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## Wadesboro Seeking Public Input on Pedestrian Network Plan

After receiving a grant to develop a comprehensive pedestrian plan, the Town of Wadesboro is seeking public input. Citizens are encouraged to give their feedback through a survey on [www.walkwadesboro.org](http://www.walkwadesboro.org). The survey link is located about halfway down the webpage and highlighted in yellow. Paper copies of the survey are available at City Hall.

The Town of Wadesboro's vision is to develop a comprehensive and connected pedestrian network that provides safe access to homes, schools, workplaces, parks and recreational destinations as part of an active and walkable community. The town envisions children walking safely to school, seniors walking safely to nearby destinations, citizens moving safely in high traffic areas, and tourists moving about the community and uptown areas easily on foot.

Such a comprehensive and connected pedestrian network will enhance the health of Wadesboro's citizenry while also encouraging economic vitality through walkable commercial districts and neighborhoods.

## Stride With Pride Shoe Drive Needs Your Contribution to Help Anson Youth

State Trooper Landric Reid started his Stride with Pride Shoe Drive in 2011 with hopes of helping underprivileged youth in Anson County. His idea is to provide tennis shoes to children who may not be fortunate enough to have them otherwise. As adults many of us may have forgotten how important a pair of tennis shoes can be to a young person. They literally can propel that person into athletic endeavors that otherwise may not have been possible. Even if the youth is not pursuing a sport, a good pair of shoes is important just for getting along in school and life. Reid tackled this project with enthusiasm and a determination to help as many youth as he could.

Now in its fourth year, the Stride with Pride Shoe Drive has a goal to collect and provide 300 pairs of new tennis shoes to underprivileged youth of all diversities in Anson County. In the first three shoe drives shoes were collected for children from Kindergarten through eighth grade. This year the shoe drive will be extended to include students from Kindergarten through the twelfth grade. All sizes are needed.

In the previous three years Reid and his volunteers have collected and given out over 500 pairs of new tennis shoes. Reid will be joined again in his effort by Patti Poulnot of Judy's Tax Service. Together they will be working to collect new tennis shoes and raise money from area supporters.

"We hope you will consider joining us in this effort to help a child walk the halls of success this new school year," said Trooper Reid. "Anyone who wishes to help can donate new tennis shoes and/or make a monetary donation to this important cause. Through your generous contributions we can help our youth 'Stride with Pride' this coming school year."

Collections are going on now until August 20. If you would like to contribute or learn more about this effort you can contact Reid at [trooperone@live.com](mailto:trooperone@live.com) or 704-695-7771 or Poulnot at [ppoulnot@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ppoulnot@carolina.rr.com) or 704-694-8386.

## Ansonia Theatre Schedule of Events

**July 19** Big Bang Boom Band will perform for children and parents at 3 p.m. Tickets \$5 children, \$7 age 12 and up, are available at the Arts Council, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets will be available the day of the performance and at the door.

**August 16** The Red Hill Quartet & Friends will present *An Evening of Gospel Music* at the Ansonia Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5, available at the Arts Council and at the door.

**August 20** The summer's final Bach's Lunch will be held at the First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, located at 208 South Greene Street in Wadesboro, from noon until 1 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by vocalists Gina Clarke and Melody Goodwin. Tickets are \$10, available at the Arts Council, Lacy's, and from any ACAC board member. Takeouts are available. Please purchase tickets in advance, if possible.

**August 22 & 23** *Cindabella: A Southern Fried Fairy Tale* comes to the Ansonia Theatre stage at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 3 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$5 children, \$10 age 12 and up, available at the Arts Council and at the door.

**August 24** *In One Era and Out the Other* uses music, narrative and visuals to take you through events from 1901 to 2001. Presented by the same performers who brought *War Bonds: Songs and Letters of World War II* to the Ansonia, this show's curtain goes up at 3 p.m. Reserved seating tickets \$15, available at the Arts Council, Lacy's and at [www.ansoniatheatre.com](http://www.ansoniatheatre.com).

## Arts Council Offers Free Drama Workshop for Girls in 4th - 8th Grade

Bring out the actress or singer in your child and let her shine! From the creator/producer of *Girls Raised in the South - GRITS: The Musical*, Erica McGee, and cast comes a workshop for girls to create, dream, and explore who the artist is inside of them!

The Anson County Arts Council is sponsoring a free 2-day workshop, *GRITS: Girls Really Inspired to Shine*, for rising 4th to 8th grade girls at the Ansonia Theatre in Wadesboro on Monday, August 11, and Tuesday, August 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will explore songwriting, dramatic interaction, writing for the stage, and confidence-building techniques for stage and life. A special presentation will take place at 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the camp.

The workshop is FREE to the first 30 applicants. All those interested must fill out an application and waiver (available at the Anson County Arts Council, 110 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro) and deliver them to the Arts Council office. For more information, call 704-694-4950.

For additional information about the workshop, the director, or *GRITS: The Musical*, visit [www.gritsthemusical.com](http://www.gritsthemusical.com) or [www.ericamcgee.com](http://www.ericamcgee.com) or email [ericacallenmcgee@hotmail.com](mailto:ericacallenmcgee@hotmail.com).

## Tribute to Former Teacher and Coach Arthur W. Newkirk, Jr. on July 28

Former Burnsville High School teacher and coach Arthur W. Newkirk, Jr. will be honored at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 28 at Hampton B. Allen Library. The library will be presented with a 24" x 34" wood-framed "Tribute to Arthur W. Newkirk, Jr." in commemoration of Newkirk's "Baseball Basics," and never forgotten teaching and coaching instructions. Newkirk taught at the highest standards at Burnsville High School and Anson High School. The public is invited to attend this event.

For more information you can contact Oscar Harward at 704-269-4590 or [oharward@carolina.rr.com](mailto:oharward@carolina.rr.com).



Scores of people from the community turned out to see Anson County's new hospital this past Saturday. Carolinas HealthCare System - Anson held a Community Celebration to commemorate the opening of their new "medical home" that focuses on wellness, prevention and disease management along with primary care and emergency treatment.

## Carolinas HealthCare System Offers New Model of Care in Anson County

**Carolinas HealthCare System-Anson opened Monday for patients**

Carolinas HealthCare System is transforming the way healthcare is delivered in Anson County. On Monday, July 14 Carolinas HealthCare System opened a new hospital in Wadesboro which took the place of Anson Community Hospital.

Carolinas HealthCare System Anson is more than just a new hospital; it's a new healthcare model for Anson County residents that will provide high quality care through traditional hospital services, patient and caregiver relationships, wellness and prevention education, and strong community partnerships. This well-rounded model of care is known as a "medical home" and ensures that healthcare is a shared commitment between care providers, patients and the community.

As part of the new model, the hospital also embeds primary-care services within the Emergency Department, helping to reduce the number of unnecessary ED visits.

"We believe that the medical home model is best for patient care because of its patient-center approach that focuses on wellness, prevention and disease management," said Carol Williams, director of the medical home at Carolinas HealthCare System Anson. "As the center of the medical home, Carolinas Primary Care will coordinate with doctors and nurses, dietitians, wellness coaches, social workers, diabetes educators and pharmacists to provide the Anson community with the right type of care, when and where patients need it most."



Carolinas HealthCare System Anson has partnered with local public health organizations, like the Anson County Health Department, and other community partners to provide access to faith-based community health programs, a mobile unit for convenient care, and educational opportunities focused on prevention and wellness.

"Healthcare is ever-changing and as the industry continues to evolve, some of the traditional approaches to healthcare that many community hospitals have relied on for years no longer meet patient's needs," said Gary Henderson, assistant vice president of Carolinas HealthCare System Anson. "Communities like Anson need new care models that are focused more on preventive and primary care and less focused on in-patient and sick care."



The new facility offers 24/7 emergency care; 15 inpatient beds; patient-centered hospital services such as radiology, digital imaging, laboratory, pharmacy and surgery services; a free community room for health education; and access to specialty services through Carolinas HealthCare System.

Carolinas HealthCare System Anson is located at 2301 U.S. Highway 74 West in Wadesboro, just past Anson High School. For more information, visit [CarolinasHealthCare.org/anson](http://CarolinasHealthCare.org/anson).

About Carolinas HealthCare System - Carolinas HealthCare System ([carolinashealthcare.org](http://carolinashealthcare.org)), one of the nation's leading and most innovative healthcare organizations, provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness programs throughout North and South Carolina. Its diverse network of care locations includes academic medical centers, hospitals, freestanding emergency departments, physician practices, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, nursing homes and behavioral health centers, as well as hospice and palliative care services. Carolinas HealthCare System works to enhance the overall health and wellbeing of its communities through high quality patient care, education and research programs, and numerous collaborative partnerships and initiatives.

## Runners, Walkers and Sponsors, the Sizzlin' Summer 5K is Coming Soon!

Attention all runners, racers, walkers and strollers! You have until this Friday, July 18 to pre-register for the Sizzlin' Summer 5K in beautiful uptown Wadesboro for a mere \$20 fee. After that time registration will go up to \$25 until the morning of the race on Saturday, July 26.

All proceeds from the 5K, which is hosted by the Anson High School Majorettes, will help them to fund their program, purchase uniforms and twirling equipment, and travel to competitive events. So come on out and have some fun while helping these young ladies shine on the football field under the Friday night lights. The Sizzlin' Summer 5K needs participants, sponsors and volunteers.

Online registration is easy at [www.sportoften.com](http://www.sportoften.com). Or contact Anne Hyatt at [lahyatt@windstream.net](mailto:lahyatt@windstream.net) or call 704-694-0593 for further details.



The winners of the AHS Majorettes' first 5k, the Frosty Feet 5K, are shown here. They are, from left, Jeremy Burr, Bubba Hutchinson, J.R. Hayes, Melissa Orr, Lauren Clark and McKayla High.

## Anson Farmers Market Open Wednesdays & Saturdays

The Anson County Farmers Market is open through November 1. The hours are 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

It is located on Highway 52 South near Wadesboro Primary School.

Be sure to come out and take advantage of great prices on locally grown produce and other items.

For more information contact Francis Campbell at [Francis.Campbell@nc.usda.gov](mailto:Francis.Campbell@nc.usda.gov).

## Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market is Now Open

The Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. Farmers Market is open every Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m. Come the Square (corner of Wade and Greene Streets) and you will find a variety of produce and other food items from the area.

If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact UWI at 704-695-1644.

## Anson Beekeepers Meeting

The Anson Beekeepers Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, July 24 at Welika Fish House, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

## Story Time for Children in July

Anson County Partnership for Children is sponsoring "Story Time at the Partnership" for children 3 to 8 years old each Wednesday morning in July, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The story time takes place in the Partnership's Early Childhood Resource Center at 117 South Greene Street in Wadesboro. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Each participating child will receive a free book to take home.

Local NC Pre-K teacher Karen Gerald shares books, stories and songs with children and parents. "Story time at the Partnership" will engage children in literacy activities demonstrating that learning can be fun for the child and the parent.

Please plan to tour the Early Childhood Resource Center during your visit to see the many items available for checkout by parents, teachers, and others who love and work with children.

To reserve your place at story time please contact Anson County Partnership for Children at 704-694-4036 or email [karen.gerald@windstream.net](mailto:karen.gerald@windstream.net).

Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information contact Bonnie Morgan at 704-694-4036. [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org)

## Healthy Living and Eating Seminar is July 20

Pathway to Peace Ministries presents ANEWSTART, healthy living seminar and cooking class on Sunday, July 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. Learn how to cook plant-based foods that will heal you. Learn how to lose weight, have more energy, reduce cholesterol, reverse diabetes, lower blood pressure, and much more.

Interested? Come! Seminar and cooking class is FREE! It will be held at 11775 Highway 109 South in Peachland. For more information call 704-695-1441.