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**Blind Boy Fuller Mural Project Complete**

The mural project of legendary blues artist Blind Boy Fuller is now complete on the Belk Building in uptown Wadesboro. The Town of Wadesboro received a grant from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources that fully funded the mural project, which was expected to be a \$50,000 investment.

Blind Boy Fuller was born in Wadesboro on July 10, 1907, and died in Durham on February 13, 1941. Though he was one of the most recorded artists during his time, much of his work was produced over a six-year period. Still, he became one of the most influential artists of the region playing styles such as slide, ragtime, pop and blues.

Scott Nurkin of the Mural Shop was the artist who painted the Blind Boy Fuller mural. Nurkin has been traveling through the state painting murals of famous musicians in the cities they were born in. Some of those murals include Randy Travis in Marshville; Roberta Flack in Black Mountain; Earl Scruggs in Shelby; and John Coltrane in Hamlet. For a list and pictures of complete murals throughout the State, visit [www.musicianmuralsproject.com](http://www.musicianmuralsproject.com). Article courtesy Anson County Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Melanie Lyon.

**Anson High School Sports  
Softball Team Wins Conference Tournament**

**Anson High School Softball**

**2A Rocky River Conference Tournament**

- Wednesday, May 4 - Anson vs. Parkwood, Win 6-4. Cierra Lear 2-4, 1 RBI; Mallory Sikes 1-2, 1 RBI, 1 BB; Audrey Hyatt 2-3, 2 RBI; Erin Lookabill 1-3, 1 RBI; Cierra Lear 2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 BB, 1 SO; Haileigh Boone (W) 5 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 3 BB, 5 SO.
- Thursday, May 5 - Anson at West Stanly, Win 5-4. Jada Harrington 1-3, 1 BB; Cierra Lear 2-4; Camryn Martin 3-3, 3 RBI, 1 BB, 1 HR; Erin Lookabill 1-3, 1 RBI, 1 HR; Maci Sellers 1-3, 1 RBI, 1 HR; Haileigh Boone (W) 7 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 3 BB, 9 SO.

Anson Softball Team is 2A Rocky River Conference Tournament Champ!

**Anson High School Varsity Baseball**

Tuesday, May 3 - Forest Hills 13, Anson 7. Mason Hyatt 2-4; Luke Hyatt 1-3, 2 RBI; Tristan Ruppe, 1-3, 2 RBI.

Senior Conner Hyatt was named to the Rocky River 2A All-Conference Team. Seniors Mason Hyatt and Tristan Ruppe were named Honorable Mention.

**Anson High School Track - Track & Field Conference Tournament**

Thursday, May 5 at AHS - Angelica Lugo 2nd Place - 100m Hurdles, 2nd Place - 300m Hurdles, 2nd Place - Pole Vault, 3rd Place - Triple Jump; Johntavious Booker 2nd Place - 110m Hurdles; Malaysia Gabriel 2nd Place - 100 Meter. Women's 4x100m Relay - Anson 1st Place. Jemia Raley, Jamya Covington, Janiyah Maxwell, Malaysia Gabriel. Jamya Covington 3rd Place - High Jump; Gracie Stinson 1st Place - Shot Put, 1st Place - Discus; Janiyah Maxwell 4th Place - Long Jump; Janaiya Maxwell 4th Place - High Jump.

**No Additional Positive CWD Positives  
Detected in the 2021-22 Deer Hunting Season**

Officials with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission reported today that no additional positive Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) detections have been found in the 2021-2022 deer harvest since the single deer that tested positive in Yadkin County in March.

During the 2021-2022 sampling season, wildlife biologists collected over 7,200 deer tissue samples across the state from hunters, meat processors, taxidermists, road kills and sick deer. The samples were sent to the Wisconsin Veterinarian Diagnostic Lab, a USDA approved laboratory for testing.

"We are currently at a 98% return," said Brad Howard, wildlife management division chief with the Wildlife Commission. "We are still collecting samples from roadkill, depredation harvest and late submissions, but we feel confident enough with these results to move forward and focus our CWD response plan efforts in Yadkin County and the surrounding areas."

The Wildlife Commission will hold a KNOW CWD Public Forum this evening from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Yadkin County Agricultural and Educational Building in Yadkinville. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about CWD, the response plan and ask wildlife officials questions. The event will also be live streamed on the Wildlife Commission's Facebook page courtesy of Carolina Sportsman Magazine.

The Wildlife Commission has also initiated regulatory rules to specify requirements necessary to improve CWD testing efforts and reduce human-assisted spread of CWD. A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed rules will be held on May 12, 7 - 9 p.m., at the agency's headquarters at 1751 Varsity Drive in Raleigh. A virtual option will also be available via Zoom. Public comments on the proposed changes will be accepted through May 20. Details about the proposed rules and how to comment are on the agency's proposed regulations webpage: [ncwildlife.org/Proposed-Regulations](http://ncwildlife.org/Proposed-Regulations).

CWD is a fatal, transmissible spongiform encephalopathy, caused by abnormal prion proteins, that affects white-tailed deer and other cervids. For more information about CWD, visit [ncwildlife.org/CWD](http://ncwildlife.org/CWD). Get to KNOW CWD through a 5-minute video released by the Wildlife Commission ([youtu.be/h7A47Mg-pFQ](https://youtu.be/h7A47Mg-pFQ)).

**May Facts**

Among the changing months, May stands confessed, The sweetest, and in fairest colors dressed! -James Thomson, Scottish poet (1700-48)

"May" is likely named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants.

**May Calendar**

- May 1 is May Day. Mark the return of spring by bringing in branches of forsythia, lilacs, or other flowering shrubs
- May 5 is Cinco de Mayo ("The Fifth of May"). This day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862.
- May 8 is Mother's Day - don't forget!
- May 15 the Flower Moon One more interesting thing about this month's full Moon: it will coincide with a total lunar eclipse (visible in most of North America)!
- May 21 is Armed Forces Day, which honors those who serve in all branches of the United States military.
- May 22 is National Maritime Day. Created in commemoration of the first transoceanic voyage via steamboat (completed by the U.S.S. Savannah in 1819), this holiday recognizes the efforts of the U.S. merchant marine during both war and peace.
- May 30 is Memorial Day - a poignant reminder of the tenacity of life. It is tradition to raise the flag on this day

May's birth flowers are the Hawthorn and the Lily-of-the-Valley. The hawthorn means hope, while the lily-of-the-valley symbolizes sweetness or the return of happiness.

May's birthstone is the emerald.



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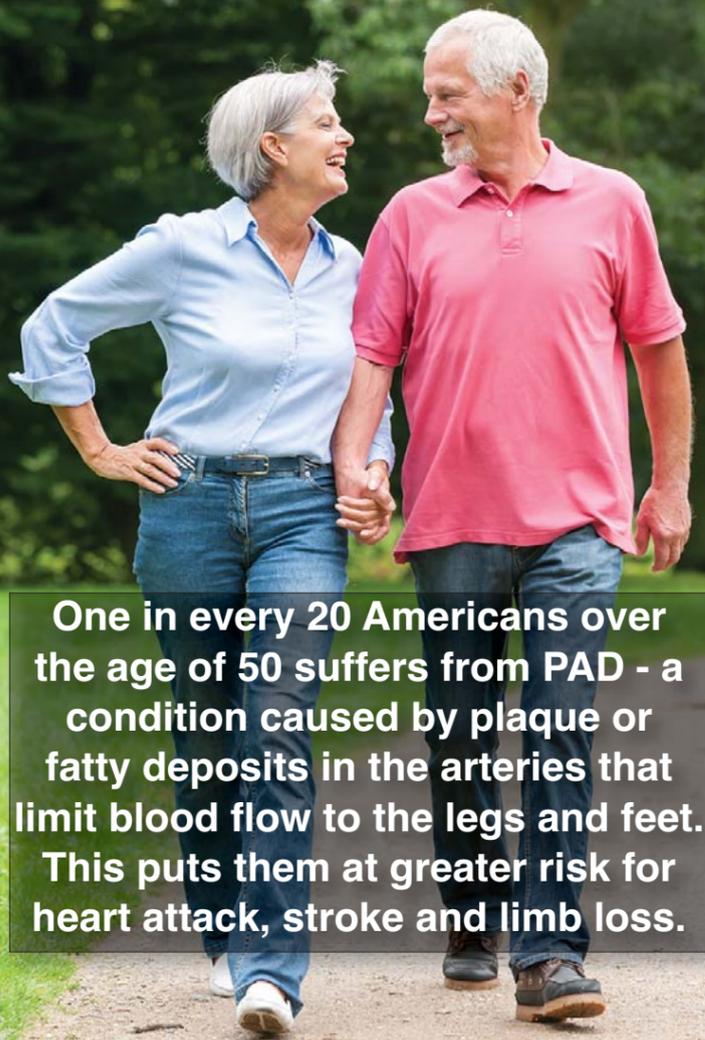
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