

Steel Magnolias ... Don't Be Caught Without a Ticket

In just over a week the curtain will open in the Ansonia Theatre once again, and if you don't already have your ticket to see *Steel Magnolias* you just may miss your opportunity. This much beloved story of six close friends who help each other deal with life and life's problems opens on Friday, November 7, with only six shows. The show will be performed on November 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday shows will be at 3 p.m. A word to the wise and a bit of friendly advice, don't expect to find seats at the door. This one is sure to sell out.

The story begins, and almost instantly you are drawn in to Truvy's Beauty Parlor, where all six of the delightfully different and wonderfully charming characters ultimately grace the stage. With the "sunny side up" yellow setting you can feel the happy, the sad, the funny and the mad - all coming at you from one willful woman to the next. And, whether your favorite character is the sharp tongued, the sweet, the explosive, the mousy, the maternal or the quick wit, there will be something for everyone in this gloriously gratifying hometown rendition of strength, courage, pride, love, devotion and everlasting friendships.

Don't wait another minute, Sugar! Get your tickets today or be sorry you didn't! Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Anson County Arts Council while they last. Don't be caught without one! Call 704-694-4950 to reserve your seat. Box Office hours are Monday-Friday from noon until 5 p.m. The office is located in the Anson County Arts Council building right next to the theatre. Tickets are available at Lacy's or you may use paypal at www.ansoniatheatre.com. *By Melanie Lyon*



Domestic Violence Coalition Holds Candlelight Vigil

On Thursday, October 23 the Anson County Courthouse provided the setting for the Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition's annual Candlelight Vigil, which was dedicated to all the Anson victims who have lost their lives to domestic violence. There were 13 deaths represented by a standing silhouette in their honor. ACDVC Executive Director Karen Baucom along with her staff facilitated the evening ceremony.

Sheriff Tommy Allen provided unnerving statistics and helped to put it all into perspective by saying, "The number of women killed in Afghanistan and Iraq is 6,614 - and the number of women, in the US period, killed as the result of domestic violence in the US is 11,766." You could hear a gasp of concern echo throughout the crowd of approximately 100 citizens in attendance. That one statistic seemed to hit home the staggering problem that exists and the need to continue efforts to save those who are victims.

At the foot of each silhouette a purple flower was laid and the names of the victims were read aloud. Victims include Daisy Coleman Melton, Larry Lindsey, Connie Newton, Mary Polk, Danette Streater, Cindy B. McIntyre, Mary Jane Lee Sues, Sherri Feely Marshall, Deborah Annette Wall Smith, Linda Kay Walters, Rebecca B. Morrow, Argatha H. Clark and Laura Parker.

Wadesboro Police Sergeant Williams read a poem and admitted that she too was a child of domestic violence. "When I was growing up this wasn't talked about openly, but rather swept under the rug. Women suffered in silence and in shame. The Domestic Violence Coalition has helped tremendously in righting that wrong," said Williams.

Melody Goodwin sang a song in tribute. Students from Anson New Technology High School danced. And the Anson High School Varsity Majorettes twirled while honoring victims and their families.

The vigil ended with the lighting of the candles, a moment of silence, the release of purple balloons and these words: "Domestic violence and abuse are not a purpose use fear, guilt, shame and intimidation to wear you down and keep you beneath them. An abuser may also threaten you, hurt you, or hurt those around you."

If you or someone you know is being abused, call the Domestic Violence Coalition at 704-694-4499 or their 24-hour crisis line at 704-690-0362. Do not delay. Do not suffer alone, if you need it call for help now. *By Melanie Lyon*



Wonderful Christmas Gifts Made by Local Artists & Craftsmen

Start your holiday shopping in November at the Arts Council's Christmas in November Sale. This arts and crafts sale will take place at the Lockhart-Taylor Center on Saturday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's an opportunity to find unique gifts while supporting local artists and craftsmen - and you will be keeping your money right here in Anson County.

Instead of spending money on cheaply made foreign junk, why not buy American this year. Wonderful items created by people who live and work right in this area will provide lots of ideas for gift giving. Who knows, you might also find that special something that you can't live without!

Admission is free, so come out and enjoy Christmas in November.

Christmas in November Vendor Tables Are Still Available

Calling all area artists and crafters! Tables are still available for the Anson County Arts Council's Christmas in November Art and Crafts Sale. This event will take place on Saturday, November 15, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

The Arts Council offers this event as a service to our area's residents and creative community, so admission for shoppers is free. Vendors keep 100% of their sales.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting event contact the Anson County Arts Council at ansonart@windstream.net or at 704-694-4950. The fee for an 8-foot table is \$40, or \$60 for two. Reserve your space today!

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