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Community Leadership Award Presented to Alex Sewell



Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell was presented with the 2017 Henry W. Little, III Community Leadership Award. The presentation was made by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce during the Chamber's Annual Dinner on October 10.

Sewell said, "I'm humbled. I can't accept this for myself, but will accept

this award on behalf of all the Town of Wadesboro's talented and amazing employees who are so committed to serving our community. I'd like to thank my awesome teammates, the community, the town council, my family, and the great folks at the chamber."



Friends and Family Day at Divine Unity Church

Divine Unity Church with Pastor, and Overseer Sylvia McLendon celebrated their Friends and Family Day on Sunday, October 15 with guest speaker, Evangelist Valerie McDonald. The attendance was great with food, fun and praise!"

Open Meeting On October 30 for All Cat and Dog Lovers

Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter are seeking ideas, volunteers and donations

All cat and dog lovers, the Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter needs your help! Please come to a meeting that is scheduled for Monday, October 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter group has reorganized and now has a 501c3 status which means that it is a non-profit organization that can receive tax-deductible donations.

The goal is to improve the conditions and lives of animals in Anson County. The community is invited to attend this meeting, and all ideas and advice are welcome. Please come join in!

The meeting will be held in the Little Theatre of the Hampton B. Allen Library (side entrance). Coffee, punch and cookies will be served.

If you would like to help but cannot attend, any tax-deductible donations can be mailed to Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter, PO Box 828, Wadesboro NC 28170.

Also, there is a raffle ticket fundraiser going on right now, with all proceeds going toward helping animals in need in Anson County. Three guns are being offered to the winners:

- 1st Prize is a Ruger American rifle 6.5 Creedmoor with scope-Vortex Crossfire 2 (4x12x44)
- 2nd Prize is a Stoeger P3500 pump 12 gauge (camo green)
- 3rd Prize is a Walther PK380 .380 auto (turquoise)

If you are interested in purchasing a \$25 raffle ticket to benefit the Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter, please call 704-694-5971. Only 300 tickets have been printed. The drawing will be held after all tickets are sold.

Trunk or Treat at SPCC in Polkton Next Tuesday

South Piedmont Community College will host a Trunk or Treat event on Tuesday, October 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the L.L. Polk Campus (Martin Student Center) in Polkton. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun. The first 250 receive a free gift! This event is free! For more information about SPCC visit www.spcc.edu.

Free Movie is Pure Country Pure Heart

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie for Monday, October 23 at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre, *Pure Country Pure Heart*. When teenage sisters Ada and Piper discover a letter about their late father, a Marine who died in Iraq, they leave their rural home in Tennessee to search for the truth about the man they never knew. Filled with great new songs and featuring special appearances by Willie Nelson and Shawn Michaels, this heartwarming tale reminds us of the sacrifices we make for love. The movie stars Laura Bell Bundy, Ronny Cox and Amanda Detmer. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this country music film. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

CROP Walk is this Sunday

Walk. Give. Change the world.

The CROP Walk in Anson County will take place this Sunday, October 22 at 2 p.m. The walk will start at Calvary Episcopal Church, located at 308 East Wade Street in Wadesboro. The walk raises funds for and awareness of hunger. 25 percent of the money raised will go to area aid agencies, Feed My Lambs and Anson Crisis Ministry.

The CROP Walk is sponsored by the Interchurch Council of Downtown Wadesboro Churches. Walkers will register at Calvary Church, and leave from there to walk to Wadesboro Park, located off Morven Road, then walk back to the starting point. The total distance is approximately 3 miles. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

If you are unable to walk the entire distance, you can meet participants at Wadesboro Park after registration.

Organizers would like to invite all organizations to participate - such as Girl Scout troops, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, walking groups and all churches. Information is available by calling Tim Harris at 704-694-4701.

Come walk with everyone, and help end hunger one step at a time. Giving back to your community and the world.

Cheraw Has Jazz! SC Jazz Festival In Dizzy's Hometown

Big event is this weekend. Fun activities and great music for all ages.

Dizzy Gillespie's hometown of Cheraw, SC ushers in its 12th year of the South Carolina Jazz Festival October 19-22 with four days of great jazz and exciting activities. The weekend, which coincides with the 100th anniversary of Gillespie's birth, will showcase the unique bond Gillespie shared with his South Carolina roots and jazz.

A wide variety of both free and ticketed concerts and events are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 19-21. The festival culminates on Sunday, October 22, with a Jazz Mass at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Over 30 Jazz performances are scheduled during the festival including in-school performances. The concerts will feature regional musicians from both North and South Carolina and beyond. The festival kicks off with a free concert by the Winthrop University Jazz Orchestra on Thursday evening, October 19 at the Theatre on the Green.

Featured artist for the ticketed evening performance on Friday, October 20 at the Theatre on the Green is internationally acclaimed trombonist and composer Delfeayo Marsalis. On Saturday, October 21, regional musicians take to the stage to pay tribute to Dizzy Gillespie with Dr. Al Fraser as narrator. The group is comprised of trumpeters Mark Rapp, Eleazar Shafer and Jon Thornton. Joining them will be trombonist Dr. Mitch Butler, 17 year-old saxophone sensation Ben Eidson, Danny Boozer, Dustin Retzlaff and 19 year-old Sean Mason.

New this year will be a free Late Night Jazz Jam on Friday, October 20 at the Theatre on the Green featuring Sammy Miller and the Congregation. This New York based group is on a mission to bring the generosity back into jazz. North Carolina groups Empire Strikes Brass and Sidecar Social Club return to the festival.

Weekend activities include a free performance at Cheraw's Centennial Park by the SC Jazz Festival Big Band featuring 20 regional musicians, "Dizzy on Display" at the Southern African American Heritage Center, a Be-bop parade and evening jazz crawls. Music by Zeb Harrison and Company with dialogue by Gillespie's friend and author of *To Be or Not to Bop: Memoirs of Dizzy Gillespie*, Dr. Al Fraser, will be presented at the Gillespie family's home church, Wesley United Methodist on Saturday afternoon.

Art abounds during the weekend with "Dizzy" inspired artwork by local students and the festival's 9th Italian Madonnari Chalk Competition. Market on Market returns with produce, food and more. Attendees can enjoy a self-guided Historic Cheraw Cell Phone Tour to over 25 points of interest, including Dizzy Gillespie related sites.

Tickets for a single evening concert at the Theatre on the Green are \$30.00 per person or a two day weekend ticket is \$50.00 per person. For more information call 843.537.8420 x12 or visit www.scjazzfestival.com.



To Kill a Mockingbird Play's Final Weekend

The play *To Kill a Mockingbird*, directed by Tommy Wooten ends its run this weekend at the Ansonia Theatre. The play, adapted by Christopher Sergel, will play Friday and Saturday - the curtain rises at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday at 3 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 704-694-4950 or visit www.ansoniateatre.com.

The cast includes Atticus played by Jason Clarke, Scout by Charley Williamson, Jem (dark hair) played by Caden Clarke and Dill (in glasses) played by Isaac Clarke, all pictured here.

Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness is October 26

This is a release from the Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the NCADV website, Domestic Violence Awareness month was first observed in 1987. Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center (ACDVC) participates in the Silent Witness program during the month of October to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

During October, life-sized wooden figures will be placed in the county, each one bearing the name of a person who once lived, worked, had friends, family - whose life ended violently at the hands of a partner, spouse, ex-spouse or acquaintance.

Domestic Violence often goes unreported. In Anson County from July 2016 to June 2017, ACDVC assisted 373 victims of domestic violence; 314 were female and 59 were males. The age bracket with the highest incident is 26-40 years old. According to statistics, one in three women and one in four men have been victims of some form of physical violence by their intimate partner. According to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, every nine seconds a woman is assaulted. From October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 there were 72 domestic violence related deaths in North Carolina alone. 72!!!

On Thursday, October 26 at 6 p.m., a candlelight vigil will be held at the front steps of the Anson County Courthouse. ACDVC invites anyone who has a friend or loved one represented here or if you have been or know someone that has been affected by domestic violence to come and join us during this special time of remembrance.

Our known victims include: Argatha H. Clark, Cindy B. McIntyre, Rebecca B. Morrow, Connie Newton, Laura Parker, Mary Polk, Danette Streater, Mary Jane Suess, Linda Kay Walters, Daisy Coleman Melton, Larry Thomas Lindsey, Jennifer Howell, Sherri Feely Marshall, Elnora Sturdivant, Doretha Smith, Rodney Smith, Kim Campbell and two unnamed victims.

For more information please contact the staff at Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center at 704-694-4499. Our 24 hour crisis line is 704-690-0362.

Blankets, Coats and Sweaters Giveaway this Thursday

Faith Based Center of Hope CEO Vancine Sturdivant will pass out blankets, coats and sweaters on Salisbury Street this Thursday, October 19 at 11 a.m. Any elderly, sick or shut-in who is not able to come, please contact Vancine at 704 848-4412 and someone will deliver to them.

This charity also accepts slightly used coats, blankets and other items. Vancine stated, "Please do not donate anything you do not want. Our brothers and sisters are citizens just like we are and they deserve the best, not our trash. Please give as if you were giving it to yourself. Then

Ladies Out at Grace Senior Center

Ladies Out is held every Monday at 1 p.m. at Grace Senior Center. To find out what that means, and to register, call 704-694-6616.

Library to Present 13 Part Series Entitled World War 2 In Color

The Hampton B. Allen Library will be showing the 13-part documentary series *World War 2 In Color* every last Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. starting on October 25.

Here is the documentary synopsis: When the war came to America in December of 1941, the film industry went to war along with the rest of the United States. Shot at the front, with some of the filmmakers facing the same danger as the fighting men, you will also see some of the war's most memorable war correspondents. Now footage of the most dramatic moments from World War II is presented in color and high definition for this historical documentary series. Narrated by English actor Robert Powell, *World War II In Color* is a vivid in-depth experience that provides viewers with new insight and information. For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

Lilesville Fire Department Gets Into the Halloween Spirit!

You are invited to bring your trick or treaters to the Lilesville Fire Department on Tuesday, October 31 for fun and candy. Firemen and volunteers will be giving out candy from 6 to 9 p.m.