

## Madi Martin to March in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York

On Thanksgiving day, this Thursday, November 28, Anson High School grad Madi Martin will march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with the Western Carolina University "Pride of the Mountains" Marching Band. This famous parade takes place in New York City. Television coverage of the three hour parade begins at 9 a.m. on NBC (WCNC in Charlotte).



Madi Martin and AHS Band Director Matthew Jarrett

Madi is part of one of the country's top college marching bands, and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Anson High School Band Director Matthew Jarrett said, "Madi was a wonderful performer when she was a part of the Bearcat Band, as well as our concert program. She always put forth her best leadership qualities as well."

effort, and exuded not only great musicianship but fine leadership qualities as well. I am so proud that she has continued to rise in her music education. To be chosen to be a part of what is largely regarded as the best college marching band program in the country is a tremendous honor, let alone being chosen to perform in the Macy's parade, and Madi deserves it all."

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924, making this the 93 year. It is tied with Detroit for the second oldest Thanksgiving day parade in the United States. (The oldest Thanksgiving day parade is in Philadelphia.) Every year, the Macy's parade works to outdo the previous year's event. This evolution has meant bigger balloons, more floats, better materials and new technologies, all resulting in the flashy spectacle that rolls through the streets of New York today. It has been televised nationally on NBC since 1952. Employees at Macy's department stores have the option of marching in the parade.

## Wadesboro Christmas Parade is December 5

Entry forms for participants are due November 27

Plans are in full swing for this year's Wadesboro Christmas Parade. Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. is accepting applications for parade participants, and reminds everyone who wishes to be in the parade to contact them as soon as possible. The parade is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, starting at 4:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Participant entry forms are available at Wadesboro Town Hall or at the REV Center, located at 114 West Wade Street. Vendors must obtain permits from the Town of Wadesboro in order to participate.

Parade entry forms are due on Wednesday, November 27. For more information or to request an entry form, contact Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. at (704) 694-4181 or via email at [uptownwadesboro@windstream.net](mailto:uptownwadesboro@windstream.net).

## 'Tis the Season to Take Selfies

Anson County Partnership for Children is inviting children of all ages to participate in Selfie with Santa. On Thursday, December 5 Santa will be waiting for selfie seekers between 3 and 4 p.m. before the Wadesboro Christmas Parade, and between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. after the parade at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro. There will be time before and after the parade for children to visit Santa, write their wish list, and pick out a winter-themed book. Santa's elves will also be available to take pictures for families. Pictures of the event will be posted on the Partnership's social media platforms. Visit their website ([www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org)) and follow the Partnership on Facebook and Instagram. Following the visit Santa will mail a special letter to all the children. This event is free to the public.

Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization that was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership is responsible for developing collaborative strategies to meet the unique needs of children and families in Anson County, focusing on Child Care, Health, Literacy and Family Support. For more information, contact Literacy and Community Outreach Coordinator, Alexandra Harrington at 704-694-4036, [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org).

## Grace Senior Center's Christmas Luncheon Set for December 4 & 5

Grace Senior Center's Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Choose what day you would like to come to the Lockhart-Taylor Center for the event, and register by calling Grace Senior Center at (704) 694-6616.

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