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## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Photos

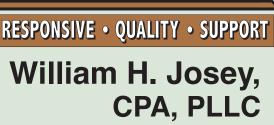
The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Parade was held this past Saturday, January 18 in uptown Wadesboro. It began 10:30 a.m. Attendees and participants enjoyed the parade while honoring Dr. King. These photos are courtesy of Julian Swittenberg of Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. and the Dream Inn.











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This is a release by Jackie Ussery, Animal Care Coordinator at the Anson County Animal Shelter: Bacon is an owner surrender who couldn't take him and his sister to the new place that they were moving to. His sister got a new home thanks to a rescue, but Bacon is still here. He is a 10 year old husky mix that weighs around 75 pounds. He is very loving and is the champ at giving kisses.

Blackie is a 2 year old female that loves to play. She loves belly rubs and playing with a ball in her cage. Like most cats that are surrendered here, she was unwanted according to the previous owners.

If you would like to adopt Bacon or Blackie...or come meet and maybe adopt one or more of the other animals at the Shelter, you are welcome to go there and/or contact them via telephone or email.

The Shelter is located at 7257 Highway 74 West in Polkton, at the entrance to the Field of Dreams. The telephone number is 704-994-2738 and the email is ansonshelter@co.anson.nc.us.

## Don't Get Hooked by Misleading **College Financial Aid Offers**

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- to receive financial aid
- Avoid financial aid scams by watching out for these misleading "hooks." "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back." No one can guarantee your
- "You can't get this information anywhere else." Everyone has access to the same free information.
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