

Annual Yard Sale of the Carolinas is Saturday

The "Yard Sale of the Carolinas" to be held in Chesterfield on Saturday, May 11. The event will be held from 7 a.m. to noon in the 200 block of West Main Street in front of the Chesterfield County Courthouse. The event is co-sponsored by Team Chesterfield and Hospice of Chesterfield County's Sunshine Shoppe thrift and gift store. Come out and enjoy great deals while shopping a worthwhile store. You can register to sell through today, Wednesday, May 8. Info at 843-623-9155.

Circles of Hope Spaghetti Fundraiser is May 21

The Circles of Hope will be having their annual Spaghetti Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 21, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in uptown Wadesboro. They will be selling plates for \$7 each. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Anson County Circles of Hope campaign to end poverty one family at a time. All plates include spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad with your choice of dressing, dinner roll and a homemade dessert. You will have a choice of either tea or lemonade when dining in or carrying out. You have the option to dine in, carry out, or have an order of 10 plates or more delivered to your business or organization. Purchase tickets in advance by calling (704) 994-2333 or purchase a ticket at the door. When purchasing tickets, simply fill in your contact information on one portion of the ticket and return it for a chance to win multiple door prizes. You do not have to be present to win. Thanks so much for your support. They look forward to serving you for lunch and dinner.

USDA "StrikeForce" Initiative Launched in North Carolina

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will launch its "StrikeForce" initiative in 10 additional states, including North Carolina. The primary goal of the StrikeForce initiative is to increase partnership with rural communities and leverage community resources in targeted, persistent poverty areas. Vilsack noted that through the StrikeForce initiative, USDA will do more to partner with local and state governments and community organizations on projects that promote economic development and job creation. "During my travels across the country, I've heard mayors and other community leaders say they have a hard time competing for USDA loan and grant programs. They have a plan to develop a new business or create jobs in their regions, but they lack development capital and they view our application and review processes as a barrier," said Vilsack. "StrikeForce changes that. By increasing outreach and technical assistance to communities, we can serve as better partners and help better leverage resources." Acting State Executive Director for North Carolina Farm Service Agency, Cindy Kernodle fully supports this initiative, saying "The StrikeForce initiative gives Farm Service Agency (FSA) North Carolina another tremendous opportunity to showcase what this organization does best! And with North Carolina targeted for emphasis, FSA enthusiastically accepts the Secretary's challenge to confront poverty through workable practical solutions. FSA in North Carolina will continue its role as a trusted partner in just not addressing, but ending, poverty by using its reputation for service among the local farm community. In the agriculturally diverse State of North Carolina, FSA is in an ideal position of influence to raise awareness and educate its citizens."

The "StrikeForce" initiative started as a pilot project in 2010 in selected regions in three states: Arkansas, Georgia and Mississippi. In 2011 it was expanded to include Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada. In 2013, Secretary Vilsack announced new efforts to bring the StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity to Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

USDA identifies and works with over 20 percent of poverty (as according to American Community Survey data) to identify sub-county pockets of poverty. As areas of persistent poverty are identified, USDA staff work with state, local and community officials to increase awareness of USDA programs, and help build program participation. Vilsack noted that often USDA conducts special outreach activities in an area, and that 2010, USDA has partnered with over 400 local community based organizations to promote local or regional development projects.

Secretary Vilsack also discussed how the StrikeForce initiative has already had an impact across the nation.

- In Arkansas, StrikeForce is tackling food insecurity and access to healthy food. USDA established a partnership with Heifer International through the East Arkansas Enterprise Community. This partnership is developing a sustainable food system in order to address existing food deserts in a nine-county area in the Mississippi Delta region.
- In Nevada, StrikeForce is improving access to farm programs in Indian Country. USDA has partnered with the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance, Nevada Department of Agriculture and local extension services to promote locally grown food on Tribal lands in Nevada.
- In Georgia, USDA is collaborating with Fort Valley State University to provide technical assistance to develop a cooperative business structure in the Georgia goat industry.
- In New Mexico, StrikeForce is helping more children get a healthy meal when school's out. USDA partnered with New Mexico Collaborative to End Hunger, Share Our Strength and Dairy Max to fund its first mobile Summer Food Service Program bus, delivering meals to 45,000 children each summer weekday at 700 partner sites.

Vilsack also noted that Farm Service Agency direct lending in StrikeForce areas saw an increase last year, even as lending by the agency nationwide was down slightly.

"The StrikeForce Initiative is helping us direct additional resources to better serve producers in persistent poverty rural communities," said Vilsack. "We are focusing on these identified high poverty areas to help improve the quality of life of producers and their communities and to accelerate implementation of conservation practices on their land."


Participants in the StrikeForce include The Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development, the Farm Service Agency, the Food and Nutrition Service and the USDA Office of Advocacy and Outreach. Call the local USDA office at 704-694-3516 or visit www.usda.gov/StrikeForce to learn more.

Parks and Rec Summer Pool Schedule

The Parks and Recreation swimming pool will open on Saturday, June 1st for the summer season. It will be open only on the weekends until Tuesday, June 18. After that the schedule will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The fee to swim is only \$1 per person. The pool is closed on Mondays and Fridays for maintenance. Swim lessons cost \$18 and will be available on these dates: July 1-11; July 15-25; July 29-Aug 8; and Aug 12-22. Contact 704-694-5868 or 704-694-5751 for more information.

Thomas Family Reunion Fundraiser

On Saturday, May 11 there will be a Thomas family reunion fundraiser held at the Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a yard sale, grilled hot dogs and a bake sale. Come out, rain or shine!



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Garages Sale		Decks		Mini Barns	
12x20	\$4,995.95	4x4	\$299.95	8x8	\$899.95
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20x20	\$7,495.95	8x8	\$499.95	8x12	\$1,199.95
20x24	\$8,999.95	8x12	\$699.95	10x12	\$1,299.95
24x24	\$9,995.95	10x12	\$799.95	12x12	\$1,499.95
24x32	\$11,995.95	12x12	\$999.95	12x16	\$1,899.95
24x48	\$16,995.95	12x16	\$1,299.95	16x16	\$2,299.95
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2x4x10 \$4.99	2x6x10 \$6.49	2x8x10 \$8.99	4x4x10 \$10.99
2x4x12 \$5.99	2x6x12 \$7.49	2x8x12 \$10.49	4x4x12 \$12.95
2x4x16 \$7.99	2x6x16 \$9.95	2x8x16 \$13.95	4x4x16 \$17.95

Pine	Pine	Pine	Decking Board
2x4x8 \$2.99	2x6x8 \$4.99	2x8x8 \$6.49	8' \$3.99
2x4x10 \$3.99	2x6x10 \$5.99	2x8x10 \$7.49	10' \$4.99
2x4x12 \$4.99	2x6x12 \$6.99	2x8x12 \$9.49	12' \$5.99
2x4x16 \$6.99	2x6x16 \$8.99	2x8x16 \$12.99	16' \$7.99

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