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## Veterans Enhancement Fair is Next Wednesday, September 3

Anson County veterans, their families, friends and everyone who is interested are all invited to the Veterans Enhancement Fair which will be held on Wednesday, September 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. This event is designed to bring available resources together in support of our veterans and their families. It is presented by the Anson County Veteran Services Office in cooperation with the US Department of Veterans Affairs and the W. G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury, NC.

Admission to this event is free, and the information will be abundant!

- First hand advice from Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) experts.
- Talk to counselors from veteran centers about your concerns.
- Get guidance and information from VA staff on many programs the VA has to offer.
- Speak directly with local providers of programs on health care and community resource services.
- Get one-on-one assistance on how to enroll for health care benefits from Veterans Health Administration (VHA) staff. (Bring a copy of your DD-214.)
- Games, prizes and fun for all ages!

The community is invited to come out and support this worthwhile event. If anyone is interested in setting up a table, please contact Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward at [ward@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:ward@co.anson.nc.us) or call (704) 694-4418 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.



## Prayer Walks Held at Schools on Saturday

Anson County Woman's Missionary Union leaders invited other Ansonians to join them this past Saturday morning, August 23 at 9 a.m. to offer prayer for the new school year. A different leader was assigned to each school so that at the same time, prayer was offered across the county for students, their parents and guardians, teachers and administrators.

This group is pictured at Lilesville Elementary School.

Courtesy of Delores Thomas

## Anson Singers Begins September 2

The Anson Singers, a community choir directed by Emily Privette, will begin its fourth season on Tuesday, September 2, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro. The choir is open for membership from any persons in Anson County, and also the surrounding counties.

All are urged to come to this first rehearsal. There is no audition; all that is needed is the desire to sing good choral music. The ability to read music is beneficial, but not necessary.

If any questions, please call 704-694-5179. All are welcome!

## Boating and Driving Safety Campaign Underway this Labor Day Weekend

The "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign, a multi-agency initiative designed to combine law enforcement resources to ensure everyone can safely travel on highways and waterways during summer months, continues throughout Labor Day weekend. "There are dangerous consequences when an impaired driver gets behind the wheel of a car or boat," said Capt. Todd Radabaugh with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. "Think before you drink. Have a designated driver for the water and the road. Don't let an arrest or accident spoil your end-of-summer fun."

The "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign concentrates on three major holiday periods: Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. There is an increased law enforcement presence on and around popular recreational boating areas across the state during these holidays. The campaign is supported and coordinated by the Wildlife Commission, State Highway Patrol, Alcohol Law Enforcement, Forensic Tests for Alcohol, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Governor's Highway Safety Program, U.S. Coast Guard and local police and sheriff's offices, along with participating non-governmental organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Boat operators charged with operating while impaired (OWI) must make a court appearance and could face a maximum \$1,000 fine and jail time.

There are more than 200 wildlife officers across the state who patrol 5,000 miles of inland streams, rivers, lakes and coastal waterways and instruct certified boating safety education courses. The public can assist officers by reporting boating violations to 1-800-662-7137.

For more information on boating safety and regulations visit [www.ncwildlife.org/boating](http://www.ncwildlife.org/boating) or call 919-707-0031.

## Join the Fun! Join Cub and Boy Scouting!

Cub Scouting wants you! Now is the time to join the fun and excitement of America's foremost youth program for boys ... Cub Scouting. Sign-up nights will be held at the following dates and times. Fliers with additional details will be distributed at schools.

- Ansonville Elementary - Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m. (Cafeteria)
- Morven Elementary - Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m. (Cafeteria)
- Wadesboro Primary - Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. (Cafeteria)
- Peachland Polkton Elementary - Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. (Media Center)
- Wadesboro Elementary - Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. (Cafeteria)
- Lilesville Elementary - Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. (Cafeteria)

Designed for boys ages 7 to 10, Cub Scouting combines outdoor activities, sports, academics, and more in a fun and exciting program that helps families teach ideals such as honesty, good citizenship, and respect.

Boy Scout troops are also looking for interested boys from ages 11-17, and Venture Crews are also available for boys and girls ages 14 to 20. Go to [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org) to find units in your area.

The Boy Scouts of America is composed of more than 1.27 million volunteers working together for the youth purpose of helping its more than 3 million youth succeed in life. For more information contact John Ratliff at 704-272-5345.

## Town of Wadesboro Labor Day Schedule

Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day Holiday. There will be no garbage pick up that day. Monday's garbage route will be collected on Tuesday, September 2.

## Dove Hunting Season Starts Monday, September 1

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission reminds hunters that the dove hunting season opens Monday, September 1, and to be safe throughout the season for these popular game birds.

Shooting hours are half-hour before sunrise to sunset for the entire season, including opening day. The 2014-15 season for mourning and white-winged dove is September 1 - October 11 and November 27 - January 15. Daily bag limit is 15 and possession limit is 45.

"Opening day is a Monday, not a traditional Saturday," said Kate Pipkin, Wildlife Commission rules biologist. "Although many hunters prefer the season to open the Saturday prior to Labor Day, federal guidelines do not allow states to open migratory game bird seasons prior to September 1. Rather than wait until September 6, which is the first Saturday after Labor Day, the Wildlife Commission went with the earliest possible date allowed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service."

The Commission's Home From The Hunt(tm) campaign encourages hunters to be safe and responsible in the field, with the following recommendations:

- When hunting in a group, adhere to established zones of fire.
- Never shoot at low-flying birds and alert others when a bird is too low for a safe shot.
- Take time prior to hunting to walk the field and inspect the area for bait.
- Never place decoys on utility lines, which is trespassing and risks electrical shock.
- Don't combine game bags, which is a hunting regulations violation.

All hunters must follow applicable licensing requirements and hunting regulations. It is an individual hunter's responsibility to know the area being hunted. Don't hunt over baited fields. According to state regulations, the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of salt, grain or other feed that could serve as a lure for migratory game can constitute a baited area. Because birds often return to a feeding area even after the food source is exhausted, hunting within 10 days after complete disappearance of feed from a baited area is illegal.

For more information on hunting seasons, Hunting Heritage Apprentice Permits and the Hunter Education Program, go to [www.ncwildlife.org/hunting](http://www.ncwildlife.org/hunting).

## Wadesboro IGA Offers a Program to Help Nonprofit Organizations Generate Funds

Wadesboro IGA has announced the launch of IGA Hometown Label Savers, a new community-based marketing program that encourages community non-profit organizations to collect IGA Exclusive Brand product barcodes in exchange for funding towards organizational needs.

It's easy to participate in IGA Hometown Label Savers:

- Eligible non-profit organizations submit a mail-in application to the IGA Hometown Label Savers team
- Once approved, the organization is posted on the IGA Hometown Label Savers microsite, accessible at [www.wadesboroiga.com](http://www.wadesboroiga.com) or at [www.iga.com](http://www.iga.com), letting shoppers know they can start collecting IGA Exclusive Brand barcodes in support of their cause.
- Organizations collect bundles of 500 IGA Exclusive Brand barcodes from shoppers and submit them to IGA USA in exchange for a \$15 donation good towards organizational needs.

"Wadesboro IGA has always been community-conscious and with IGA Hometown Label Savers we can give back to the organizations that mean the most to the Anson community," store owner Christ Sanford said. "There are a number of organizations that play a vital role in this community. IGA Hometown Label Savers provides us the opportunity to show our support so they can continue their good work. I invite all charitable organizations, schools and non-profits to register and participate in our IGA Hometown Label Savers program. Stop in the store today and we can help you get started, or visit [www.wadesboroiga.com](http://www.wadesboroiga.com) or [www.iga.com](http://www.iga.com) for more information."

Individuals can also bring IGA product barcodes by Wadesboro IGA where collection containers have been set up for Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition (ACDVC). ACDVC is a local non-profit organization that helps victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.



## Youth Honored for Excellence in Education

The Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church honored its youth with the First Annual Excellence in Education Banquet on Saturday, August 2. The young people were recognized for their accomplishments during the 2013-2014 school year. They received certificates of recognition and medals for a successful educational year.

The honorees are pictured above with Pastor and Reverend First Lady Horne.

## Rabies Vaccination Clinic in Burnsville Thursday

A mini Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held on Thursday, August 28, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Burnsville General Store.

## Job Recruiting Event Offered on September 11

Anson and Union County Workforce Centers are holding a Fall 2014 Job Recruiting Event on Thursday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be full-time, part-time and seasonal job opportunities with area employers.

Attendees are reminded to bring a resume, and professional dress is required: dress pants/skirts; dress shirt/blouse; dress shoes; jacket and tie optional.

The schedule is: 10 to 11 a.m. Veterans Only. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open to the Public.

The event will take place at the Old Armory Community Center, located at 500 South Johnson Street in Monroe. Register in advance at [www.NCWorks.gov](http://www.NCWorks.gov). For more information call Scott Clontz at 704-694-6551.

## Fall Sign Ups at Field of Dreams

Fall ball sign ups at Field of Dreams are currently being held through Saturday, August 30 for the following sports: Tee ball (ages 4-6), Baseball (ages 7-12) and Softball (ages 7-16).

The cost per sport is: Tee ball \$30 until August 23 and \$45 after that date. Baseball and softball, \$55 before August 23, and \$70 after that date.

Sign up at Field of Dreams on August 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or sign up online at [www.sportsmanager.us/aaya](http://www.sportsmanager.us/aaya).

## Auditions for Play Steel Magnolias

Auditions will be held for the smash comedy hit *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling at the Ansonia Theatre on Tuesday, September 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. They need six women from ages 19 to 66. The show, directed by Tommy Wooten, will be performed in November. Portions of the script are available at the Arts Council.

For more information call 704-694-4950.