

Carolinas HealthCare System Hospice's Host Holiday Tree of Love

Carolinas HealthCare System's (CHS) Hospice of Union County and Hospice of Anson County are hosting their holiday Tree of Love fundraiser at the Monroe Crossing Mall. The Tree of Love provides the community with an opportunity to buy ornaments in remembrance of a loved one. Individuals and families can purchase ornaments for \$5 each and those who do will receive a paper ornament to write their loved ones name on and hang on the Tree of Love, as well as receive an additional ornament to take home for their holiday celebration there. Proceeds benefit patient care.

- Ornaments will be on sale during the following times until December 22:
- Monday - Friday from 2 until 8 p.m.
 - Saturday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.
 - Sunday from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

Organ Music for Advent and Christmas Today at Noon

Charles Litaker will play a 25-30 minute program of various organ music, sacred and secular, at First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro. Invite your friends to come relax with music of Christmas on Wednesday, December 18 at noon. The program, entitled "A Christmas Mixture," is a light look at Christmas with mostly secular music, including *Sleigh Ride*, *Rudolph* and more!

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



...Christmastime...2013

Pictured above are Christmas decorations we did in 1985. Spot McBride was there keeping watch over the Peanuts gang as we shared our Christmas greetings to all.

When I think back over the years, so much has taken place in my lifetime. So many have grown older, and so many have "just come along."

The picture above truly does bring back so many memories...and it can serve to refresh all of us that is indeed Christmas again. A time to be grateful, a time to celebrate, a time to be thankful for another merry Christmas celebration - right here at home!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS!
Ed

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December 21, from 10am to 5pm



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Monday-Friday 10-5
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Proceeds benefit terminally ill patients
and their families served by Hospice of
Chesterfield County. Donations of new
and gently used items greatly
appreciated and may be taken
to any location.

Children Visit with Santa After Wadesboro Christmas Parade

Anson County Partnership for Children held its tenth annual "Visit with Santa" event following the Wadesboro Christmas parade on Thursday, December 5th. More than 100 children waited patiently with their families for a chance to sit on Santa's lap. Santa listened as each child shared their Christmas wishes with him. Each child also chose a special winter themed book from Mrs. Claus' basket to take home for reading and enjoying during the holidays.

Pictures of children taken during the "Visit with Santa" event are posted on the Anson County Partnership for Children Facebook page. Following the visit Santa mailed each child a letter from the North Pole. He told them how happy he was to see them at the event and that he was looking forward to coming to their homes with special treats on Christmas Eve.

Anson County Partnership for Children would like to thank Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell for collaborating on this family-friendly evening, by offering hot chocolate and caroling in the beautiful Christmas setting on the square.

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, Health, Literacy and Family Support. For more information contact Bonnie Morgan at 704-694-4036, www.ansonchildren.org.



Anson Varsity Bearcats Basketball Team Win Big Against Chesterfield

On Tuesday, December 10 the Anson High School gym hosted the Anson Bearcats versus the Chesterfield Rams. The Cats came out running and proved to be too much for the opposing team, winning 112-72.

Anson had a balanced scoring attack, with 5 players scoring in double figures. Forward Parrish Stevens led the way with 22 points, including 6 three pointers. Forward Devonta Teal added 15 points and 8 rebounds. Point Guard Jmaine Harris dropped 15 while dishing out 5 assists, followed by Jaqualyn Robinson and Deangelo Tyson with 12 apiece.

Coach Brandon Rains shared, "We want to be a fast paced team, and tonight we started running early. The guys played well, made shots and rebounded well. It was a total team effort tonight, getting a win at home in front of our great fans is always a plus"

The score by quarter was: 1st Anson 43, Chesterfield 13; 2nd Anson 30, Chesterfield 14; 3rd Anson 20, Chesterfield 24; and 4th Anson 19, Chesterfield 21.

Anson is now 2 -2 on the season. The Cats were on the road Tuesday, December 17th when they traveled to Cheraw.

4-H'ers Hold Favorite Foods Show

In a release from 4-H: Anson County 4-H'ers participated in their seventh annual Favorite Foods Show on Saturday, November 19 at the Cooperative Extension Center in Wadesboro. The aroma of casseroles and baked goodies filled the air at the local 4-H Office as excited youth and adults entered their homemade dishes for competition. There were 37 entries for competition this year.

4-H'ers and 4-H volunteers prepared foods at home and then brought to the show for display and judging. Categories included appetizers/snacks, breads, salads, side dishes, main dishes, beverages and desserts. The event culminated at noon with the announcement of winners and a tasting party of all the foods entered. A recipe book of all dishes will also be prepared for all participants.

Cloverbud participants were Kendall Duncan in the Appetizers & Snacks, Dessert and Beverages. Kania Sturdivant in the Appetizers/Snacks and Beverages Categories, Janiyah Maxwell in Appetizer & Snacks Category, Janiaya Maxwell in Beverage Category and Courtney Sturdivant in Main Dish and Beverage Categories. In the junior category of Appetizer/Snacks Na'La Brown was the winner, Akira LeGrand came in 2nd place and Katherine Brown came in 3rd. Kania Sturdivant also participated in this category. In the Breads category, Na'La Brown placed 1st. Quenton Cromartie placed 1st in Salads and Justin Duncan placed 1st in Side Dish.

The Beverage division was represented with Justin Duncan coming in first and Katherine Brown placing 2nd in the Jr. Category. Winner in Junior Desserts were Akira LeGrand placing 1st, Quenton Cromartie placing 2nd and Shania Sturdivant placing 3rd. Other dessert participants were Jamiya Bennett, Jameya Bennett and LaNiya Leak.

This is the fourth year that the Favorite Food Show was opened to the 4-H Volunteer Leaders. Entries were judged and two entries were declared Best of Show. The volunteer leaders that participated this year were Kimberly Bennett, Pearl Blount, Carrissima Martin, Hannah Dunlap and Addie Richardson. Pearl Blount's Homemade Beef Vegetable Soup and Hannah Dunlap's Bacon Wrapped Breadsticks both declared Best of Show.

In the Adult Category of the Chili Cookout 1st place went to Kim Bennett for her Wendy's Chili. The first ever Cupcake Challenge was broken into four categories which were Cloverbud, Junior, Senior and Adult Division. In the Junior Division 1st place was awarded to Na'La Brown for her Lemon Lime Cupcakes and 2nd went to Katherine Brown for her Chocolate Vanilla Cupcakes. Adult Division first place went to Hannah Dunlap for her Traditional Cupcakes, 2nd place went to Kim Bennett for her Lemon Cupcakes and 3rd went to Addie Richardson for her Carrot Cake Cupcakes.

Winners in the Favorite Foods Categories received scholarship money to be used towards 4-H programs and trips in 2014 year. Scholarships are provided through fundraising efforts and local contributions. Adult Division, Chili Cook off and Cupcake Challenge participants received ribbons and gifts.

To obtain more information about 4-H in Anson County, contact Roshunda Blount, 4-H Agent, at 704-694-2915.

Cheraw Arts Commission Presents California Dreaming in January

California Dreaming, a sun-kissed song and dance tribute to the pop music of a new generation comes to Cheraw on Thursday, January 30th at the Theatre on the Green. The Cheraw Arts Commission is pleased to have Springer Theatricals of Columbus, Georgia return with their latest national touring production.

There was a brief magical moment in the mid-'60s when American youth migrated to California by the millions and transformed pop culture forever. Well-groomed folk musicians grew out their hair, plugged in Fenders and Rickenbackers and the radio sizzled with the tight harmonies and dreamy lyrics that stitched Malibu, Greenwich Village and Haight-Ashbury together in an explosion of music that was danceable, singable and oh so romantic.

Groups like the Mamas and the Papas, The Beach Boys, The 5th Dimension, The Byrds and Crosby, Stills & Nash led the way with songs that defined an era. They introduced the world to the good vibrations of love, peace and summertime fun.

Tickets are \$15 and are now available at the Cheraw Community Center - 200 Powe Street. Office hours are 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Pull out those fringed vests, bell-bottoms, tie-dyed threads, and huarache sandals and Leave Your Worries Behind You!

For information contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843-537-8420 ext 12.

Hoping Your CHRISTmas is Merry and BRIGHT!!!

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Mon-Thurs 8:30-5 & Friday 8:30-3:30 704-694-3618



Dr. Santa Claus, OD