

4-H Fashion Revue, Talent Show, Creative Talent and County Presentation Programs Held Recently

On Thursday, May 2 proud parents, friends, and relatives attended Anson County 4-H's annual Fashion Revue and Creative Talent show that was held at the Cooperative Extension Center.

In competition at the event for scholarship prizes and ribbons were four 4-H'ers. The Fashion Revue consisted of 4-H'ers modeling garments they had made for the spring. The Fashion Revue was judged earlier in the week, although winners were not announced until the Thursday night festivities. Judging the fashion competition was Mrs. Fannie Clyburn of Wadesboro and Mrs. Jesse Blakeney of Marshville.

Winners for the evening were: Cloverbud Fashion- Zoë Martin. Jr.-Teen Fashion- Andrew Martin-1st. Sr. Teen Fashion- 1st Milayah Smith. In the non-garment categories was Jewelry Cloverbud Zoë Martin (Beaded Bracelets). A big thank you to Ms. Betty Garris for helping the youth with their garments.

Cloverbud Creative Exhibits: Zoë Martin. Junior Creative Crafts/Hobby: 1st Andrew Martin. Senior Creative Crafts/Hobby: 1st Milayah Smith. Sr. Photography: 1st Milayah Smith, 2nd Quenton Cromartie. Junior Art: 1st Andrew Martin. Senior Art: 1st Milayah Smith.

All 1st and 2nd place winners in the Fashion Revue received \$20 and \$15 scholarships to be used towards a 4-H event or trip, while Cloverbud participants received \$10 scholarships. Non-garment participants received \$15 and \$10 in scholarships with cloverbuds receiving \$5 for participation.

In Creative Talent Exhibits, winners received \$12, \$8, and \$5 for 1st and 2nd place. All Cloverbuds received \$5 participant scholarships. Scholarship money is provided through program fundraising efforts.

The 4-H Talent Show and County Presentation competition was also held the same night. A big thank you to Ms. Monica Gramling for judging our county presenters. Winners of county presentations were Milayah Smith, 1st, 14-18 Open-Class and Quenton Cromartie, 1st, 14-18 Health & Fitness. Talent and county presenters will advance to district competition in June in Lincoln County.

These county 4-H programs are all annual events. 4-H participation is open to all youth regardless of sex, race, or religion or national origin. For more information about 4-H in Anson County, contact Samuel Cole, 4-H Agent at 704-694-2915.

Anson Airport Among Nine NC Airports to Receive Funds for Safety, Development Projects

In its May meeting, the N.C. Board of Transportation approved state and federal grants for projects to bolster the economy and improve safety at nine North Carolina airports. Nearly \$13.6 million in state and federal funding has been granted for projects that will help these airports grow, such as new hangar sites and updated safety lighting.

Anson County Airport received \$291,600 in funding to install a new Precision Approach Path Indicator light system.

About \$4.1 million of that funding will go to Statesville Regional Airport to about \$4.1 million of that funding and car to parking lot, from a specific NCDOT Division of Aviation fund for economic development projects. A tenant at that airport that flies NASCAR teams and their families to races across the country has grown twice as fast as expected, and this project is the first step to moving them to a new facility that will meet their current and future needs.

"This will also open up new land for future tenants who may be looking to locate at our airport, and help us keep pace with growth in the region," said John Ferguson, Statesville Regional Airport's manager. "This will keep good, well-paid jobs here in Statesville and help attract more opportunities in the future."

The projects the N.C. Board of Transportation approved are:

- \$291,600 to install a new Precision Approach Path Indicator light system at Anson County Airport,
 - \$70,862 for costs associated with land acquisition at Cape Fear Regional Jetport in Southport,
 - \$1,593,000 in additional funding for apron rehabilitation at Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport,
 - \$1,075,570 for the development of a site for T-hangars to store small, private aircraft at Duplin County Airport,
 - \$560,000 in economic development funds towards Duplin development for a fixed-based operator and maintenance facility at Johnston Regional Airport,
 - \$270,000 for the design of a partial parallel taxiway for Runway 23 at Lumberton Regional Airport,
 - \$306,000 in additional funding to remove underground fuel tanks and install a new above-ground system from Rockingham County Airport,
 - \$3,500,000 in funding from the Statewide Improvement Program to construct a taxiway and hangars at Rocky Mount-Wilson Regional Airport,
 - \$4,112,600 in economic development funding for a new apron and aircraft parking area, and \$1,800,000 to install lights on the new eastside parallel taxiway and put in a new lighting vault for future expansion at Statesville Regional Airport.
- North Carolina airports serve as a vital economic engine connecting people and business enterprises with the world, and are among the primary economic drivers in their communities. Airports and aviation-related industries contribute more than \$52 billion to North Carolina's economy each year, according to the 2019 State of Aviation report. They support 307,000 jobs, generate more than \$2.2 billion in state and local tax revenue and provide more than \$12.6 billion in personal income. The funds awarded do not necessarily represent the total cost of the project.

Ansonia May Spotlight is on Libby Dandridge

Libby Dandridge grew up in Anson County. She performed in "Steel Magnolias" at both the Ansonia and in Monroe with the Union County Playmakers. She has also been in "Driving Miss Daisy," "On Golden Pond," "Graceland" and "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Libby is a retired teacher and a grandmother of eight. She is blessed to have the support of her husband Jack who listens to her practice her lines until he knows them better than she does!

You love you, Libby!!! ♥ The spotlight is on YOU!



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