

Dearly Departed Opens at the Ansonia Theatre Friday

The Ansonia Theatre in Wadesboro is proud to present *Dearly Departed*, a southern fried comedy about a funeral. The show tells the story of the Turpin family and the passing of their "mean and surly" father Bud. The family comes together to plan the funeral and say their goodbyes, but just like most families there are issues and old scores left unsettled that unfold in hilarious ways. You've never had this much fun at a funeral!

The show is written by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, and is directed by Tommy Wooten, with set design by Mike Phillips.

The remarkable cast includes some of the Ansonia's heaviest hitters. Libby Dandridge stars as Bud's long suffering widow Raynelle. Her three children, Ray-Bud, Junior and Delightful, are played by Tommy Wooten, Jason Price and Teri Brown. Raynelle's holier than thou sister-in-law Marguerite, played to perfection by Leslie Capell, calls upon her "good for nothing" son Royce, played by Donald Perkins, to pick her up to offer "comfort and Christian counsel" to the grieving widow. Connie Thomas makes her triumphant return to the stage as Ray-Bud's wife Lucille, and Lindy Melton is nothing short of hysterical as Junior's wife Suzanne.

Amidst the chaos the Turpin's turn to their friends and neighbors, an eccentric group of misfits, who manage to pull it together and get the family through their hours of need. They are played by Ansonia stage veterans Glenn Caulder, Ayla Perkins, Robert Graves, Chipper Long, Carolyn Munn, Donnie Lewis, Nekeisha Lindsey, Ann Crescitelli, Lela Chaney and newcomers Audrey Barringer and Angel Smith.

The show runs May 17-26, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Get your tickets now at ansoniatheatre.com or call the Anson County Arts Council box office at 704-694-4950. Don't miss this show!



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Fancy Nancy Tea Party for the Kids at the Library

This free event will be fun for all kids!

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- Learning fancy words and how to use them.
- Practicing graceful dance moves.
- And for the pièce de résistance, of course, the actual tea party!

The event will be held at the Hampton B. Allen Library, located at 120 South Greene Street in Wadesboro, this Saturday, May 18, from 2 to 3 p.m. Space is limited, so for more information and to reserve your free spot call the Partnership for Children at 704-694-4036.

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Healthy Lifestyle Cooking Seminar is Sunday

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The next class will be held this Sunday, May 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. The cost? Free! You will also taste and eat the food demonstrated. Invite family and friends to attend with you.

Pathway to Peace is located on Highway 109 South, two miles past Deep Creek Road going towards Mt. Croghan, SC. The address is 11775 NC 109 South, Peachland, NC. For more information call 704-695-1441.

Congratulations to the New Graduates from the Family Planning Clinic of Anson County Health Department.

Foster Parent and Caregiver Support Group

The Foster Parent and Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held at the Anson County Department of Social Services, located at 118 North Washington Street in Wadesboro, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Resources and refreshments will be provided free. Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995 or by email at connectionsfsp@gmail.com to register.

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Auditions for Upcoming Play Gypsy are May 21

Director Tommy Wooten of the Ansonia Theatre said, "We will be having auditions for my favorite musical of all time *Gypsy*. This is a HUGE show and we are looking for actors of all ages. Tons of roles for kids and adults."

The auditions will be on Tuesday May 21 at 6 p.m. at the Ansonia. Show dates are August 9-18. The show will be directed by Tommy Wooten, musical direction by Gail Litaker and choreography by Terri Stegall Beeson.

"I am thrilled about this production," added Wooten. "Please come out and be a part of the best American musical of all time! Please prepare a song, and we will read from the script. Be prepared to dance. See you at the theatre!"

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