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Shamrock Shuffle 5K & Shop Local Event

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce will host the Shamrock Shuffle 5K Run/Walk & Shop Local Event on Saturday, March 18 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. All Shamrock Shuffle 5K Run/Walk proceeds help support ongoing Chamber programs, activities and community events!

Interested in being a vendor? All vendor applications have to be completed, signed, and fees paid no later than Wednesday, March 15. The Shamrock Shuffle Event Committee will review all applications as they are submitted. If approved, a confirmation and a link to submit payment will be emailed.

Apply at: form.jotform.com/ansonchamber/vendor-registration.

Wanting to participate in the 5K run/walk? Pre-registration fee is \$30 for adults, \$15 for all school age (K-12th) participants. Day of race registration is available; however, registration fees will increase to \$35 for adults, \$20 students (K-12). No refunds will be given. Register: runsignup.com/Race/NC/Wadesboro/ShamrockShuffle5Kevent.

Registration fee includes a race t-shirt, and one FREE glass of beer to participants 21 years of age and older. Photo ID will be required on race day, NO EXCEPTIONS. T-Shirts guaranteed only if registered by March 3. Additional beer will be available for purchase (cash only) for \$5 per cup. There will be food trucks, vendors, local shops open, a cruise-in, and music in uptown Wadesboro. All activities will conclude at 5:00 p.m.

Contact Shelby Emrich, Chamber Director, for more information at 704-694-4181 or emrich@ansoncountychamber.org.

Black Arts Excellence Showcase Set for Saturday

Wingate University's Unity House Multicultural Center and Monroe artist Ryan Cureton are teaming up to host the Black Arts Excellence Showcase on Saturday in the Batte Center. Dedrick Russell, executive producer for community content at WBTV, will emcee the event.

In addition to an art exhibit by Cureton in the Helms Art Gallery, the showcase will include performances by Wingate students and local talent in McGee Theatre. Vendors will line the walls of the Batte Center Rotunda, where DJ Kels will entertain. Doors open at 3 p.m. Guests will be able to browse vendor tables, explore Cureton's art or view a slideshow about local African American leaders in advance of performances, which start at 4 p.m. The entire event is free and open to the public.

"This is the first collaboration of this kind on campus," says Antonio Jefferson, Wingate's assistant vice president for diversity, equity & inclusion. "In fact, one of the reasons we are collaborating is because the annual event has outgrown the Monroe branch of the Union County Library, where it was held in past years."

He is particularly thrilled to feature the work of Cureton, a Union County native and a true mixed-media artist who works with watercolor, acrylic, oil, wood and fabric.

"Ryan's artwork will be displayed in Helms Art Gallery for a week, filling the space with African American art for the first time in recent memory," Jefferson says.

Poet Sheena-Maria, known for her thought-provoking wordplay, is among the artists who will grace the stage in McGee, as are vocal duet Greg and Latasha Massey and a local gospel choir. Student performers will include Emiyah and Michelle, spoken word; and Magnas Kaikai, spoken word. The Stomp and Shake Step Team will be featured, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity will offer a step/stroll performance. The Majorettes will perform stadium dance.

Tina's Southern Chic Catering, Isheka's African Jewelry, Sonya's Pop Up Shop, Earthen Vessel Lemonade, Union County NAACP and True Self Clothing Line will be set up in the Batte Rotunda.

The Batte Center is located at 403 N. Camden Road on the north side of Wingate's campus. The Black Arts Excellence Showcase is one of more than a half dozen events held on Wingate's campus in observance of Black History Month.



Ryan Cureton

Artist Reception for Lisa Jakobs Photography at Drake Gallery

Join the Anson County Arts Council for a reception with Lisa Jakobs Photography at the Drake Gallery this Sunday, February 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. Lisa is an amazing photographer with a variety of work printed on unique mediums, making her work not only beautiful, but fresh and original.

Don't miss this opportunity to mingle and enjoy the work of a very talented photographer. Light refreshments will be served.

Lisa is also a great advocate for the Anson County Animal Shelter. She is raffling off a prize, with all the proceeds to benefit the shelter. Help support our furry friends!

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