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David Edwards Selected As Town Manager for Wadesboro

The Town of Wadesboro has announced that Anson County native David Edwards has been selected as the new Town Manager in Wadesboro, replacing Manager Alex Sewell who left in January to take a similar position in Stallings. Edwards will begin his duties on Monday, June 18.

Edwards is currently serving as Airport Operations Manager at Charlotte Douglas International Airport where he has worked since 2007. In this position he is responsible for the planning and management of an \$8.5 million budget. He previously served in the positions of Assistant Manager for Landside Operations and as an Airport Operations Supervisor at Charlotte Douglas.

Edwards holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management from the Florida Institute of Technology, and a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Mayor Bill Thacker commented, "The Town Council and I are excited to have someone of David's education, experience and demeanor to serve as our new Town Manager. With his background and his knowledge of Anson County, we believe that he will be a perfect fit for the Town of Wadesboro."

David Edwards has expressed his excitement about taking on this role. "I can't express how thankful and humbled I am to have this opportunity to serve the Town of Wadesboro, a place that has been an important part of my life and my development," Edwards said. "My wife Caty and I are eager to engage with the community and to raise our daughters in this wonderful place."

Anson County's April Unemployment Rate at a Low 4.1%

Anson County's unemployment rate for April was 4.1%, significantly lower than March's 4.8% rate. Statewide unemployment rate was 3.7% in April.

Anson's total labor force in April was 10,585. Of that number 10,149 were employed and 436 were unemployed. In March the total labor force was 10,677 with 10,162 employed and 515 unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased all 100 of North Carolina's counties in April. Hyde County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.9 percent, while Buncombe County had the lowest at 2.8 percent. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount at 5.8 percent had the highest rate and Asheville had the lowest rate at 3.0 percent. The April not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.7 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 95 counties, increased in three, and remained unchanged in two. All 15 metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in April by 20,026 to 4,799,821, while those unemployed decreased 29,941 to 185,478. Since April 2017, the number of workers employed statewide increased 78,248, while those unemployed decreased 17,614.

Parks and Recreation Pool Goes to Full Schedule June 12

Anson County Parks and Recreation has announced that the swimming pool at Little Park is open for the summer. The pool will be open for weekends only, 2 to 5 p.m., until Tuesday, June 12 when the regular schedule will commence, with the pool open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m.

The cost is \$1 per person. Little Park is located at 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro. For more information call Wendell Small at 704-695-2782.

Bagpiper Dave McKenzie to Perform at Anson Women's League Dinner

Anson Women's League has an impressive list of past entertainment for the annual June Dinner Meetings.

This year's is no exception.

Dave McKenzie, well known bagpiper from Charlotte, will provide this year's entertainment on Tuesday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Twin Valley Golf Club.

McKenzie is a graduate of the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming, and is a member of the Grandfather Mountain Highlanders Pipe Band. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Russian and Radio, Television and Motion Pictures.

In addition to many events, McKenzie has played at memorial services and funerals for well known North Carolinians, including firefighters and several police officers.



Carson Hill to Present Program of Music at 50+ Club Meeting

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. Carson Hill will be the guest performer. Carson makes her home in Nashville and will be sharing some of her original material as well as other favorites. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music of this talented young lady.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.



Memorial Day Celebration Held on Friday, May 25 in Uptown Wadesboro

On Friday, May 25, a gorgeous morning, at 10 a.m. Anson County celebrated Memorial Day in front of the Anson County Courthouse. The event was well attended by veterans, citizens and participants in the ceremony.

"Thank you to all of those who attended and participated in the Memorial Day celebration," said Ted Ward, the Anson County Veteran Services Officer and organizer of the event. "The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day to come out and honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We look forward to another successful year supporting Anson County veterans."

Memorial Day or Decoration Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, was officially held on May 28, 2018. The holiday was held on May 30 from 1868 to 1970. It marks the unofficial start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, whereas Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. It is also not to be confused with Armed Forces Day, a U.S. remembrance celebrated earlier in May, which specifically honors those currently serving in the U.S. military.

The Express thanks Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. Director Julian Swittenberg of the Dream Inn in Wadesboro for providing the photographs of the Memorial Day celebration.



Plate Sale Fundraiser this Friday

Vancine Sturdivant and the Faith Based Center of Hope is holding a plate sale this Friday, June 8, from 11 a.m. until. All proceeds will be used to help the homeless in Anson County.

The delicious food will be on offer at Gumby's, which is located at 10140 Highway 74 East in Lilesville. Just look for the big Gumby's sign! There will be barbecue ribs, brisket and chicken served with your choice of potato salad, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, green beans, slaw, dessert and a drink. Eat in or take out. The plate cost is \$10.

Senior Citizen Prom

Grace Senior Center will sponsor a "Senior Citizen Prom" on Thursday, July 26 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 7 until 10 p.m. Anyone interested in attending please call Mary Jones at Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

Deep Creek School Reunion is this Saturday

All are invited to attend the Deep Creek School Reunion. It will be held on Saturday, June 9 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Deep Creek Church.

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