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Wadesboro Civitan Club Celebrates 90 Years of Community Service

The Wadesboro Civitan Club was chartered as club number 99 in the world on May 19th, 1923, and the club has been active in the community here ever since. Other Civitan clubs in Area VI helped Wadesboro celebrate this milestone on Monday evening, May 20th. The celebration was hosted by the Mt. Gilead Civitan Club as part of the Area VI Spring Meeting and Awards Night.

The Wadesboro Club received several awards, the most notable being Yates Almond's recognition as Outstanding Civitan Club President. Under Almond's leadership the Wadesboro club has undertaken several new projects:

- Through the South Piedmont Community College Foundation, the club provided financial support to several Anson County residents who are SPCC students
- Through partnerships with Anson Crisis Ministry, First Baptist Church, and Wadesboro IGA, the club provided Christmas gifts and Christmas dinner to 10 Anson County families
- The club provided financial sponsorship for the robotics club at Anson New Tech
- And the club now sponsors a Junior Civitan Club at Anson New Tech.

The club continues to provide financial assistance to Special Olympics, Boy Scouts, and other youth activities in Anson County, and to several state-wide programs for young people who lack family support or who have special needs.

According to Beverly Getzen, "The entire community is part of our fund-raising, as we sell hot dogs, wreaths, fruitcakes and birthday calendars to raise the funds that we then give back to the community here and throughout the state - even the world. This year, for example, we are awarding four academic scholarships to Anson County graduates who are going on to universities. We give another scholarship directly to SPCC which enables the college to assist Anson County students with tuition and books, several of them per semester."

Congratulations to the Civitan Club for this milestone, and thank you for all the good things you do for our community.

Sen. McLaurin Sponsors Community Accountability Legislation for Anson County Fracking Permits

NC Senator Gene McLaurin (D-25) recently filed legislation that would give authority to approve fracking permits in Anson County to the Anson County Board of Commissioners.

In 2011, the state legislature passed the Clean Energy and Economic Security Act to pave the way for natural gas exploration in NC. After hearing the concerns of residents and local elected leaders in Anson County, Senator McLaurin filed a proposed committee substitute this week that would require the approval of Anson County Commissioners before permits allowing hydraulic fracturing could be issued.

"Energy exploration is a vital issue for North Carolina's future - but we need to make certain that it's done safely and responsibly, and with support on the local level. I've heard considerable concern about fracking from elected leaders in Anson County and strongly believe that those leaders should have a say on such a potentially impactful decision for their community. Rather than simply dictating from Raleigh, we need to respect and be accountable to our constituents. My Anson County constituents have strong concerns regarding the impact on their health, the environment, and quality of life," said Sen. McLaurin.

Tracy Preslar is Math Teacher of the Year

The importance of mathematics instruction in our schools cannot be overestimated. To emphasize this reality, the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM) and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) strive to

recognize and reward Elementary school teachers who exemplify mathematics teaching excellence. This recognition is for those teachers who succeed in motivating students to excel in mathematics.

As a result of her hard work, fourth grade teacher at Ansonville Elementary School, Ms. Tracy Preslar, was nominated and selected to receive this recognition. AES Principal Mr. Toby McLaurin chose Ms. Preslar to represent AES at the county level, and the Instructional Leadership Team chose her to represent our county. Ms. Preslar will be recognized at the 2013 NCCTM Conference!

Anson County Schools congratulates you in your commitment towards excellence.

Thomas Kirby Charged with Pot Dealing

On Tuesday, May 14 officers of the Wadesboro Police Department executed a search warrant of a residence on Threadgill Street in Wadesboro. Officers seized a quantity of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, a firearm and an undisclosed amount of US Currency. Thomas Kirby, Jr., 70 of Wadesboro, was charged with Possession with Intent to Sell, Manufacture and Distribute Marijuana, and Maintain Dwelling for Controlled Substance. Both are felony charges.

Kirby received a \$1,000 secured bond, with a court date set for May 28.

Cheraw Man Busted for Drug Dealing

On Wednesday, May 15 officers of the Wadesboro Police Department arrested Marquis Jonte Williams for Possession with Intent to Sell and Distribute Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana. Both are felony charges.

Williams, 24 of Cheraw, was operating a vehicle and came upon a traffic check point. Officers approached the vehicle, and during an investigation located a large quantity of marijuana. Williams was arrested and transported to the magistrate's office where he received a \$5,000 secure bond. His first court appearance is set for May 28.

School Scholarship Night is Thursday

Anson County Schools' District Scholarship Night will be held this Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center's Ingram Room.

Wadesboro Primary School Recognizes Terrific Kids



Wadesboro Primary School is pleased to announce their Terrific Kids in the character traits of Honesty (pictured above) and Respect (pictured below).

- **Honesty** 1st row: Cameron Little, Emanuel Salinas, Mariah Sturdivant, Aleah Powe and Tyler Swaney. 2nd row: Kailey Driggers, Zakiyah Pratt, Drake Phillips, Talshia Belton, Darius Rorie, Jamarion Gray and Dnetria Little. 3rd row: Ebony Gaddy, Case Carpenter, Thomas Swaney, Kymyattia Wall, Kelly Bennett, Preston Lindsey and Sydnee Davis.
- **Respect** 1st row: Shi Na Little, Carter Calacia, Stephon Young, Tiyon Allen, Malachi Gaddy, Jayla Nickson, Gage Lookabill, Dawn Carter and Zamariah Horton. 2nd row: Rodmezz Robinson, Juleeyah Moore, ZyQuan Willoughby, Janiyah Hamilton, Kennesha Wall, Bobbie Grubb, Labdhi Shah and Daqurius Price. 3rd row: Thomas Polson, Malachi Hinson, Jeremiah Coxe, Janiyah Broady and Tiffany Pulliam.



Memorial Day Celebration Planned for Monday

If you are being honest with yourself, when most people think of Memorial Day, the first few thoughts that come to mind are usually grilling out in the backyard with family and friends, a day trip to the nearest lake, or a beach trip to officially open the season of summer. These are all really nice ideas and we as Americans certainly enjoy them and rightfully so, but the more serious thought should be to remember those men and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in the armed forces for our great United States of America.

The people who keep the real meaning of this day close to their hearts and minds are the ones who lost their husbands, sons, uncles or other family member. They left home young and vibrant and full of patriotism and returned home quietly in a flag-draped coffin with very little fanfare. The families of those soldiers never healed and live from day to day missing them at family reunions, birthday parties and family cookouts. Some even have no graves to visit, only markers in a nearby cemetery.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed annually in the United States on the last Monday of May. Formally known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War. On Memorial Day the flag is briskly raised to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. The half-staff position of the flag remembers the more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of their country.

The Anson County Veteran's Council will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony to acknowledge and remember fallen soldiers at the Anson County courthouse at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 27. You are invited to take one half hour out of your holiday to publicly thank the men and women who actually paid the price for your freedom. In life they honored their country; in death, their country honors them.

Each person attending the ceremony will receive a "Buddy Poppy" to wear. The poppies were fashioned by the Veterans of Foreign Wars as a fundraiser for their Veteran Assistance Programs. The red poppy is the official flower of Memorial Day. How appropriate the poem "In Flanders Fields."

Domestic Violence Coalition's Men for Change 2013

In a release from the Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition: Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center is asking the men of Anson County to take a pledge to create a community free from violence for women and children.

ACDVC began the fundraiser on April 3 and will continue through May 27, asking men to take this pledge: "I pledge to seek equality and respect in all my relationships with women. I commit to lead by example, to be a role model to other men and a mentor to our younger generations to create a community and future, free from violence for our women and children."

An insert will be in The Express Newspaper the week before Father's Day, in June 2013, listing the name of each contributor. Individual pledges are \$5. To pledge In Honor or In Memory of someone will cost \$10. Any business that would like to pledge will be asked to donate at least \$25.

We need YOUR help so that every man in our county has the chance to participate. Forbes Jewelers will be donating a piece of men's jewelry to the participant who raises the most money! The proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assaults within Anson County. ACDVC is a nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Tax letters will be mailed after June 16th.

If you would like to participate in selling pledges, please contact Patricia Scott at 704-694-4499 for details. If you want to make a donation to Men for Change 2013, our mailing address is ACDVC, PO Box 694, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

ACDVC would like to say a special thank you to Eric Forbes from Forbes Jewelers and The Express Newspaper for their generous support and contribution to this fundraiser!

Filing Dates for 2013 Municipal Elections

The Board of Elections has released the filing dates for the upcoming Municipal Elections. Filing begins on Friday, July 5 at noon and runs until Friday, July 19 at noon. The filing fee is \$5.

- Municipalities with elections are:
- Lilesville - Mayor and 5 council seats
 - Morven - 2 Council Seats
 - Peachland - 3 Council Seats
 - Polkton - Mayor and 5 council seats
 - Wadesboro - 3 Council Seats

More information is available at the Anson County Board of Elections, 704-994-3223.

Town of Wadesboro Memorial Day Schedule

The Town of Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day Holiday. Also, there will be no garbage pickup that day. Normal garbage collection will resume on Tuesday, May 28.

Board of Education Meets May 28

The Anson County Board of Education will meet in regular session on Tuesday, May 28 at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center located at 320 Camden Road, Wadesboro. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Open Session to the Public will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Free Movie is Here Comes The Broom

The free movie *Here Comes The Broom*, starring Kevin James, Selma Hayek and Henry Winkler will be shown in the Little Theatre at the Hampton B. Allen Library on Thursday, May 30 at 10 a.m. The library invites you to attend and bring a friend.

If you have any questions you may call 704-694-5177.

Deep Creek School Reunion

There will be a reunion for Deep Creek School on Saturday, June 8 beginning at 10:30 a.m. All classmates and interested citizens are invited to come to Deep Creek Baptist Church for this event. Bring a friend...and a covered dish!