's Visiting Artists, 1971-1995, his book of nonfiction, was published in early 2007. His new book of personal essays, Half of What I Say Is Meaningless, is a winner of the Will D.

Anson Writers' Club Fall Workshop

For more information about the workshop or the Anson County Writers' Club, contact or Kaye Ratliff at 704-694-5431 or Sandy Bruney at 705-694-5211; or email info@ansoncountywritersclub.org.

Anson County's 1750 Charter, Other Historical Documents Displayed Last Week



Staff from the NC State Archives visited Anson County last Thursday, September 21st, bringing a number of historical documents seldom seen outside the vaults in Raleigh. The event was hosted by the Anson County Historical Society and held at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of South Piedmont Community College. One document in particular on display was the original Anson County Charter, signed in 1750, creating Anson County from Bladen County, making Anson County the largest county in the state, stretching west to the Mississippi River.

Other documents on display were examples of original signatures of the three men from

North Carolina who signed the Declaration of Independence, William Hooper, Joseph Hewes and John Penn, who were North Carolina's delegates to the July 2, Continental Congress. There were numerous other documents on display as well, dating back hundreds of years.

Sarah Koonts, Director of the Division of Archives and Records for the State of North Carolina, oversaw the exhibits along with two assistants. The exhibits were open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and were attended by students from the local schools, as well as the public. Ms. Koonts

Sarah Koonts gives a presentation to the was the guest speaker at the Wadesboro Rotary Club that day, speaking on the duties and responsibilities of the State Archives and describing some of the rare documents housed there, including the original North Carolina land grants

Tommy Allen, President of the Historical Society, said, "I want to thank all the individuals involved in making this project happen, including Sen. Tom McInnis who initiated the contact with the State Archives, South Piedmont Community College, and the Anson County School System who all played an important part. I would also like to thank the Historical Society volunteers who were there throughout the day."

Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball Registration

Anson County Parks and Recreation is offering Youth Basketball this fall. The program is for youth in grades K-2; 3-4; 5-6; 7-9; and 10-12. The cost is \$25

Registration runs from Monday, October 2 through Friday, October 27. You can register at the Parks and Rec office at Little Park, Monday through Friday, from 8:30

a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Little Park is located at 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro.

the following locations: Wadesboro Walmart -

Registration will be at

Wadesboro Rotary Club.

from the King of England.

Tuesday, October 10, 3 to 5 p.m. Wadesboro Primary -

Tuesday, October 17, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wadesboro Elementary

 Wednesday, October 18, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Peachland-Polkton Ele-

mentary - Thursday, October 19, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Ansonville Elementary Tuesday, October 24, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

 Morven Elementary -Wednesday, October 25, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

 Lilesville Elementary -Thursday, October 26, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

You can also go to the Parks & Rec website at www.co.anson.nc.us and fill out a registration form and send it in by email.

For more information call Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 and Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.



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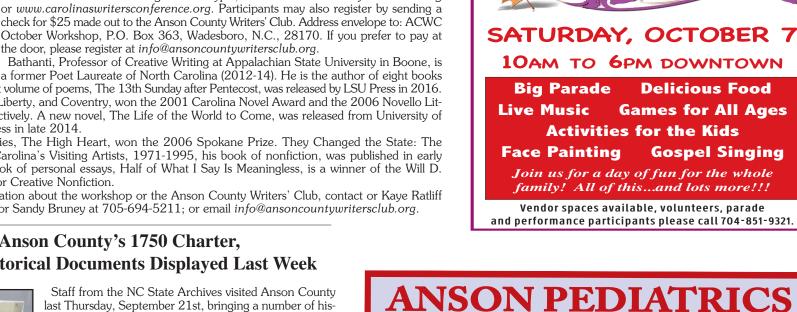
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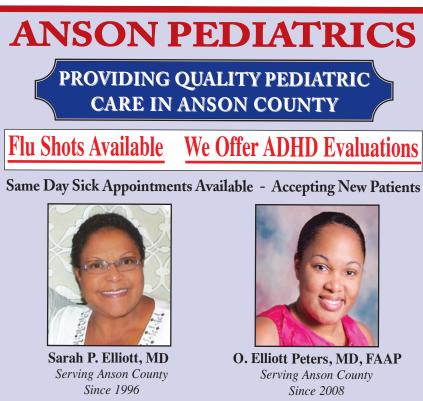


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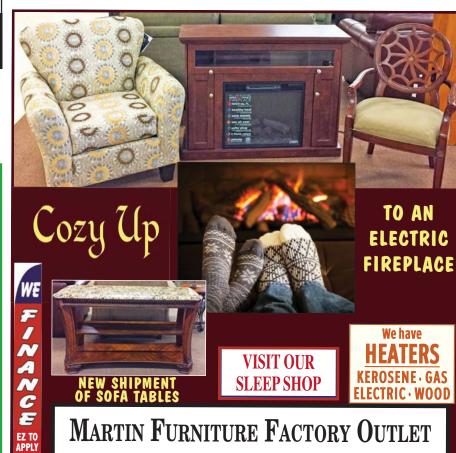
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