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**Come Meet New Administrator  
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You are invited to come to Ambassador Health and Rehab on Thursday, December 18 to meet their new Administrator and Medical Director. This event will run from 5 until 7 p.m.

Ambassador is located at 2051 Country Club Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-4106.

**Harvest Ministries Outreach Center  
Community Christmas Blessing Event**

On Sunday, December 21 Harvest Ministries Outreach Center (HMOC) will hold their annual Community Christmas Blessing event. This free event runs from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at HMOC, taking place after area church services. They will be giving away hundreds of toys, prizes, bicycles, goodie bags for every family, and much more! And, they have partnered with Toys for Tots this year to reach more children and families.

One lucky person will leave with a new television, \$200 in cash or a "special prize!"

Buses will be picking up those who need a ride between 9:30 and 10:30 that morning. If you need a ride call 704-695-2879.

If you would like to donate gifts or money to help Anson County's less fortunate and make lots of kids very happy, please call 704-695-2879. HMOC is located on Caswell Street (Highway 74) behind Pizza Hut.

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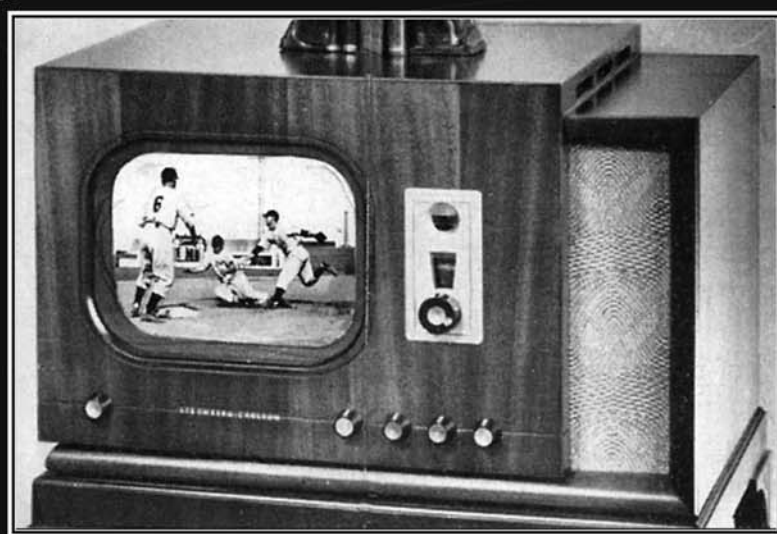
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**Auditions for  
Ansonia's Play  
Wizard of Oz**

The Ansonia Theatre will be holding auditions for *The Wizard of Oz* on Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the theatre, located at 112 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. All roles are open. Please prepare a one minute monologue and be prepared to sing.

Those auditioning for Dorothy will be singing *Over the Rainbow*. You are only required to attend one of the audition dates. The show will be directed by Tommy Wooten and runs March 20 to 29. Info 704-694-4950.

**Remembering.....**  
By Ed McBride



**WBTV Anniversary Celebration**

July 15, 1949 - 2009

After many weeks/months of "excited anticipation," WBTV went on the air with a "test pattern" on July 15, 1949. It remained that way for some period of time until all of us could get the sets in the field "set up."

In those days you didn't "just take it out of the box," plug it in the outlet and begin looking at the picture - no way. In those days each television set was removed from the carton and you installed the picture tube that was shipped in a separate carton. Then you made the necessary adjustments - yoke, ion trap, etc. Then you turned the set on and tried to get a picture or test pattern.

As safe shipping came along the tube was better protected from breakage, and this step was no longer necessary.

When WBTV went on the air, the broadcast day was short (test pattern only), but the daily broadcast time increased as time moved on. Changes, improvements, and technical knowledge advanced rapidly - some of the sets had a power transformer that

was, alone, as heavy as today's entire tv set - especially going from hand-wired sets and tubes and the like to solid state!

All this technology has changed our America so much. Other than Doug Mayes and Arthur Smith, most of the "tv beginners" have gone on!

Asked if I miss making tv service calls for \$2.50 and paying shop rent of \$25 per month - and my first new \$1,600 service truck - with not even fog lights! Well you know, it is different - instead of being 27, I am almost 87!!

Some of the original brands were RCA, Stromberg-Carlson, Motorola, GE, Sylvania - none of today's ? brands - all non USA made.

All of this as we celebrate 60 years of television reception in North Carolina with the "new" digital tv broadcasting. As Allen says, "My, that is a lot of water over the dam."

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July 17, 2009 Ed

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**Are You the Best Outdoor Christmas Decorator?**

In the December 24 edition of The Express Newspaper we will unveil the winner of the "Best Outdoor Christmas Decorations Award." Wouldn't you love to see your home pictured in all its Christmas glory? If you win, that is exactly what you will receive, full recognition in our Christmas Eve special edition.

A panel of judges will be looking for the most beautiful décor throughout the county - in search of creativity and beauty as their chief criteria for winning. If you or someone you know would like to be considered, please contact The Express at 704-694-2480 by the deadline on Monday, December 22.

Good luck decorators! Remember, all judges' decisions are final, so don't be a scrooge and deck the halls, the porches and the yards!

By Melanie Lyon

**"Unmask" Teen Video  
Competition Call for Entries**

Calling creative teen-agers to showcase their video talent! The 2015 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) announces the 2015 Teen Video Challenge, a national competition for teens to celebrate reading and their public library's summer reading program. Teens must create a 30 to 90 second video on the 2015 slogan Unmaskin combinations with reading and libraries.

The process will engage teens from across the country with the summer reading program before and during the summer months. Teens can demonstrate their creativity



and have their ideas heard by a national audience. The winning video from each participating state will be named one of the C S L P Teen Videos to promote summer reading nationwide. Learn more on the State Library's website. (Found at www.ncdcr.gov.)

Many North Carolina libraries have participated in Teen Video Challenge since its inception in 2012. Winners from 2014 included a team of students from the Fontana Regional Library System System-Macon County Public Library. The creators of the winning state video will receive prizes worth \$150 and their associated library will receive prizes worth at least \$50 from Demco/Upstart. Winners will be announced in April 2015.

See your local public librarian for details and entry forms. The deadline for all entries is Feb.13, 2015.

For information on the Summer Reading Program please contact Lori Special at (919) 807-7425. The Summer Reading Program is administered by the State Library of North Carolina within the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

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