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## Section of Highway 52 Named in Honor of Pat Taylor



Photo taken of Pat Taylor while he was Lt. Governor.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation honored H. Pat Taylor, Jr. of Wadesboro by naming the portion of US Highway 52 starting at the town limits of Wadesboro and extending five miles north as the H. Patrick Taylor, Jr. Highway. The Department of Transportation recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of citizens on a national, state and local level by naming a roadway or bridge in their honor. This is considered one of the highest honors the state can bestow.

A ceremony was held for the presentation to Mr. Taylor on Tuesday, April 9 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. He was accompanied by his wife Elizabeth Lockhart Taylor, daughter Elizabeth Ann Taylor, and sons Hoyt Patrick Taylor, III and Adam Lockhart Taylor and their families.

The emcee of the event was John Collett, a member of the NC Board of Transportation. Anson County Manager Lawrence Gatewood led the Pledge of Allegiance, the invocation was presented by Reverend Michael Bye of Calvary Episcopal Church, and welcome remarks were offered by former member of the NC House of Representatives Frank McGuirt. Wadesboro Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Usrey and Anson County Board of Commissioners Chairman Anna Baucom spoke, then Collett made a presentation of replica signs. After a benediction by Reverend Bye the attendees enjoyed the sign unveiling by the Taylor family and Collett.

Taylor was Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives and served as the 26th Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina from 1969 to 1973. Taylor's father, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr., also served as Lieutenant Governor from 1949 to 1953. They are the only father-son pair to be elected Lieutenant Governor in the state's history. Taylor practiced law in Wadesboro for many years. In 2005 he authored a book, *Fourth Down and Goal to Go*, an anthology based on his personal and political experiences. Taylor and his wife Elizabeth and their family were honored by South Piedmont Community College in 2008 with the naming of the Lockhart-Taylor Center.

Among his many honors, in 2010 the state General Assembly passed a joint resolution recognizing the public service by Taylor and his father. The resolution included this statement, "The General Assembly expresses high esteem and regard for the accomplishments of Hoyt Patrick 'Pat' Taylor, Jr. and acknowledges with gratitude the distinguished service he provided to his community, State, and nation."

## Wadesboro Town Council Cancels 2013 People Fest



At their regular monthly meeting the Wadesboro Town Council voted to cancel People Fest for 2013. According to Wadesboro officials they hope to reconfigure the business aspects of People Fest in order to make it more affordable for the town, while also improving the event.

Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell said in a release, "In order to provide our community with transparent government, the Town of Wadesboro wishes to communicate the reasons People Fest is taking a one-year break. In 2012, People Fest's expenses were \$28,461.93 and its revenues were \$3,780. As stewards of taxpayer money, the Town's duty is to provide a top-notch event in a fiscally responsible way. Taking time to reformulate People Fest ensures that it will continue for many years in the future. The Town is committed to having an improved event in 2014 and beyond. Further, the Town remains committed to providing support to Uptown Wadesboro, Inc.'s Summer Jam series, fireworks, and numerous other community events."

## Reckless Thief Caught Cutting Down Live Power Lines

Sheriff Deputies looking for three accomplices still on the lam

Anson County Sheriff's Deputies arrested one suspect and are looking for several more in an attempted larceny of hundreds of feet of power line. On Sunday, April 7 officers responded to a call near Carpenter-Kendall Road and Stanback-Ferry Ice Plant road and discovered power lines on the ground. One subject had fled into the nearby woods. That suspect was tracked down by a Sheriff's K-9 and arrested. He was identified as Justin Ray Hunt, age 20, of Maxton, NC.

Officers recovered tools used by the suspects to cut down live power lines. They are now working with Scotland and Robeson Counties and have identified three other suspects that officers believe are working in a multi-county theft ring. Hunt remains in the Anson County Jail under a \$10,000 bond.

## Traffic Stop Leads to Meth Bust for Lamar Jones

On Friday, April 12 around 7:30 p.m. Anson County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Kerry Lamar Jones, age 30, of Peachland following a routine traffic stop. A Sheriff's K-9 alerted the officers, and upon searching the vehicle officers found items such as boxes of pseudoephedrine and household drain cleaner, items used in the making of methamphetamine. Jones was arrested and charged with Possession of Precursors to Manufacture Meth. Bond for Jones was set at \$250,000. He was placed in the Anson County Jail.

## Meth Dealers Busted After Routine Traffic Stop

On Sunday, April 14 around 10 p.m. Anson County Sheriff's Deputies arrested two people following a routine traffic stop in Ansonville. Deputies arrested Brandon Travis Smith, age 25, and Brittany Nicole Munson, age 24, both of Monroe. They were charged with various meth violations including Possession and Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Munson was also charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

Bond on Smith was set at \$26,000 and bond on Munson was set at \$26,500. Both were placed in the Anson County Jail.

## Six Busted and Charged with Making Meth

Six suspects were arrested and one other is being sought on a number of methamphetamine charges. Officers from the Anson County Sheriff's Office were called to check a suspicious vehicle on Ashe Street in Polkton. An investigation there led investigators to High Street where a number of suspects were gathered. At that time one fled into the woods. He was caught and identified as Charles Newsome.

Officers discovered meth as well as components to manufacture meth in and around the High Street residence. Sheriff's Deputies and Polkton Police Chief Matt Norris arrested the following suspects: Samantha Cook, age 22; Billy Ray Boyette, age 60; Jessica Elms, age 23; Erin Jones, age 23; Don Latner, age 37; and Charles Newsome, age 25. All six were charged with various methamphetamine violations including Manufacturing; Possession with Intent to Sale and Deliver; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; and Possession of Meth Precursor. Newsome was also charged with two counts of Resisting Arrest.

Cook was released on an unsecured bond. The other five suspects were placed in the Anson County Jail under various bonds ranging from \$60,000 to \$163,000. Officers have also obtained a warrant on a seventh suspect whose name had not been released at this time. Anson County Sheriff's Deputies and Polkton Police Chief Matt Norris worked jointly on the investigation.

## Upcoming Anson County Board of Education Meetings

The Anson County Board of Education will hold a Budget Workshop followed by the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, April 22 at 4 p.m. in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center.

The Anson County Board of Education will hold a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, April 23 at 3 p.m. in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center followed by the Joint Meeting with Anson County Commissioners at 6 p.m. at the Grace Senior Center in Wadesboro.

## Postal Service Food Drive is May 11

The United States Postal Service is having it's 3rd Annual Food Drive on Saturday, May 11. If you receive mail in Wadesboro, you are asked to please donate canned foods by setting them out beside or in your mailbox for the Saturday mail delivery on May 11. Postal Carriers will collect the canned food and donate all of it to a local food bank.

This is convenient way to help many families in need in Anson County. Even one can of food will help, but the carriers will collect as many as you will donate. For more information contact Tracy at 704-572-8406.

## BRLC Offers Free Food Every 4th Tuesday

The Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center holds their USDA food commodities the fourth Tuesday of every month for anyone in Anson County who qualifies. The time is 9 a.m. until all items are distributed. For more information call Carol Smith at 704-826-8182 or 826-8737.

## Pinewood Derby Held at Ambassador Health & Rehab



The annual Ambassador Derby was held Saturday, April 6th with 11 resident participants who had painted and designed their own special race cars. They were cheered on by peers, family members and friends who helped make the occasion memorable and shared the excitement.

The 2013 Derby was sponsored by the Wadesboro Civitan Club who supplied financial support and secured the race track. Civitan members were on hand and kept everything running smoothly.

The winners were James Conrad, 1st Place; Frankie Harrington, 2nd Place; and Abraham Pegues, 3rd Place. Resident racers were Annie Crawford, Barbara Jean, Ora Vauss, Bill McDonald, Myrtle Scheff, Robert Teal, Pauline Kirby and Phyllis Little-Moore.

Sandra Pliescott, Activity Director at Ambassador Health & Rehab said, "Thank you everyone for helping to make this a fun activity for all of us."



## Ansonia Theatre Invited to Join Metrolina Theatre Association

The Ansonia Theatre has been invited to join the Metrolina Theatre Association. The Ansonia will be included in Region South which includes Rock Hill Community Theatre, CPCC, Theatre Charlotte, Shakespeare Carolina, Old Courthouse Theatre in Concord and the Uwharrie Players.

This membership includes the Ansonia's participation in the Metrolina Theatre Association awards process. Members from the other participating theatres in our region will be attending plays at the Ansonia and judging nominated cast members as well as other support staff such as director, set design, costume design, lighting, sound, and other support personnel necessary to a performance. When applicable, the categories, music direction, composition and choreography are also included.

The play *The Trip to Bountiful* will be performed May 10, 11, 17, 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays May 12 and 19 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale April 22. Catherine Crandell of the Arts Council said, "The Anson County Arts Council is excited that members of our 'Bountiful' cast are being considered for nomination. Get your ticket to see this heartwarming story and judge for yourself. Be sure to bring the tissues!"

The cast and crew includes Ginger Heath as Carrie Watts, Lisa Tarlton as Thelma, Steve Fowler as the sheriff, and Jennifer Stegall as stage manager. Ansonians participating include Gina Clarke as Jessie Mae, Samuel Kraus as Roy, Tracey Brewer as traveler, and Donnie Lewis, Monica Cole and Phyllis Dunlap as ticket agents. The tech crew includes Jesse Carpenter, Azeem Hasan and Vernice Rorie. Musicians Jessica Pigg and Barbara Webb are also Ansonians. Tommy Wooten from Marshville plays Ludie and also directs.

Tickets are \$12, with special pricing for groups of ten or more. Tickets will be available April 22nd at the Arts Council and Lacy's.

## Mt. Olive Baptist Church to Celebrate 180th Anniversary April 21

Mt. Olive Baptist Church will hold an Anniversary Celebration this Sunday, April 21, to commemorate its 180th year - April 21, 1833 to April 21, 2013! They extend a warm invitation for you to help them celebrate a blessed heritage.

The day's events are: Worship Service at 11 a.m. with Rev. Marcus Quick. Luncheon at 1 p.m. at the Community Building, White Store. 3 p.m. Anniversary Celebration at the church with special remarks by former pastors and supply pastors. You are invited to enjoy the good memories and fellowship.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church is located at 15958 White Store-Pageland Road.

## Local Family Loses Everything in Fire

In a release from Faith-Based Center of Hope: 1st Corinthians states, "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." This is certainly the case in Anson County. Faith-Based Center of Hope and the great citizens of Anson County were able to supply victims of a total loss home fire, Teresa Morgan and family, with food, clothing and monetary donations.

Vancine Sturdivant, CEO of Faith-Based Center of Hope stated, "The school resource agent called and stated that there was a student in need of uniforms due to a home fire in which the family lost everything. Presently, we are trying to assist the family in finding a place to reside. The family is separated due to the fire. Anyone wishing to contribute to the family, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at (704) 848-4412."

"Special thanks goes to Attorney Fred Poisson, Judy's Tax Service, Anson High School Math Teacher Stephen Green, Anson County Commissioner Clerk Bonnie Huntley, Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Tony Barr, Commissioner Ross Streater and the Executive Board of Faith-Based Center of Hope," Sturdivant concluded.

## Carolina's Writers Conference is Saturday

The fifth annual Carolinas Writers Conference is set for Saturday, April 20 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. Everyone is invited to come enjoy this event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Presenters Rob Dunn, Marjorie Hudson, Angela Kington and Robert Macomber will give talks of interest to the general public in the morning. There will be in-depth workshops for serious and aspiring writers in the afternoon.

In association with the Writers Conference, the Ansonia Theatre will host Back Porch Stories at 7 p.m. that evening. Randy Rayfield will moderate this evening of storytelling, featuring Michael Reno Harrell, Martha Reed Johnson and Tryis Jones.

More information about both events is available at [www.carolinawritersconference.org](http://www.carolinawritersconference.org) or 704-694-7022.

## Farm Fresh Ventures Information Meeting is April 22

An informational meeting about Farm Fresh Ventures will be held at 6 p.m. at the Anson Cooperative Extension Service on Monday, April 22. The office is located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Farm Fresh Ventures is a farmer owned co-op that is currently selling subscriptions for weekly boxes of locally grown produce. They hope to answer questions the public may have about how the food hub/CSA will work, what it is, when to pick up weekly boxes of local produce, what size the boxes will be, and the type of fresh produce one might expect from week to week.

A subscription fee of \$398, paid up front by May 1, pays for 18 weeks of produce from May to September. There are Farm Fresh Ventures pick-up locations in 5 counties: Richmond, Montgomery, Union, Stanly, Chesterfield and Anson. In Anson County the pick-up location is the Farmers Market on Highway 52 South beside Cobb Vantress.

This meeting is also an opportunity to learn which local farmers in the area are participating in the co-op. What a wonderful way to support area farms, include fresh vegetables in your diet, and live a more healthful lifestyle.

Farm Fresh Ventures is not only a marketing outlet for these growers but buying a subscription also ultimately supports your community. Opportunities are available for local organizations, civic groups, church groups, etc. to volunteer a few hours in the morning as produce is packed each Tuesday. In return Farm Fresh Ventures gives a monetary contribution back to the organization based on the number of boxes packed.

For more information or to RSVP for the April 22 meeting please contact the Anson Cooperative Extension Service at 704-694-2415. What better way to support your health, local farms, local economy, and community? *By Aimee Rankin, Assistant Horticulture and Forestry Agent*

## Cruise-In at The Old Store

There's a Cruise-In every third Thursday of the month at The Old Store in Lilesville, from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your cars, trucks and motorcycles and show them off! Be sure and come out this Thursday!

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