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Downtown Wadesboro in 1923 - Featuring the Fox & Lyon Building

The Fox & Lyon Drug Store building, along with the former Woods Store to the left of it and the small building below it, burned down on January 4, 1983. The property where the buildings stood is now referred to as the Square.

Community Grant Expands Women's Health Screenings In Anson County

The Anson County Health Department has received grant funding from the James R. Braswell and Bronnie L. Braswell Trust to help uninsured residents obtain important women's health screenings. The funding will provide colposcopy exams for 17 uninsured residents and Pap smear/HPV screenings for 50 uninsured residents in Anson County.

Health officials say the program is designed to improve early detection of cervical cancer and other potential health concerns among women who may otherwise face financial barriers to screening. According to the Health Department, routine Pap smear testing every three years can help identify cervical cancer early, when it is most treatable.

Individuals who need a colposcopy exam must obtain a referral from their physician, which should include a current history and physical along with Pap history. Those who need Pap smear screening will first need to establish care through the Anson County Health Department's Family Planning or Adult Health programs before the screening can be performed.

A colposcopy exam allows healthcare providers to examine the cervix using a special magnifying lens. The procedure helps doctors evaluate abnormal Pap test or HPV results and determine whether further treatment is needed. Early detection through screening can play a critical role in preventing cervical cancer.

Residents who believe they may qualify for the program or who are due for screening are encouraged to contact the Anson County Health Department. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 704-694-5188 and asking to speak with Lori Ross, Public Health Nurse.

"Oklahoma!" at the Ansonia Theatre

This is the last weekend for Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical "Oklahoma!" at the Ansonia Theatre under the direction of Tommy Wooten, with Zach Jones serving as music director and Gina Clarke as choreographer. The production features a talented cast representing five counties, highlighting the strong regional talent that continues to support community theatre.

Audiences will enjoy a lively story set on the American frontier, filled with romance, humor and familiar songs such as "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" and "People Will Say We're in Love."

Leading the cast are Ruth Ann Harris as Aunt Eller, Chuck Wright as Curly and Alicia Sides as Laurey, along with Zach Jones as Jud, Lauren Wilson as Ado Annie and Eversmith Tallman as Ali Hakim.

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available online at ansoniateatre.com.

Wadesboro Fire Department's Camp Signal 100 for Youth

The Wadesboro Fire Department is inviting local youth to take part in Camp Signal 100, a special summer program designed for children ages 10 to 14. The camp will be held June 8 through June 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each day.

Camp Signal 100 gives young participants a chance to learn more about firefighting, teamwork and emergency response while spending time with members of the Wadesboro Fire Department. The program offers hands-on experiences and activities that introduce campers to the important work firefighters do to keep the community safe.

Enrollment is limited to 30 campers, and all participants must be dropped off and picked up each day by a parent or guardian.

Applications are now being accepted, and the deadline to apply is May 1, 2026.

You can scan the QR code to apply. For additional information, contact the Wadesboro Fire Department at 704-694-1014.



Local Author Daja Rivers Featured at the Hampton B. Allen Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will feature local author Daja Rivers during a special program on Monday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m. The event will be held in the library's Pritchett Room and is open to the public.

Rivers is the author of several children's books and will share the story of her writing journey, offering insight into how her books came to life and what inspired her to write for young readers.

Following the presentation, Rivers will host a book signing, and copies of her books will be available for purchase.

Everyone is invited to attend and meet the author while learning more about her work and creative process.

For additional information contact the Hampton B. Allen Library at 704-694-5177.

Anson Authorities Seek Help Locating Missing Teen

The search continues for 19-year-old Aliyeh Smith, who was reported missing after leaving her caretaker's residence in the Morven area of Anson County.

According to the Anson County Sheriff's Office, Smith walked away from the residence at 506 South Leak Street on March 10 at approximately 9:45 a.m. Deputies with the Sheriff's Office, along with the department's Bloodhound Tracking Team, searched the surrounding area for several hours but were unable to locate her.

During the investigation, detectives learned the caretaker did not realize Smith had left the residence until about 1:50 p.m., at which time the Sheriff's Office was notified.

Sheriff Scott Howell said there has been a large law enforcement and emergency response presence in the Morven area as the search continues. Approximately 60 to 70 officers from outside agencies have joined local authorities in the effort. The search operation is being coordinated by the Anson County Chief of Emergency Management Rodney Diggs and Sheriff Howell.

Sheriff Howell thanked the community for its continued prayers and support and asked residents to keep Smith and her family in their thoughts during this difficult time. He also encouraged the public to refrain from negative comments as the search continues.

"Our goal is to bring Aliyeh home safely, and we are hopeful this situation will be resolved with a peaceful resolution," Howell said.

Smith is described as a 19-year-old African-American female who was last seen wearing a tan hoodie with orange graphics on the back, dark-colored pants, yellow Crocs, a black bonnet and carrying a black backpack.

Anyone who may have seen Aliyeh Smith or who has information about her whereabouts is urged to contact Anson County 911 immediately.



Clover Crawl Social And Dance is this Friday

An evening of music, dancing and community fellowship will take place Friday, March 13, as the Anson County 4-H Clover Crawl Social and Dance returns to raise funds for Anson County 4-H and the 4-H Youth Promise program.

The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at FlakeHaven, located at 5298 N.C. 742 North in Wadesboro. The fundraiser brings community members together for a night of fun while supporting programs that help local youth develop leadership skills, confidence and opportunities for lifelong learning through 4-H.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by DJ Bass FX, who will keep the music going and the dance floor lively throughout the night. The event is designed as a relaxed social gathering for adults while benefiting youth programs across Anson County.

Tickets are \$60 per person in advance and \$65 at the door. The Clover Crawl is a 21-and-over event, and organizers note that it will be a no brown-bagging event.

Tickets may be purchased at the Anson Cooperative Extension Office, 501 McLaurin Street, or at Lacy's in uptown Wadesboro. Reserved tables are also available for groups wishing to sit together.

For more information or to reserve a table, contact the Extension Office at 704-694-2915. Proceeds from the event will help support local 4-H programs that continue to serve and inspire youth across Anson County.

Veterans, Coffee and Camaraderie Brewing in Wadesboro

Anson County Veterans Coffee House launches March 18 at South Piedmont

Fresh coffee. Sweet donuts. Strong stories. Beginning March 18, South Piedmont Community College will open its doors to something simple - yet powerful - for local veterans: a place to gather, connect and spend time with others who understand the veteran experience.

The Anson County Veterans Coffee House will debut Wednesday, March 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Additional gatherings are scheduled for April 15 and May 20, with future dates possible based on attendance and interest.

For years South Piedmont has hosted the Union County Veterans Coffee House, an event that regularly draws dozens of former servicemembers together for fellowship, information-sharing and connection. Now, that same spirit of camaraderie is coming to Anson County.

"The whole premise is to get veterans together with other veterans," said organizer Al Johnstone, who served in the Air Force. "A lot of people say, 'thank you for your service,' but not many people really understand the veteran's psyche. Veterans will open up with other veterans. We like to say this is a chance for coffee, camaraderie and donuts. It's a simple gathering of people who have something special in common, nothing fancy, but to those who attend, it's a meaningful way to spend a morning."

The format will be relaxed and welcoming. Veterans can enjoy coffee and a light breakfast, share stories and occasionally hear from guest speakers on topics of interest to former servicemembers. No speeches required. No uniforms necessary. Just conversation, connection and community.

As it has done in Union County, South Piedmont Community College is providing the meeting space at no charge - a gesture of appreciation for those who have served.

"It is a privilege to provide a welcoming space where our veterans can come together, share their stories and support one another," said South Piedmont Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services and CFO Michelle Brock. "They have given so much in service to our country, and opening our doors to them is a small but meaningful way to show our gratitude and respect."

Organizers hope the Anson County Veterans Coffee House becomes a regular fixture on local calendars. If attendance is strong in March, April & May, additional dates may be added.

Veterans interested in attending or learning more may contact Johnstone at ajohnwxw50@gmail.com.

Commissioners Meet March 17

The second March meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners will take place on Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m.

Meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center, located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit youtube.com and search for Anson Commissioners.

Anson County Schools Announce Kindergarten Registration Dates

Anson County Schools will soon begin kindergarten registration for the 2026-2027 school year. Children must be five years old on or before August 31, 2026, to be eligible to enroll.

Parents or guardians should bring their child with them on registration day and provide several required documents. These include a certified birth certificate, immunization (shot) record, health assessment if it has already been completed, and two proofs of residence showing the family's 911 address.

Registration will take place at the elementary school in each child's attendance area on the following dates:

- Ansonville Elementary - Wednesday, March 25, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

- Wadesboro Primary - Friday, March 27, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

- Lilesville Elementary - Thursday, April 2, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

- Morven Elementary - Thursday, April 2, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

- Peachland-Polkton Elementary - Friday, April 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Families may also enroll online by visiting: www.ansoncountyschools.org

School officials encourage parents to complete registration early to help prepare students for a successful start to the upcoming school year.