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Town of Wadesboro Selected for Downtown Strong Initiative

On March 1 Elizabeth Parham, Director of the NC Main Street and Rural Planning Center, contacted Wadesboro Mayor Bill Thacker to inform him that Wadesboro has been selected to receive services through the Downtown Strong Initiative. Her staff will discuss downtown revitalization, the business mix, building stock and the overall potential of downtown with Thacker and community leaders. Ms. Parham stated, "We look forward to working with your town on creating an implementation plan to assist with the development of your downtown, in order to help position your community for economic growth and development."

Contract Awarded to Resurface Anson County Roads

The N.C. Department of Transportation has awarded a \$3.6 million contract to improve 14.7 miles of roads in Anson County. The work is set to get underway as early as March 15. Contractor Lynchess River Contracting, Inc. will mill, resurface and reconstruct shoulders on sections of U.S. 52 North, U.S. 74, and six secondary roads, including Long Pine Church Road, Deep Creek Road, Passaic Street and Pulpwood Road. Work is scheduled to be completed by mid-November. This is one of 21 major highway and bridge projects awarded this month by the NCDOT. Per state law they went to the lowest bidder among qualified contractors. They are worth \$331.5 million, more than \$57 million under engineer estimates.

Terry Jordan Invitational Golf Tournament is April 6

The 6th Annual Terry Jordan Invitational Golf Tournament, sponsored by Gum Springs Baptist Church Youth, will be held on Saturday, April 6. The event will take place at Twin Valley Country Club with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. This is a two man Captains Choice with 1 A player per team. The cost is \$50 per person which includes golf, a cart, lunch and a t-shirt. Mulligans will be sold. There will be a split the pot on hole 14. There will be cash prizes, closest to the pin prize and a longest drive prize. Sign up sheets are available at Twin Valley, or you can call Lynn Whitlock at 704-695-2200 or Johnny Goodwin at 704-475-1304. Sponsorships are available. There are four levels of sponsorship:
 • Gold Sponsor - name on hole sign, fees & lunch paid for 2 teams, name on scoreboard, name on score card, name on t-shirts & 4 t-shirts. \$525
 • Silver Sponsor - name on hole sign, fees & lunch paid for 1 team, name on scoreboard, name on score card, name on t-shirts, 2 t-shirts. \$300
 • Bronze Sponsor - name on hole sign, name on scoreboard, name on score card, name on t-shirt, 2 t-shirts. \$200
 • Hole Sponsor - name on hole sign, name on t-shirt, 1 t-shirt. \$115
 Sponsorships will be available until Tuesday, April 2, but the deadline for sponsors to have their names put on the t-shirts will be Thursday, March 21. You can call Lynn Whitlock for more information at 704-695-2200.

Presentation on US Navy and German Airships at Marshville Museum

David Helms will give a presentation on US Navy and German Airships, including the Hindenburg, at the Marshville Museum and Cultural Center on Sunday, March 31 at 2 p.m. David is an acquirer and purveyor of historically significant documents, letters, photographs, books, autographs and art of famous people. He is a native of Union County. He attended Sun Valley High School, and taught in Union and Mecklenburg Counties in North Carolina and Lancaster County, South Carolina during his 45-year tenure. David was a baseball coach for as many years also. Mark your calendars for this! It will be a very interesting afternoon! Free admission. The Marshville Museum is located at 201 North Elm Street in Marshville. It is open for visits Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 4 p.m., Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. and other times by appointments and at special events. They are closed on all national holidays. Scheduled events are sent by email and available on Facebook. The email address is mmcc1893@gmail.com and the website is www.mmcc1893.com. The telephone number is 704-624-6214.

All Shook Up Opens this Weekend!

The Ansonia Theatre in Wadesboro is opening a new musical this weekend and it's going to be a hit! The music of Elvis comes alive in *All Shook Up*. Inspired by Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, the show follows a small Midwestern town that is thrown into a frenzy with the arrival of Chad, played by Carson Traywick of Marshville, a good-looking, motorcycle-riding roustabout, who rides from town to town with a guitar on his back, blue suede shoes on his feet, and a song in his heart. Repressed by their conservative mayor, the town begins to come alive once more under Chad's influence. Lovers meet, woo, pursue, and more, all in one zany night that will change the town forever. *All Shook Up* is a rocking, heartwarming tale about following dreams, opening up to love, and the power of music. Director Tommy Wooten has assembled an incredibly talented cast of 23 actors from four different counties. The cast include Kimberly Smith as Natalie, Jennifer Boswell as Sandra, Kianna Ellerbe as Sylvia, Mike Railton as Jim, Matthew Thompson as Dennis, Amiya Griffin as Lorraine, Brice Billingsley as Dean, Karen Johnston as Mayor Hyde and Chip Long as Earl. The incredibly talented ensemble includes Amanda Moss, Ayla Perkins, Cleve Baxley, Greyson Helms, Mark Traywick, Charley Williamson, Miraqule Stansberry, Nekeisha Lindsey, Paige Mercer, Persia Harrison, Donnie Lewis, Rachel Skipper and Terra Medlock. The show runs the next two weekends, March 8-17, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at ansoniatheatre.com or by calling 704-694-4950. Hurry...tickets are going fast!

Domestic Violence Coalition BBQ Sponsors Recognition

This is a release from the Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition: During the month of February Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition and Rape Crisis Center held our annual BBQ Fundraiser. Our 2019 BBQ was our most successful one to date! We would like to thank those of you that made this years' fundraiser such a success. Without the support of the community we would not be able to do what we do for our victims and survivors. These sponsorships help to defray the upfront costs of our fundraiser so that more funds remain at ACDVC. This in turn helps to provide more direct services, match the grants our organization receives, promote community awareness and education. Most importantly, it allows us to assist victims and their families. We want our community to know that You Are Not Alone. Although the fundraiser has ended, there is always a need for community support through donations and volunteering. We welcome these at all times during the year. We would like to thank and recognize the following who contributed through sponsorships and those who contributed anonymously: Southern Piedmont Piping, Pee Dee Electric, Leavitt Funeral Home, Anderson Real Estate, Plank Road Realty, Tamara Wormack, Hornwood, Inc., Michael S. Lincoln, MD, Anson Pharmacy, Anson Women's League, John and June Witherspoon and The Express Newspaper.

Wildlife Commission Adopts Regulations for 2019-20 Seasons

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission voted at its February 21 business meeting to adopt rules related to wildlife management, fisheries, game lands and law enforcement for the 2019-20 seasons. The effective date for these regulations is August 1, 2019. Of the 44 proposed rule changes presented during public hearings in January, 43 were adopted. The one proposal that was not adopted would have removed the exception to the general statewide regulation for crappie in B. Everett Jordan Reservoir by reducing the minimum size limit from 10 inches to 8 inches (F10). This proposed change was designed align the size limit for crappie at Jordan Reservoir with other fishing waters across the state. After considering constituent feedback, wildlife commissioners opted to maintain the current 10-inch limit. To view the full text of all proposed regulations, download the 2019-2020 Public Hearings booklet at www.ncwildlife.org.

Volunteers Do Great Work at BRLC

This group of volunteers at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC), pictured below, continues to smile as they stand and pose after much work during the USDA food distribution that took place on Saturday, January 26. They all worked faithfully until most items were gone. The BRLC volunteers monthly meeting is the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. All volunteers are encouraged to come. David Perry and Linda Pratt accepted the leadership role to work faithfully with the TEFAP program department for BRLC for one year. USDA foods were distributed to more than 150 Anson County neighbors during the TEFAP commodities giveaway on January 26. This food is made available to all neighbors who qualify under the federal government guidelines for Anson County. If you have questions please call BRLC at 704-826-8737, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. BRLC welcomes new volunteers Cynthia Myles, Roger Nix, Brenda Nix, Anthony Phillips, Lilly Ledbetter, Rosa Brewer, Ann Brewer, Roxanna Massey and Phyllis Staton.



50+ Club Meeting to Feature Concert by the Harvard Street Band

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The Harvard Street Band will be the guests with a program of country and gospel music. Band members are Robbie Griffin, Don Shell, Jerry Sullivan, Brady Greene and Rick Hanson. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music of these talented musicians. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Anson County GOP Convention is March 11

The Anson County Republican Party is holding their Convention on Monday, March 11 at the Hampton B. Allen Library in uptown Wadesboro. Doors open and refreshments will be served at 6 p.m., and the convention begins at 7 p.m. They invite you to come meet GOP candidates for the NC District 9 congressional seat. Also, there will be elections for officers and delegates. The Anson County GOP monthly meetings are held the 2nd Monday at 7 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library. For more information please visit their website www.nc.gop/anson_county.

Auditions at the Ansonia Theatre

Auditions will be held for the upcoming play, *Dearly Departed*. You are invited to come to the theatre on Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. Please be prepared to read from the script. Information is available at 704-694-4950.

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