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Dr. Martin King Jr. Ceremony - A Day of Service

This is a release from the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: The Poplar Springs Baptist Missionary Baptist Church Historical Cemetery Project is one of purpose and dignity. Due to its long standing it's a place of great historical wealth. Sometimes we forget the great past our ancestors have laid for us to follow when it deals with love and respect for humanity. Many ancestors are laid to rest there who were once filled with tears, laughter, joys, sadness, oppressions, many life stories and much more. We have an opportunity to keep their names alive in our hearts and to keep the place where they have been laid to rest memorialized. They are fathers, mothers, babies, teenagers, free and enslaved.

The Day of Services was held on Saturday January 15. It was an event for volunteers to work at cleaning up the cemetery. The Martin Luther King, Jr. flag was erected and was flying during the time of celebration and service. MLK's memorial flag was placed under our nation's flag. Names of past loved ones who were laid to rest in the cemetery and other public information was placed on exhibit during the time of celebration. The ceremony consisted of the purpose, prayer, a poem, a hymn, and the "I Have a Dream Speech." Lunch was prepared by BRLC volunteers and distributed by drive-through.

Brave community soldiers conquered the cold weather and freezing temperatures. Each soldier had on their work attire - work gloves to cover their hands, head gear to cover their heads. Wheelbarrows, axes, rakes, pitch forks, weed cutters, pole saws and chainsaws were all a part of the soldiers' artillery.

This group made a good improvement on what had already been accomplished in previous months. Still, there is much to accomplish. Clearing the approximately three acre area will take some time, but with your support we can see that happening.

Mr. David Perry, Mr. Leo Liles and Mr. Harold Ledbetter, who are presently members of the Poplar Spring Baptist Church, used their talents and skills in removing much of the dead debris. Mr. Allen Jackson of Fairview Church of God used the pole saw and will continue to do away with the small stumps and tree limbs. This will help to ensure that trees don't regrow and hopefully keep visitors from stumbling over the small stumps as they walk through the cemetery. Commissioner JD Briken used his chainsaw, which was a great blessing to this project. Lucinda Rorie of Olive Branch Baptist Church, who provided much help as she cut weeds and much more, found a little snake that was trying to stay warm. The snake was not able to get away...and sorry for the small snake. Jazzling Brewer came to help with the ceremony as she recited the "I Have a Dream Speech" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She desired and wanted to do more, but being a young student, the weather was a little too much for her to endure.

Better Business Bureau of Charlotte and Asheville Release 2021 Annual Report

This report includes statistics on consumer complaints, verified customer reviews and the top five types of businesses that generated the most complaints.

Better Business Bureau of Southern Piedmont and Western North Carolina released its 2021 annual report, detailing consumer activity related to businesses located in the BBB's 37-county service area. This report includes statistics on consumer complaints, verified customer reviews and the top five types of businesses that generated the most complaints.

Consumer Complaints In 2021, consumers filed nearly 23,000 complaints against area businesses, showing a slight increase from 2020.

"Over the last year we've made great modifications and enhancements to our systems, including our online complaint form. The form has been improved to truly understand the desired outcome of a situation presented by a consumer. This has led to consumers being able to more easily differentiate between a complaint and a customer review, resulting in minimal complaint growth year over year and substantial customer review growth year over year, as you'll see in the next section," said BBB of Southern Piedmont and Western North Carolina President, Tom Bartholomy.

In spite of the large number of complaints filed, the BBB was still able to resolve 92% of all complaints submitted. **Verified Customer Reviews** In 2021, customers submitted more than 19,000 verified reviews about businesses, showing a 30% increase from 2020.

"Customer reviews grew drastically in 2021," said Bartholomy. "Potential customers always want to know what third parties say about a business they're considering working with, and the BBB is a great resource for that. We are thrilled to see customers continuing to take advantage of this outlet by sharing positive or negative feedback about their experience with a business."

Top Complaint Generators 2021: 1. New Car Dealers; 2. Used Car Dealers; 3. Auto Service; 4. Collection Agencies; 5. Property Management.

2020: 1. Banks; 2. Home Improvement; 3. Gun Dealers; 4. Auto Repair; 5. Auto Dealers - New.

Consumers can visit www.bbb.org to check out a business, file a complaint or leave a review.

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The Ansonia Theatre February Spotlight is on Catherine Wyatt

This is a release from the Ansonia Theatre:

Catherine Taylor Wyatt is excited and more than a little overwhelmed to be a part of the production of *The Spitfire Grill*. This is her first foray into the world of musical theater. Catherine grew up in Rockingham and studied piano performance at East Carolina "many, many years ago" and taught piano for several years.

Catherine recently retired at the end of 2021 after a long career as a certified disability advocate with the law firm of Poisson Poisson & Bower. She feels as though she has "jumped out of the frying pan back into the fire" by returning to her first love of music, but she is thrilled to be working with this remarkable cast and crew.

Catherine lives with her husband Russ close to the mighty Pee Dee River, and has two adult children, Katie and Will, and three grandchildren.

We are so thrilled and grateful to have Catherine with us for *The Spitfire Grill*. We are happy to welcome her to our theatre family!

We love you, Catherine!!! The spotlight is on YOU!!!



February Information

- **February 2** Groundhog Day - the day we find out whether winter will last six more weeks or call it quits early. (He predicted six more weeks!)
- **February 12** Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. The 16th president of the United States was born in a one-room, 16x18-foot, log cabin with a dirt floor.
- **February 14** Valentine's Day.
- **February 16** Full Snow Moon
- **February 17** brings Presidents' Day, a federal holiday also known as Washington's Birthday that is celebrated on the third Monday in February. (George Washington's actual birthday is February 22.)
- February's Birth Flowers. The violet signifies watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness. The primrose lets someone know that you cannot live without them.
- February's Birthstone is a purple color like the violet. It is the beautiful amethyst.
- February is Black History Month

Wadesboro AA Meeting Schedule

- Monday Anson Group meets 7 to 8 p.m.
 - Wednesday Harmony Group meets 12 to 1 p.m.
- Anyone who thinks they may have a problem with drugs or alcohol, AA wants to help. The Alcoholics Anonymous building is located at 2177 Country Club Road in Wadesboro, across from the EMS building. For more information call 704-294-4468.

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