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Making a Difference. 12 Year Old Laila Hammond Serves Those of Long Ago

Improvements continue at the historical Poplar Springs Cemetery located on the Rocky Mount Church Road. Twelve year old Laila Hammond of the Burnsville Community wanted to help improved the looks of the now entrance at the cemetery. Laila recently discovered her great, great, great, great grandparents who are laid to rest in the cemetery. Their names were Lewis and Eddie Broadway. Mrs. Margaret Horne and Mrs. Deloris Hammond, Laila's grandmother, were close by in case she discovered that she needed help.



Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Director Carol Smith said, "Laila wanted to brighten the huge rock that's set at the now front of the cemetery and her art work is amazing. She is always ready to help in any way possible. She is one of BRLC's young people learning how to serve others. We thank each and every one who has given a hand in this historical cemetery restoration project."

Justin Thomas Arrested for Breaking and Entering, Larceny

On Thursday, June 22 deputies with the Anson County Sheriff's Office arrested and charged Justin Thomas with 2 counts Felony Break and Entering, 1 count Felony larceny after Break and Entering, and 1 Count MISD Injury to Personal property. He was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$25,000 secured bond.



Franklin Lett, Jr. Arrested for Breaking and Entering, Larceny

On Wednesday, June 14 Franklin Lett, Jr. was arrested in connection of a Breaking and Entering that occurred on multiple dates at a property located in the vicinity of Wadesboro, just off Highway 52 South. Lett was charged with one count of Breaking and Entering and one count of Larceny After Breaking and Entering. He was placed in Anson County Jail with a secured bond of \$55,000.



Melinda Hildreth Arrested for Breaking and Entering, Larceny

On Monday, June 12 detectives from the Anson County Sheriff's Office arrested Melinda Hildreth in connection with a Breaking and Entering that occurred on multiple dates at a property located just off Highway 52 South in Wadesboro. Hildreth was charged with two counts of Breaking and Entering, two counts of Larceny After Breaking, and Entering, and two counts of Possession of Stolen Property. Hildreth was placed in Anson County Jail with a secured bond of \$55,000.



Anson County's May Unemployment Rate

Anson County Anson County's unemployment rate for May was 4.0%, up from April's 3.6% rate. Anson County ranked #73 of 100 counties statewide (low to high). In March 2020 the unemployment rate in Anson County was 4.9%, just before it was affected by the pandemic.
Statewide Statewide the unemployment rate for May was 3.14%, down slightly from April's 3.1% rate.
Anson's total labor force in May was 10,415, with 10,000 employed and 415 unemployed. In April the total labor force was 10,295, with 9,924 employed and 371 unemployed.
Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 95 of North Carolina's counties in May 2023 and decreased in five. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 6.3% while Buncombe County had the lowest at 2.7%.
All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 4.8 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 2.8 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.4 percent.
When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 81 counties, increased in six, and remained unchanged in 13. Thirteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year and two remained unchanged.
The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in May by 18,428 to 5,070,115, while those unemployed increased by 16,527 to 179,804. Since May 2022, the number of workers employed statewide increased 76,493, while those unemployed decreased 4,675.

Ansonia Theatre Announces Exciting 2023-24 Season

Sponsorships go on sale July 1.
Season tickets go on sale August 15.

The Ansonia Theatre will present five plays during the upcoming 2023-2024 season, which begins September 15, 2023, and runs through July 21, 2024. All of the plays are presented over two weekends, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Here's a rundown of the presentations:

- *Pageant Play*, September 15-24, 2023. Pinky Corningfield will do anything to make sure her little angel wins the ultimate title, Supreme Queen. When Marge, a newcomer to the pageant circuit, shows up and starts grabbing all the glory, Pinky and her minions, Bob and Bobby, use some unorthodox methods in order to ensure her darling, Chevolet, is victorious.
- *The Sound of Music*, December 1-10, 2023. Set in Austria on the eve of the Anschluss in 1938, the musical tells the story of Maria, who takes a job as governess to a large family while she decides whether to become a nun. She falls in love with the children, and eventually to their widowed father, Captain von Trapp.
- *Misery*, February 16-25, 2024. *Misery* follows successful romance novelist Paul Sheldon, who is rescued from a car crash by his "number one fan," Annie Wilkes, and wakes up captive in her secluded home.
- *Jungle Book*, April 19-28, 2024. In this living storybook, Mowgli struggles to fit in with the wolves, the monkeys, and even the humans on his journey to discover where he belongs. Along the way he must contend with the mesmerizing Kaa and the terrifying Sheer Khan. But, with the help of his friends Baloo and Bagheera, Mowgli's search ends happily.
- *Godspell*, July 12-21, 2024. *Godspell* is a musical composed by Stephen Schwartz with the book by John-Michael Tebelak. The show is structured as a series of parables, primarily based on the Gospel of Matthew, interspersed with music mostly set to lyrics from traditional hymns, with the passion of Christ appearing briefly near the end.

For information about season tickets, tickets for individual plays or sponsorships, you can visit ansoniatheatre.com or call 704-694-4950.

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