

Bowman Class of 1972 to Hold Planning Meeting

Members of the Bowman Senior High School Class of 1972 will hold a meeting on Friday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Ladybug Restaurant in Wadesboro. The gathering will give classmates an opportunity to reconnect, share a few memories and discuss upcoming plans. All members of the Class of 1972 are encouraged to attend.

Day of Hope Event Set for April 18 at Anson High School

Free community gathering to offer food, fellowship and encouragement

The community is invited to attend a Day of Hope on April 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Anson High School football field. The free event, hosted by the Hope for Today Celebration, the churches of Anson County and Kingdom Citizens Outreach Ministry, will offer a day filled with encouragement, worship and support for individuals and families. Attendees can receive a variety of free items and services, including a hot meal, groceries, cleaning supplies, shoes, health screenings and Bibles. The event will also feature a worship service along with activities for children such as games, face painting and a bounce house. Emergency vehicles including a fire truck, police car and ambulance will also be on site. Organizers encourage everyone to attend and bring a friend to enjoy the day and renew a sense of hope. All giveaways will be distributed first-come, first-served.

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Golf, Good Times and a Few Mulligans

11th Annual Tournament Tees Up For April Fun on April 17

The fairways are calling - and they're bringing along a little friendly competition, a few strategic mulligans and plenty of laughs. Gum Springs Baptist Youth will host the 11th Annual Terry Jordan Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday, April 17 at Twin Valley Golf Club in Wadesboro, with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. This popular annual event promises more than just a day on the course. Golfers can expect a lively mix of camaraderie, competition and the occasional "creative score-keeping," all in support of a great cause. Whether you're a seasoned player or someone whose best shot is the breakfast beforehand, organizers say everyone is welcome. The tournament will follow a two-man captain's choice format, with one "A" player per team - ensuring a balance of skill, strategy and just enough pressure to make that short putt feel very, very long. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place, giving teams an added incentive to bring their A-game (or at least their A-player). Entry is \$65 per player, which includes golf, lunch and a cart - a solid deal, especially considering the price of a good excuse to spend a spring morning outdoors. Mulligans will be available for purchase, because sometimes even the pros need a do-over, and a Split the Pot contest on Hole 14 adds a little extra excitement to the round. Registration will take place at Twin Valley Golf Club, located at 2305 Country Club Road in Wadesboro. Those interested in participating or learning more can contact Stephanie at 704-694-8788, Evan at 704-690-1307 or Lynn at 704-695-2200. So dust off those clubs, practice your best "I meant to do that" swing and get ready for a day where the grass is green, the competition is friendly and the stories get better with every hole.

Wingate University to Host Special Olympics Spring Games

Hundreds of athletes to compete in inspiring two-day event

There will be plenty of cheers, high-fives and proud moments to go around when Wingate University hosts the Union County Special Olympics Spring Games on April 14 and 15. The two-day event, set for Irwin Belk Track and Graham Gill Field, will bring together more than 600 athletes along with over 1,000 family members, volunteers and spectators for what organizers say is the largest annual gathering for the county's intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) community. Elementary-age athletes will take the field on April 14, followed by middle and high school participants on April 15. Competitors will take part in a variety of track and field events, including running races, long jump and softball throw — each event offering not just competition, but confidence, joy and a sense of accomplishment. "This is two days for kids who don't get the traditional kind of sporting engagement," said Michelle Lancaster, Wingate's vice president for strategic initiatives. "They can go out and compete and have a good time." The Special Olympics program in Union County dates back to the 1970s, when just a few hundred participants gathered for a single-day event. Today, attendance has grown to more than 2,000 people, reflecting both the expansion of the program and the strong community support behind it. Wingate University's role as host marks a meaningful continuation of its connection to the IDD community. In recent years, the university has strengthened that commitment through initiatives like Julia's Learning, a program designed to help students with intellectual and developmental disabilities build independence through campus life, coursework and employment opportunities. University leaders say hosting the Spring Games adds an extra layer of excitement for the athletes. "A lot of the athletes are very excited to come to a college campus," said Dr. Melanie Keel, director of Julia's Learning. "It really ups the ante." Beyond the competition itself, the event highlights the power of community. The Spring Games are entirely volunteer-run, relying on dozens of individuals who give their time to ensure every athlete has a chance to shine. Volunteer opportunities are still available for those who would like to take part in the experience. Registration is open through April 10, with a background check required for participation. Visit sonc.net. For athletes and spectators alike, the Spring Games promise more than medals and ribbons. They offer a chance to celebrate determination, inclusion and the simple joy of competing - reminders that sometimes the biggest victories happen far beyond the finish line.

Wadesboro Elementary Seeks Community Partners for their Family Resource Center

School aims to expand support services for students and families

Wadesboro Elementary School is inviting community members and organizations to partner in supporting its Family Resource Center, an initiative designed to strengthen student success and family well-being. The center, coordinated by Community School Coordinator Renee Peguese, serves as a hub connecting students and families with a wide range of resources, programs and services. The goal is to support not only academic achievement but also social-emotional growth and overall family stability. Through collaboration with teachers, staff and community organizations, the Family Resource Center works to ensure families have access to the tools and support they need to thrive. The center focuses on four key areas, including expanded learning opportunities such as tutoring and enrichment programs, integrated student supports like counseling and mentoring, active family and community engagement through workshops and events, and collaborative leadership efforts that bring together school staff and community partners. In addition to educational support, the center helps meet basic needs by providing food, clothing, hygiene products, school supplies and job readiness assistance, along with other donated resources. School officials say the center is intended to be a welcoming and supportive environment where families can find both practical help and encouragement. To continue growing these services, Wadesboro Elementary is seeking community partners willing to contribute time, resources or expertise. Opportunities include volunteering, program collaboration, financial support, referrals and in-kind donations such as supplies or professional services. Officials emphasize that strong partnerships are essential to expanding the center's impact and ensuring that more families in the community receive the support they need. Those interested in becoming a partner or learning more can contact Renee Peguese at 704-294-3547 or by email at peguese.renee@anson.k12.nc.us.

Bluegrass Night Strikes a Chord at the Library


If your idea of a good time includes a guitar, a banjo, a fiddle, a bass - or confidently clapping just a fraction of a second behind everyone else - the Hampton B. Allen Library has just the event for you. The library's Bluegrass Acoustic Set returns Thursday, April 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater, promising an evening where the music is lively, the atmosphere is relaxed and perfection is, quite frankly, optional. Musicians of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join in, whether you've been picking for years or just mastered a couple of chords and are ready to show them off to a very forgiving audience. The session follows the true bluegrass tradition - a loose structure, plenty of improvisation and the occasional musical detour that everyone politely pretends was planned all along. Spectators are not only welcome, they're essential. They provide the applause, the encouragement and, when needed, the subtle looks that say, "Let's all meet back on the same beat." Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult - ideally one who can keep time, but at minimum one who can nod along convincingly during a spirited banjo break. Whether you come to play, sing or simply enjoy the show, organizers promise an evening full of community, laughter and music that may wander a bit - but always finds its way home. For more information, call the Hampton B. Allen Library at 704-694-5177.

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