

Tickets Are Still Available for "An Evening with John Denver" at the Ansonia

The music of one of the world's best-known and best-loved performers, the late John Denver, comes to the Ansonia Theatre on Saturday, March 23, when Carolina Town performs a re-creation of a John Denver concert as it would have been performed in the years shortly before his untimely death in 1997.

Guitarist and lead vocalist Rod Almond has been singing, acting, and directing with the Uwharrie Players in Stanley County for many years. He was instrumental in bringing the music of *All Shook Up* to the Ansonia shortly after it opened, and he directed the drama *Twelve Angry Men*, which also played at the Ansonia.

Guitarist and backup vocalist Dean Martin is the regional vice president of First Bank and has been playing music with Almond for thirty-five years. Keyboardist and backup vocalist John Stafford, a Mint Hill resident, is a music legend in community theater in this region. He was musical director for the Uwharrie Players' *Camelot* last summer and is doing the same for this summer's *Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

The concert will include over twenty of Denver's songs, including all of his major hits, such as *Country Road*, *Rocky Mountain High*, *Annie's Song*, and *Sunshine on My Shoulder*, along with the story behind several of the songs he made great. In addition, Carolina Town will do two songs Denver never had the chance to do in concert - one from his last studio album and one that he never had the chance to record.

In a career that spanned four decades Denver earned international acclaim as a songwriter, performer, actor, environmentalist and humanitarian. Don't miss this chance to enjoy the music of this gifted performer.

Reserved seating tickets, \$10 adults and \$5 children, are available at the Anson County Arts Council and Lacy's in Wadesboro and online at www.ansoniatheatre.com. Call the Arts Council at 704-694-4950 to select your seat.

Doors open at 7 p.m. The two-hour concert, with a fifteen-minute intermission, begins at 7:30.

Computer Skills Classes for Beginners & Advanced

Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center in association with South Piedmont Community College is continuing to provide Computer Literacy classes for adults. You can enroll now for the Spring Sessions that will begin April 23. The class will start at 6 p.m. All students need to enroll in advance. This class is designed to break the fears from those who are finding it difficult in becoming comfortable with computer technology.

The sessions are Computer Skills for the Work Place and Computer skills for Job Seekers. The classes are on a first come, first served basis. The computer training is one on one. Do not hesitate to enroll. You do not have to be left out or afraid any more. Call 704-826-8182 or 704-826-8737 to enroll.

These students have just completed the BRLC Computer Skills for the Workplace course. Mrs. Sylvia Tillman had an enrollment of six students. They are, from left, Jasper Powe, Sara Thomas, B. Sowell, Sylvia Tillman and Nathaniel Tillman.



Spaghetti Supper for BRLC

Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center will hold a Spaghetti Supper on Friday, March 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. This delicious meal will feature fun and fellowship while you are helping support the valuable activities at BRLC. Every dollar raised goes right back into activities, food, educational opportunities and much more provided to citizens right here in Anson County. In particular, this fundraiser is primarily for their Kids Cafe Afterschool Program.

Come to BRLC and enjoy spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and a beverage for only a \$5 donation. Of course you are invited to dine in and enjoy the event, or you can have a carry out. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Polkton. Telephone 704-826-8737.

Storytelling at the Ansonia

The Ansonia Theatre will be presenting an evening of storytelling on Saturday, April 20. The 7 p.m. program, called Back Porch Stories, is hosted by Randy Rayfield and will feature storytellers Michael Reno Harrell, Martha Reed Johnson and Tyris Jones. More information is available at www.ansoniatheatre.com or 704-694-4950.

Tickets are \$5, and students get in for only \$2. This event is being held in conjunction with the Carolinas Writers Conference which will be held during the day on April 20th at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. More information about that event is available at www.carolinawritersconference.org or by calling 704-694-7022.

Democratic Party County Convention

The Anson County Democratic Party will hold their County Convention and Breakfast on April 13 at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. and the convention begins at 10 a.m.

Blood Drive at PPES

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School will hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 26, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Donors should bring a photo ID. Donors are advised to eat iron rich foods for 2 weeks prior to the Blood Drive, drink plenty of water, and avoid caffeine on the day of the drive.

For more information contact Amanda Drake, RN, NCSN, at 704-272-8061.

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Notice from the Anson County Board of Education

As the Anson County Board of Education works to recruit and hire a new superintendent, board members would like direct input from interested members of the community. Please take some time to access and complete the community survey through the link listed below. Please note that the survey must be completed in a single online session, as partial responses cannot be saved for later completion. Also, please note that the survey may only be completed once from a single IP address/computer. The deadline for completing the survey is April 16, 2013.

Hard copies of the community survey will be available at the Anson County Schools' Central Office, the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the Hampton B. Allen Library and the Grace Senior Center.

The community survey will help shape the search and decision-making processes. The Board encourages all stakeholders to assist it in defining the qualities and characteristics of an exceptional leader for the Anson County Schools. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and opinions.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/WQPCQLX

Sincerely,
The Anson County Board of Education
Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson, Bobbie Little, Vice Chairperson,
Mike Turner, Beulah Pratt, Frank Liles, Carol Ann Gibson,
Russell Sikes, Marilynn Bennett, George Truman

Civitan Announce Scholarship Applications

The Wadesboro Civitan Club, the oldest civic organization in Anson County, will be accepting applications for college scholarships from now through May 6th. The club will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to four college-bound students from Anson County this year.

Applications will be judged on academic achievement and financial need. Because good citizenship and community involvement are important Civitan goals, applications will also be judged on the evidence of students' leadership and participation in clubs, churches, extracurricular activities, and charitable service to the community.

Application forms will be available through school guidance counselors, by writing the Civitan Club at PO Box 751, Wadesboro, NC 28170, or by telephoning Sandra Pliescott, Chairman of the Civitan Scholarship Committee, at 704-694-7853 evenings and weekends or at 704-694-4106 during business hours.

Nominations Sought for Business Scholarship

Nominations are being sought for a \$750 scholarship offered by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association (NCEAPA) through March 15, 2013. The scholarship is available to North Carolina residents pursuing a college degree (Associates and/or Bachelors) in business or a business-related field of study. Applicants must be enrolled to attend classes at a college during the 2013-2014 school year.

The scholarship is awarded annually to honor the work and dedication of Edith Herter and Frances O'Neal, co-leaders in forming the NCEAPA in 1973.

Qualified applicants interested in applying for this scholarship can obtain an application packet from the financial aid office at their local community college or high school. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, Anson County Center, at 704-694-2915, or by visiting the Center at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

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