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Serving Anson County and the Municipalities of Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton and Wadesboro.

## Grace Senior Center Has It Going On In September!

Grace Senior Center is an excellent resource for Anson County's senior citizens. They provide programs, services, activities and fellowship that are beneficial... ALL FREE...AND ALL FUN & INFORMATIVE!  
Be sure to check the Express Events Calendar for even more activities at Grace Senior Center.  
Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA.  
For information call 704-694-6616.

### September Events

- **Chair Exercise** every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-11am. (No class on September 14 & 19.)
- **Book Club** every 1st Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm.
- **BINGO!** Tuesday, September 12, 12-1pm.
- **Senior Picnic in the Park** Thursday, September 14, 10am-1pm (Details in this edition of The Express)
- **Day Trip to Fuller's Bar-B-Q**, Thursday, September 28, 9am (Details in this edition of The Express)
- **Bridge Club** Thursday, September 21, 1pm-3pm. Held every 2nd Thursday of the month.
- **Craft Memory Bead Bracelets Workshop** Tuesday, September 26, 12pm-2pm
- **Movie Day** Thursday, September 28, 12pm-2pm
- **Memory Bracelet Craft** Thursday, September 28, 12pm-2pm

## The Randy Travis Music Festival is September 16



Marshville's annual Randy Travis Music Festival will be held on Saturday, September 16. Everyone is invited to come out to this free, day-long event for fun, festivities and fellowship. And, Randy Travis will be in attendance too! It takes place in downtown Marshville, you can't miss it! Here's the schedule of events:  
 • 10 am- Welcome and prayer, National Anthem, Honoring our Veterans with the Forest Hills High School Band and Cheerleaders and No Limits Dance  
 • 11 am- Next Chapter (gospel)  
 • 12 pm- Gospel Plowboys (bluegrass)  
 • 1 pm - Winners of contests announced  
 • 1:20 pm- Chelsea Clare  
 • 2 pm- Jackson Lee (country)  
 • 3 pm- Jordan Pickett (country)  
 • 4 pm- James Dupre  
 • 5 pm- Darren Deese  
 • 8 pm- Rivermist  
 • Randy will hopefully be there between 12-2. We cannot give you an exact time!  
 The only things you have to pay for at this festival is what you buy from vendors, some of the games and food!  
 Bring you a chair and listen to some good music!  
 • Sir Purr and two of the TopCat Cheerleaders from the Carolina Panthers will also be there!  
 • The Axe Doods will be set up behind the Good Steward Thrift Store as well as pony rides!  
 • The Car and Truck show will be on East Union St. 10-1  
 • Our veterans will be set up down by Morgan and Son Funeral Home where the Memorial Monument is temporarily located. Be sure to stop by every vendor tent and support them.  
 • Don't forget to stop in to the local businesses that will be open that day as well.

## Lions Club Brooms Will be Available at the Randy Travis Festival



The Lions Club will have a complete assortment of their broom inventory for sale during the Randy Travis Festival in Marshville on Saturday, September 16. They will be there all day, and invite you to come over and say hello...and maybe purchase an excellent quality broom too!

Brooms available will be: household broom, soft sweeps, patio brooms, toy brooms and whisk brooms. Plus they are selling raffle tickets for a \$15,000 prize!  
 All proceeds from the broom sales benefit the blind, visually impaired, and needy of Anson County and North Carolina. Donations are gratefully accepted.  
 And, Lions Club broom are always available at Martin Furniture and Lacy's in Wadesboro.

## Last Friday's Anson High Football Game Was Dedicated to Gold Star Families

WoodmenLife partnered with Anson County Schools during the Anson High School football game on Friday, September 1 to honor local Gold Star Families, and remember their loved ones who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.  
 Four players from the AHS Varsity Football Team were chosen to represent these fallen heroes who died during active duty in the US Military. The local military heroes and football players are listed below:  
 ★ PVT William Randall represented by football player Denez Chambers.  
 ★ PVT Claude Harrington represented by football player Luke Hyatt.  
 ★ PVT Allison German, Jr. represented by football player Laiontae Little.  
 ★ SSGT Jerry Lineberry represented by his great nephew and football player Gage Lookabill.



★ PVT William Randall Family



★ SSGT Jerry Lineberry Family



★ PVT Claude Harrington Family



★ PVT Allison German, Jr. Family

## Ansonia Theatre has Received 9 MTA Award Nominations

Since 2004 the Metrolina Theatre Association (MTA) produced the Annual MTA Awards to recognize excellence in Charlotte's theatre community. This year's gala award night will take place on October 15 at LA Meridian in uptown Charlotte.  
 The MTA Award Nominations came out on September 1 and the Ansonia Theatre has been nominated for 9 awards!  
 • Best Supporting Actor in a Musical: Tyler Wills as Jack, *Into the Woods*  
 • Best Supporting Actress in a Musical: Kimberly Smith as Little Red, *Into the Woods*  
 • Best Set Design for a Musical: Teri Brown and Donald Perkins, *Into the Woods*  
 • Best Set Design for a Play: Teri Brown, *The Mousetrap*  
 • Best Costume Design for a Play: Steven C. Chipper Long, *The Mousetrap*  
 • Best Lighting for a Play: *The Mousetrap*  
 • Best Sound Design for a Play: *The Mousetrap*  
 • Best Newcomer: Chuck Wright as The Baker, *Into the Woods*  
 • Theatre Company of the Year: Ansonia Theatre  
 Congrats to all the nominees!  
 Anson County Arts Council's Director Extraordinaire Tommy Wooten said, "Thank you so much to the Metrolina Theatre Association! We will see you at the gala on October 15."  
 Incorporated in June of 1984, the Metrolina Theatre Association supports all levels of theatre in Charlotte-Mecklenburg and the surrounding area, including high school and college departments, community theatre organizations, professional theatres, and independent production companies.  
 The membership of the MTA includes theatre management, artistic and auxiliary staff, actors, producers and other persons involved in creating theatre. Individuals not directly affiliated with specific organizations may also join.  
 The MTA for many years hosted an annual MTA Awards Gala to recognize outstanding contributions to the theatre arts. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: [metrolinatheatreassociation.net/MTAAwardsGala](http://metrolinatheatreassociation.net/MTAAwardsGala).

## Anson Mobile Food Market is September 14

The Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on Thursday, September 14, starting at 10 a.m. at the HOLLA! Community Center, located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. Food will be given away, including fresh vegetables, fruit and bread (if available). There will be blood pressure and blood sugar checks, along with other healthy living topics and booths.  
 This free event will afford the citizens of Anson County to receive six to eight different types of fresh produce monthly. This is a free initiative, so please come and get some produce. Nothing is required for you to receive produce, just come.  
 Atrium Health Anson, Anson County Extension, Carolinas Primary Care, Anson County Health Department and WellCare have partnered to provide these services to Anson County Citizens.

## Chair Exercise Classes at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will have sitters (chair exercise) classes taught by instructor Sheila Raye on Thursday, Sept. 7 and Thursday, Sept. 21. Class time will be 10:30 a.m. and will be in the library's Pritchett Room.  
 Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Class of 1973 Reunion Meeting

All classmates of the Bowman High School Class of 1973 are invited to finalize plans for the 50th Class Reunion. A meeting will be held at the Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro this Saturday, September 9 at 3 p.m.  
 For information contact Brenda S. Rorie at 704-695-5196.

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### ANSON COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN YEAR IN REVIEW 2022-2023... ALL THANKS TO YOU!

<h4>Child Care Services</h4> <p>109 Training hours offered for child care providers.</p> <p>92% Children in Anson County are in 4 or 5 star child care facilities.</p> <p>★★★★★</p>	<h4>Raising A Reader</h4> <p>22 classrooms participated in RAR.</p> <p>63% Parents reported an increase of shared reading after the RAR program.</p>
<h4>NC Pre-K</h4> <p>110 Children funded for NC Pre-K.</p> <p>100% NC Pre-K site licensed at 5 stars</p>	<h4>DPIL</h4> <p>10,922 DPIL books mailed.</p> <p>996 Children participating in DPIL.</p>
<h4>ECRC</h4> <p>277 Parents/caregivers used lending library resources.</p> <p>527 Total visitors to the ECRC.</p>	<p>Approximately 1,600 children were able to benefit from ACPC sponsored programs.</p> <p>We couldn't do it without your support!</p>