

Deborah Davis Receives Hometown Heroes Award.

The Wadesboro Rotary Club honored Deborah Davis with the Hometown Heroes Award for outstanding service to the community on October 19 at Twin Valley.

Deborah Flowers Davis was born to the late Hayes and Bessie Flowers and raised in Anson County. Davis married her high school sweetheart, Willie Davis, after attending Bowman High School. She earned her Health & Physical Education undergraduate degree from Gardner Webb University. After teaching and coaching for several years, she earned her Masters and Educational Specialist Degrees in Educational Leadership and Curriculum Specialist from Winthrop University.

During her approximately 40 years of service, Davis served in many roles before retiring as an Administrator of Secondary Education. She taught at various Anson County Schools, primarily at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School. With the encouragement of prominent leaders in the Anson County School system, Davis started her leadership career as assistant principal of Peachland Elementary School and Ansonville Elementary School.

"Because of Deborah Davis' superior leadership talents and skills, she was appointed to serve as the first Principal of Anson County Early College High School. She embraced her new school and established a flagship program for our district and the state. Davis built a culture of learning at ACEC that continues to provide many early college students opportunities that allow them to strive and grow into highly successful learners," said Dr. Travis Steagall, Principal of Peachland-Polkton Elementary School, as he presented the award.

Davis spearheaded another flagship program as Executive Director of the Anson High School Youth Career Connect Program, resulting in, yet again, National Recognition for Excellence in Learning by winning a multi-million-dollar grant-funded program endorsed by President Obama's Administration for high schools in need of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs.

Davis was taught the importance of education early on by her parents and older siblings. While education was important in her family, living a Christian Life was the top priority. Her family attended and supported the Gatewood Station AME Zion Church in Morven. Davis utilized her educational skillsets to support faith-based learning as she worked with children and youth programs within her church. These programs ranged from teaching Sunday school, Christmas and holiday programs, Christian witnessing, bible drills, musicals, plays, etc.

Deborah Flowers Davis is undoubtedly worthy of the Rotary Club's Hometown Hero Award because she serves this community selflessly, even in retirement.

"It would be a stretch to say that she is retired because she continues to serve within her church and as a trustee for South Piedmont Community College. Once an educator, always an educator," said Steagall.

Wadesboro Rotary Club usually meets the second Thursday of the month from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Twin Valley Golf Club. The club welcomes guests interested in community service and professional and personal development.

For up-to-date information on Rotary Club meetings, speakers, community service projects, etc., visit the Wadesboro Rotary Club Facebook page.



Pictured above, Travis Steagall presents the Rotary Hometown Heroes plaque to Deborah Davis.



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The Month of November

And the dead leaves lie huddled and still, No longer blown hither and thither; The last lone aster is gone; The flowers of the witch-hazel wither ... — Robert Frost (1874-1963)

November, the 11th month of the year, has 30 days and marks the beginning of the winter holiday season for most folks, even if the winter solstice doesn't occur until late December.

November Calendar

- November 1 is All Saints' Day.
- November 5 at 2 A.M. is the end of Daylight Saving Time. "Fall back 1 hour".
- November 7 is Election Day Don't forget to vote in state and federal elections!
- November 11 is Veterans Day. Originally Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the agreement that ended World War I at 11:00 A.M., November 11, 1918, this federal holiday was changed to Veterans Day in 1954. At that time, it became a day to honor all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Each year, special ceremonies are held at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.
- Consider spending some time online learning more about our nation's veterans. The Great War Society has developed a website devoted to World War I educational materials. The World War II Memorial celebrates the victory of "the greatest generation" with a design that uses moving water to harmonize with its natural surroundings. Visit the Korean War Veterans Memorial online; this moving memorial, dedicated in 1995, is the latest addition to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. See a registry of all the names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington.
- November 11 "Indian Summer" in November, but according to the traditional definition, it can only occur between November 11 and 20. It is a weather phenomenon that is a period of abnormally warm weather occurring in late autumn between St. Martin's Day (Nov. 11) and Nov. 20, with generally clear skies, sunny but hazy days, and cool nights.
- November 23 is Thanksgiving Day.
- November 27 full Moon is traditionally called the Beaver Moon.

November's traditional birthstone is the topaz, usually a yellow to amber color. The ancient Greeks believed that topaz could make a wearer invisible. A symbol of honor and strength, topaz was also believed to bring longevity and wisdom.

November's birth flower is the chrysanthemum. Generally, chrysanthemums represent cheerfulness. A red one conveys "I love you." White symbolizes truth or pure love. A yellow one indicates slighted love.

Local Author Carol Ford Book Signing at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library invites you to join them for a book signing and author event featuring local author Carol Ford. The event takes place on Monday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

926,425 People Attended the 2023 N.C. State Fair

The 2023 N.C. State Fair ended its 11-day run with a strong final weekend that pushed total attendance to 926,425. Other fair highlights included a new auction record for the Livestock Sale of Champions and strong participation for Smithfield Foods Hunger Relief Day and competitive entries.

"I am grateful for our fairgoers, vendors and businesses that support the fair," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "It is a celebration of the best of North Carolina and feels like an annual reunion that brings together everything that makes North Carolina a great place to live. It is also a celebration of our state's \$103.2 billion agriculture industry, from the daily farm families highlighted, the mock tobacco auction, livestock competitions and horse shows to the horticultural displays, Got to Be N.C. Agriculture Pavilion and soil and forestry exhibits."

The N.C. State Fair Livestock Sale of Champions drew a record \$217,850 in bids, breaking the previous record by \$5,350. Monies from the sale go into a scholarship fund that all competitors are eligible to apply for and to the grand and reserve grand champion exhibitors.

Smithfield Foods Hunger Relief Day saw fairgoers donate 253,000 pounds of canned goods this year compared to 214,000 last year combined with 500,000 servings of protein from Smithfield Foods for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. More than 6.3 million pounds of food have been collected since the hunger relief partnership started in 1993.

This year's fair had 21,626 entries in general competitions and 2,819 entries into livestock competitions. This year's giant pumpkin and watermelon competitions by weight were the largest competitions of this type the fair has had. The competitions included a 308-pound watermelon, which was the largest grown in the world so far this year and a 2,124-pound pumpkin.

"While numbers help us tell the story of a successful N.C. State Fair it isn't the only measure," said Troxler. "We also gauge success from the happy and smiling faces we see on the fairgrounds as people enjoyed what we hope was their Best.Day.Ever! Mark your calendars now for Oct. 17-27, 2024."