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## 1,100 Cycle NC Bicycle Riders in Wadesboro Today at the Square

Cycle NC will bring about 1,100 bicycle riders through uptown Wadesboro today, Wednesday, October 3. Local volunteers will be handing out drinks, food and fruit to the participants as they arrive here, over several hours, from about 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More volunteers are needed if you interested in helping. You can call the Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 or go uptown. Of course anyone else who is interested is invited to come see the spectacle of all the riders.

## Harvest Ministries to Hold Grand Re-Opening Saturday

After nearly 6 weeks of being displaced and closed due to the massive sink hole at the front of the entrance to their facility, Harvest Ministries Outreach Center is home and wants to celebrate with the Anson County community. This Saturday, October 6 at 12 noon in the parking lot of HMOC, Harvest will host a completely free Grand "Re" Opening Celebration.

This event will be complete with bouncy houses, face painting, stick on tattoos, a basketball free throw contest, games for children, a dunking booth, free hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, and even pony rides.

The event will conclude that evening at 5:30 p.m. with a free gospel concert featuring many local groups and talents from Anson and the surrounding regions.

In addition to all of the free fun, there will be plenty of opportunities for adults and children alike to win great prizes such as a laptop computer, \$250 in cash, gift cards, bicycles, free groceries, and a pair of Carolina Panthers tickets.

Lead Pastor Steve Adams shared, "We have realized during this time of being away from our building, that not having access to the many programs and resources we have been blessed to offer has affected a lot of great people in Anson County. It is always our desire to give back, and that can take on many forms and ways, and this Grand "RE" Opening is our way of saying...Harvest is back and excited about the opportunities to reach our community at full capacity once again."

Pastor Adams concluded with this, "God specializes in the unexpected, and while no one expected or even enjoyed not having access to these 3 businesses that were closed, that was then, and this is now...the best and greatest days are in front of us, come celebrate that with HMOC this Saturday!"

For more information, or a free ride to this event, contact 757-635-4893 or 704-695-2879.

## Veterans Affairs Program to Provide Free Flu Shot, Health Care Registration Information and More on October 25

The W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center's rural health team will provide free flu shots to eligible Veterans on Thursday, October 25, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. This will take place at the Anson County Veterans Services Office, located in the former Belk building at 111 North Greene Street in Wadesboro. Shots will be available for all veterans currently using VA Health Care and to those veterans possessing a DD-214 and a valid photo ID.

All former and current military members are encouraged to attend. VA staff will also provide health care registration, education and information services to all non-registered veterans and assist in completing enrollment applications, requesting DD Form 214s, and initiating MyHealthVet online services.

Former military members who are not currently enrolled for VA health care benefits will need to bring a copy of their DD Form 214 to attach to their application for VA health care benefits. Veterans who cannot locate their DD Form 214 can request a copy from www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records.

For more information, call 1-800-469-8262, ext. 4958, 4960, 4937 or 4642. VA outreach activities are posted on the events calendar at [www.salisbury.va.gov/calendar.asp](http://www.salisbury.va.gov/calendar.asp). For more VA information, visit [www.salisbury.va.gov](http://www.salisbury.va.gov) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/VASalisbury](http://www.facebook.com/VASalisbury).

## Churches Honor Hometown Heroes - Our Local Veterans

The Anson County Veteran's Council would like to encourage all area churches to honor their veteran church members by participating in the 2012 Veteran's Day Parade. You may use your church van, special or antique vehicles, church bus or whatever you decide to use. The parade will be held on Monday, November 12 at 10 a.m.

Parade entry forms are available at Wadesboro Town Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, the Veteran Services Office and H. W. Little & Company. There is no charge to enter the parade.

A ceremony to honor the veterans will take place following the parade in front of the newly renovated Anson County Court House. Following the ceremony there will be activities at Ray Shelton Field, with interesting displays, delicious food, drinks and prizes. Door prizes will be announced every fifteen minutes!

During the event the first annual Veteran of the Year recipient will be announced at 2 p.m. Nomination forms for this prestigious award may be picked up at the same locations as the parade forms. Also, the forms will be available at People Fest.

## One Prisoner Killed, Another Stabbed at Lanesboro Correctional

The Anson County Sheriff's Office, the State Bureau of Investigation and the Polkton Police are investigating the stabbing death of an inmate at a local prison that occurred on Friday, September 28th. Officers were called to Lanesboro Correctional Institute in Polkton at 12:18 p.m. on Friday. Lanesboro is a high security state prison with 1,000 beds for high risk inmates, opened in 2004. It is located adjacent to Brown Creek Correctional Institution and Anson Correctional Center. Officers found one inmate who was deceased, Wesley Eugene Turner, 35, and one inmate who had been stabbed.

There had been an altercation between several inmates. Investigators, who are working with the Department of Public Safety Division of Adult Corrections officers, (formerly called the Department of Corrections) identified several inmates in the assault.

"The pod where the incident happened has about 140 inmates, but not all were involved," said Lanesboro Correctional's administrator Lawrence Parsons. "When the fight broke out prison guards worked quickly to separate the inmates. No guards were injured or threatened." Hours after the incident the prison remained on lockdown, with inmates confined to their assigned cells.

Authorities have recovered what they believe was the weapon used in the fight, which they described only as some type of metal. But they said they don't yet know how it was obtained.

Sheriff Tommy Allen said that even though the prison houses many high-risk inmates, including gang members, they didn't have information to suggest that the fight was gang related.

Turner, imprisoned since 1996 on multiple offenses including second degree murder, had been housed at Lanesboro Correctional since April 2009, and was set to be released in 2017. He had 43 infractions against him during his time behind bars, including one for fighting in August.

Authorities are not releasing the name of the injured inmate because of security reasons, said Pamela Walker, a state public safety spokeswoman. He was taken to CMC-Charlotte for treatment. Officials released few other details on the fight, saying they're still investigating what prompted the altercation and how many people were involved. It has not been determined who, if anyone, might face charges in Turner's death.

Sheriff Allen said that his officers are working with the SBI and other agencies as the investigation continues.

Turner was convicted in the shooting death of a 23 year old Goldsboro man in 1995. In 1999 he and two other men were shot by guards as they attempted to escape a prison farm along the Roanoke River. Turner and another prisoner were wounded, but the third escapee, who was convicted of raping and stabbing a Raleigh school teacher, was shot dead. In 2003, Turner was charged with two counts of assault on an officer. His list of 43 prison infractions shows he was accused of assaulting prison staff with a weapon that day, as well as disobeying an order. In 2005, while still in prison, he was convicted of attempted assault on a public official.

## Letter to the Editor

### Thank You to the Community

Dear Editor,

Please allow us to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in, attended, and supported our 2012 Anson Ag Expo & Fair. We had a great event. In total, we had 380 fair exhibits, 104 participants in the Fair, 15 vendors in the Expo, and 76 youth from 11 counties showing 110 goats, lambs and heifers. There were another 103 adult and youth participants in new and returning weekend activities, and a crowd who gathered to watch the SAWA Lumberjack Competition. We can hardly estimate how many came out for the week's celebration, but we think it was around 1,750 - another increase from last year.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our community, and especially our sponsors. Truly, it was a community effort. We had a crowd of people helping us along. There is no way the event would have happened without everybody's assistance, so please accept our sincere appreciation. In light of how much everybody did, a simple thank you almost seems inadequate. But words will have to do, and we cannot say thanks enough. We owe a personal thank you to everybody for the hand they had in pulling our week of events together.

Thank you so much to everyone! The 2012 Anson Ag Expo & Fair Planning Committee:  
Ronnie Mills, Rita Mills, Eloise Harrington, Roddy Purser, Sharon Edwards, Tina Rowell, Beth Rogers, Debbie Wright, Bruce Shankle, Mark Mills, Bryan Cash, Roshunda Blount, Jessica Anderson, Aimee Rankin, Erin Dempsey, Pam Layfield and Janine Rywak

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We look forward to seeing you there. **Ronnie Mills, President**