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Play *Steel Magnolias* is Coming to the Ansonia Theatre

Help the Ansonia Theatre celebrate the 25th anniversary of the release of *Steel Magnolias*. You will laugh and cry along with this superb cast who play the six women who come together in this hilarious and heartwarming story of life, love and loss in a small Louisiana parish.

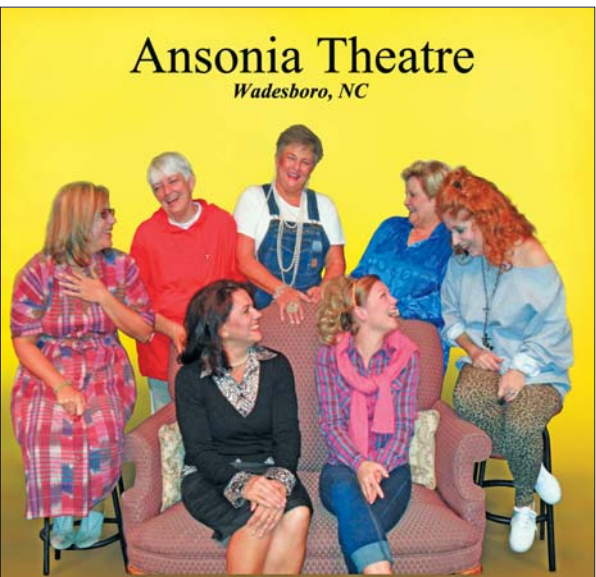
Featured in this production are Lindsay Melton (Truvy), McKayla Renee High (Shelby), Gina Clarke (Annelle), Terra Threatt Medlock (M'Lynn), Sharon Nance Doster (Ouiser), Libby Dandridge (Ouiser/Clairee) and Leslie Capell (Clairee). The play is directed by Tommy Wooten, and Amy Stewart is the Assistant Director.

The show will be performed on two weekends - Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 7, 8, 9 & 14, 15, 16. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday shows will be at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 with reserved seating only. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

Although there may be tickets available at the door, some of the previous shows at the Ansonia have sold out, so get your tickets early if possible.

Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, from noon until 5 p.m. The office is located in the Anson County Arts Council building (right next to the theatre). You can always call and leave a message at other times by calling 704-694-4950. Tickets are available at Lacy's too. Or you may use Paypal at www.ansoniatheatre.com. The website will also give you more info on upcoming shows. Be sure to follow and like the site.

You may actually want to see the show more than once since there is different casting on the 2 weekends.



Ansonia Theatre
Wadesboro, NC

Nov 7-16
the Anson County Arts Council proudly presents
steel magnolias
by: Robert Harling
directed by: Tommy Wooten

704-694-4950 Reserved Seating \$15 www.ansoniatheatre.com

Anson County Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil is Thursday

In a release from Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the NCADV website, DV awareness month was first observed in 1987. Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center 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 the month of October, 12 life-sized wooden figures will be placed around the county, each one bearing the name of a woman/man who once lived, worked, had friends, family, nonetheless whose life ended violently at the hands of a spouse, partner or acquaintance.

Domestic Violence often goes unreported. In our county alone from January to June of 2014, ACDVC assisted 209 individual victims of domestic violence; 184 were female and 25 were males. Domestic violence will impact about 44% of women at some point in their lives. North Carolina is currently 4th in the nation.

On Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 pm, a candle light 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 to come and join us during this special time of remembrance.

Our victims include: Maggie M. Bennett, Argatha H. Clark, Clissie B. Gaddy, Cindy B. McIntyre, Rebecca B. Morrow, Connie Newton, Laura Parks, Mary Polk, Danette Streater, Mary Jane Suess, Linda Kay Walters, Deborah Annette Wall Smith, Daisly Coleman and Larry Lindsey.

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 number is 704-690-0362.

Bearcat Football Tickets at Lacy's

All varsity home football game tickets will be available for purchase at Lacy's in Wadesboro prior to each home game. Lacy's is located at 121 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro, across from the Hampton B. Allen Library. The telephone number is 704-694-4646.



True Blue Sunday at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church celebrated recently by honoring Prostate Awareness Month. The Health Ministry sponsored the program and the entire congregation dressed in various shades of blue in support. The church bulletins were blue, and even the youth choir dressed in blue as they ministered the music.

Information was passed out to each male attendee along with a keepsake with a pretty blue gem attached. A table draped in blue held blue ribbons, pamphlets, and a short video was played featuring two celebrities discussing the value of early detection and follow up. Each survivor of prostate cancer was asked to stand and be recognized.

The purpose of the Health Ministry is to promote a healthy mind, body, and spirit. Deaconess Shirlene Davis is the president of the Health Ministry

Uptown Wadesboro's Fall Festival is Saturday!

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. (UWI) is sponsoring their annual Fall Festival this Saturday, October 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This family friendly, fun-filled event is free! Here's the lowdown on it from Brook Crider of UWI:

- Start at the Square at our Information Table for a map and a treat!
 - Smile!! Cheese! Bring your camera to take your picture at our three Picture Spots! The Fall Scene will be located on East Martin Street. The Spooky Haunted House Scene will be located near the Arts Council on South Rutherford Street. The Graffiti Board will be located near the Library. Snap your picture and post it on online for all to see! If you inbox it to UWI, we'll post as many as we can on there, too! Find us on Facebook!
 - Our Fortune Teller will be located on West Martin Street in the yard of the Old Leavitt House. Please stop by to hear your fortune from our Fortune Teller. She will use either her Crystal Ball or read your palm. Be sure to get a fortune cookie!
 - Win a cupcake at our Cupcake Walk and Trick-or-Treat at Buff Monkey Fitness Co. on East Martin Street!
 - On North Greene Street, in front of the Court House will be our Football Toss and Pumpkin Painting Contest Station. Paint the Best Pumpkin for a Cash Prize! Also, Trick-or-Treat at Brenda's and play Go Fish up the street.
 - On South Greene Street, Trick-or-Treat at the Library and H.W. Little. Don't forget to pick up your book from the Anson County Partnership for Children.
 - Smith's Cleaners will be a Trick-or-Treating spot located on West Morgan Street.
 - On North Rutherford Street you can play the Hi-Lo Guessing Game and win a jar of candy! Bring your thinking caps! Trick-or-Treat at Anson Crisis Ministry, Awesome Touch, Tite Cutz, Treasure Corner, Southern Medley Wine Cellar, Fletcher's and Hidden Secrets! After strolling this street and trick-or-treating, you might need to schedule an appointment with your dentist!
 - Also, Trick-or-Treating on West Wade Street includes Hometown Video and Wade Street Originals. Stop by and play our Pumpkin Toss Game, too!
 - On East Wade Street you can play our Ring Toss Game! The line for the "Ol' So Famous Hayride" starts at the Town of Wadesboro Office. Farmer Greg will take you for a fun filled Hayride around town and bring you back to where it starts!
 - In front of the Stage at the Square, Scott Gulleddge with the Wadesboro Police Department will be telling stories at 10:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. The Costume Contest will be at Noon on the same stage. Check in early to see what the categories are! Come and win a bag of candy!
- This is our Biggest and Best Ever Fall Festival! Don't miss the FUN!

Vets Appreciation Night at Anson High Football Game Friday

In honor of veterans and their special guests, Anson County Schools and Woodmen of the World extend an invitation to join them at Anson High School Stadium for a special "pregame" ceremony on Friday, October 24. Anson High School takes on the Cuthbertson Cavaliers. The Anson High School Marching Band and the J.R.O.T.C. will conduct the "Presentation of Colors" utilizing a 60 x 100 US Flag.

There will also be a tailgating for veterans starting at 6 p.m.

Veterans and special guests are asked to use the entrance located off Highway 74, directly across from Wal-Mart.

Veterans who plan to attend are asked to RSVP before October 17 by calling 704-694-2631.

Noted Advocate for Peace to Speak in Wadesboro

If you are unsure of the reasons behind the conflict in the Middle East, or wonder what you, as a private citizen, can do to achieve peace, plan to attend Sam Wazan's lecture at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 26 at First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro. The lecture is free and open to the public. Wazan is a survivor of the 15-year combat in Lebanon and a passionate catalyst for peace. In his talk he will:

- Equip you with a new lens through which you can see religious violence.
- Present a rhetoric-free overview of the root causes of violence.
- Present ways and means to achieve peace from the grassroots up.

"Wazan has an authentic experience in the inhumane effects of conflicts. In his Key Note speech: Ending Religious Violence: The Journey to Peace, he reflects on his first year of war, when his best friend in fifth grade got killed. He grew up surrounded by remorseless sniper fire, indiscriminate rocket attacks, and vicious religious massacres. He escaped a kidnap attempt, lived under a ninety-day siege, and took shelter alternating between the stairways and a garage depot, depending on the intensity of battles." (www.samwazan.com)

Risking his life to apply for a visa to the United States, Wazan now lives in Charlotte where he works as a senior management consultant. He is a Global Trustee at United Religions Initiative, chair of the Charlotte Cooperation Circle, member of the Immigration Task Force of the City of Charlotte, and member of the Comparative Religion committee at Temple Beth El.

Following his talk, Wazan will be available to sign copies of his best-selling novel, *Trapped in Four Square Miles*.

Kaye Ratliff and Sandy Bruney invited Wazan to come to Anson County after hearing him speak at a book festival in Lumberton last February.

"The fact that he endured so much and transformed his experience into advocating for peace was amazing to us," Bruney said. "And the fact that we were able to raise the funds for his lecture fee from so many different sources - churches, businesses, and organizations - proves that peace is important to all of us, no matter what our religion or ethnicity happens to be."

The free program is sponsored by contributions from Alpha Pi Chi Sorority, Calvary Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, Kesler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, First United Methodist Church, Ladybug Restaurant, and a grant from the Anson County Writers' Club.

For more information visit www.samwazan.com.



Sam Wazan

October Free USDA Food Distribution for Ansonians

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center's Emergency Food Pantry has received a large shipment of TEFAP food products. These food commodities are provided by the US Department of Agriculture for distribution to people and families who qualify for this assistance. The items will be given out on Monday, October 27, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, October 28, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Federal Income guidelines will be one of the determining factors for eligibility. Food stamp recipients automatically qualify. These food items are available only to Ansonians who qualify. If you are not currently registered with the BRLC Emergency Food Pantry, please arrive early to complete the eligibility application. Please bring proof of income. The BRLC does not discriminate for any reason.

For more information call 704-826-8066. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

Anson High Football Pink Out Game is Friday

On this Friday, October 24, the Anson High School Football game will be in the pink. It is "Pink Out" night in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Everyone is encouraged to come to the game wearing pink! During pre-game there will be a special flag presentation, and at halftime we will host our annual Mass Band performance which includes the Anson Middle School Band playing alongside the Anson High School Band.

Athletic Director Terry Mabry would like to invite all of you to take part in this very worthy cause. She encourages you to come out and support the Bearcats!