

Alcohol And You Presentation Tonight In Kenansville

Alcohol and You is a presentation of the new DWI laws and an explanation of the mental and physical effects of drinking. The presentation is April 5 in the Duplin County Courthouse in Kenansville at 7:30 p.m. featuring guest speaker Steve Streater, a former athlete at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Steve Streater, SADD Coordinator

Steve Streater, former UNC football player, will be the featured speaker representing the organization, SADD, Students Against Driving Drunk. According to SADD statistics, about 8,000 teenagers and young adults lose their lives each year and 40,000 are injured in drunk driving incidents.

The presentation of Alcohol and You is sponsored by the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Home Economics Program Committee. According to Alcohol and You Planning Committee Chairman Mark Vinson of Kenansville, the presentation is focused on young adults age 19 years and younger. Laws and sentencing guidelines for the newly-enacted Safe Roads Act will be presented during Alcohol and You. Vinson pointed out the new DWI laws and sentencing guidelines will be explained for all age groups.

Featured with Steve Streater will be speakers 1st Sgt. William Autry of the 4th District N.C. Highway Patrol, Assistant District Attorney of the 4th Judicial District Dewey Hudson Jr., Dr. Kenneth Lee, M.D., internist with Goshen Medical Center and Plainview Medical Center of Duplin, Rebecca Judge from Duplin-Sampson Area Mental Health, North Duplin High School athletic director Ken Avent and North Carolina State University Human Development Specialist Dr. Leo Hawkins.

Steve Streater began his work as state field coordinator of Students Against Driving Drunk in September of 1983. A native of Sylva, Streater received a football scholarship and played varsity football for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill until injured in an automobile crash on a wet highway.

Streater coordinates the organization of SADD chapters throughout the state. He is also developing a public awareness program directed toward North Carolina's young people and will organize a statewide conference for students on prevention of teenage driving and drinking. Currently, Streater makes about three presentations per week as the SADD representative.

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Along The Way

By Emily Killete

Not all of Duplin County's history can be found in print of the old DUPLIN TIMES editions. Last week Duplin suffered from tornadoes which are said to have been worse than any other natural disaster in the last 100 years.

populated area hit by the tornadoes in Duplin County reveals a type of damage beyond belief. Within the Pine Forest housing development near Mount Olive, though many of the 25 homes and three mobile homes were leveled, the residents agreed on their great luck because

none died.
Reading history and seeing it made is far different. Photographing walls of homes with no roof, metal forced through trees like arrows, automobiles twisted and upside down, tin wrapped around trees like foil, insulation hanging from broken tree tops like decorations, and families carefully sifting through the rubble to find their possessions are all quite different from reading that it happened to someone else in another state or country or even in the county's past.
Later, when time comes to describe the devastation of the

storm, words just seem to be inadequate to describe the human suffering of our neighbors. Picking up, starting over — but, how do our neighbors find the courage when so much of their lives was spent in a home which is now leveled by tornadoes. Within the home they lost, not just furniture and appliances, but family photographs and documents can never be replaced.
Starting over, picking up the pieces has been made easier by the many volunteers and relatives helping the victims of the tornadoes. Duplin and the State of North Carolina can be proud to know there

are many volunteers who leave their warm, safe homes to help people suffering in natural disasters. Rescue workers, firemen and the National Guard turned out to assist in treating the injured, finding the missing people, and transporting the homeless victims to shelters.
Rebuilding will be a slow process and even with federal assistance with low-interest loans, the financial burden for the tornado victims will be heavy. But, without the availability of low-interest loans and the assistance from volunteer groups and charities, rebuilding would be impossible.

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