

### UWI T-shirts are Available Now

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. has put together a t-shirt design that includes the new Uptown Wadesboro Logo and the Town of Wadesboro Seal, which was initially created by noted local sign painter and Express Newspaper columnist Mr. Ed McBride.

The shirt design and idea was a brainstorm project of Jamie Crider as a fundraiser for UWI for 2012. These shirts are available for sale at Buff the Monkey Fitness Company, the Wadesboro Town Hall and the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. They will also be available at both the Farmer's Market on the Square on Thursday and the Summer Jams. More information about Uptown Wadesboro is available at [www.uptownwadesboro.com](http://www.uptownwadesboro.com).

### Turf Field Day Registration Open

Online registration is now open for North Carolina State University's 2012 Turfgrass Field Day, an annual event at which NC State experts discuss the latest turf research. This year's field day is Aug. 8 at the Lake Wheeler Road Turfgrass Research Lab along Lake Wheeler Road just south of the Raleigh city limits. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., while field day events run from 8:30 a.m. until early afternoon. The event ends with lunch, which begins at 11:30 a.m.

The field day includes presentations by faculty members in NC State's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences on a range of topics related to turf. Presentations are scheduled on a new plant breeding program that is designed to produce new turfgrass varieties that are better suited to North Carolina conditions as well as managing insects and diseases that damage turfgrass. Weed control presentations are also scheduled, as is a presentation on research on the paint used on athletic fields.

The Turfgrass Field Day typically draws hundreds of landscape professionals but is open as well to homeowners who are interested in turf. There is a \$30 fee, which includes lunch, to attend the event. The attendance fee rises to \$35 after Aug. 3.

Online registration and other information about the field day are available at [www.TurfFiles.ncsu.edu/FieldDay](http://www.TurfFiles.ncsu.edu/FieldDay).

### Ansonia Theatre Announces Plans for New Community Play - Help Needed!

In a release from Arts Council: The Anson County Arts Council will sponsor a production of "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" (revised). To get started, we are looking for a choreographer, and two pianists in the "Off Stage/director positions" including a music director, a choreographer, and two pianists.

This production is a musical with very little dialog except what is sung and danced. Therefore the music director will need to work with individual soloists as well as the chorus. Likewise the choreographer will develop choreography for two soloists as well as simple choreography for the chorus. It is our initial thinking that perhaps we will use two pianists (actually playing keyboard or piano). The pianists will not need to practice during all the rehearsals since there will be a CD recording available for rehearsals. The pianists will need to be available during the last couple of weeks of rehearsal and during all performances. We anticipate that some of the rehearsals will take place at locations most convenient for individuals involved.

We are very excited about the possibilities for this production. It should appeal to all ages and be lots of fun for the audience as well as all the performers and crew. Anson and the surrounding area have so much musical talent! Let's celebrate it!

Now is the time! If you know someone who has the ability and time to help put this together, encourage them to call the Arts Council at 704-694-4950 or email [ansonart@windstream.net](mailto:ansonart@windstream.net). We would like to hear from choreographers, music directors or chorus directors, as well as pianists and keyboard players who know and read music well. We would also like to hear from anyone interested in building sets, props, helping with sound and lights, or costumes. We need to hear from you now!

This show will be performed twice on Friday, October 19 (day and evening), again on Saturday, October 20 in the evening, and ends with a Sunday matinee on October 21. Check your calendar and give us a call!

In a week or so there will be info on auditions. The cast will include six major singing parts and several chorus members. There should be roles for most ages, but mostly 16 to adult. One or more of the performers should be comfortable with dance.

We will also be looking for sponsors, different levels of giving offering different levels of benefits. So if you know a business, family or individual interested in supporting this program, let us know early on. Please contact us with questions or any offer of help at 704-694-4950.

### Letter to the Editor Seeking Family Information

Dear Editor,  
We are seeking information on the descendants of George Miller, born 1740 in Pennsylvania, who with Michael Miller, Sr. bought land on both sides of the Lynchess River in 1760 from James McManus. These deeds were originally filed in Anson County. We would like to share family history and genealogical research with anyone from the lines George Miller, Jr. 1777 and Michael Miller 1784, the sons of 1740 George Miller, Sr. Also we would like to correspond with any other early Miller lines who might not be able to run their lineage through these two sons of 1740 George Miller.

We have a John Miller 1770 and a George W. Miller 1781 who we believe descended from the Lancaster/Chesterfield Miller families, but we cannot trace our paper trails directly back to these two sons and believe they may descend from other sons of George Miller 1740. Thank you, Kevin S. Miller, 265 Deer Ridge Ct., Madisonville, KY 42431, (270) 559-4789, [kevin.miller@hopkins.kyschools.us](mailto:kevin.miller@hopkins.kyschools.us)

### WPSHonor Rolls

Congratulations to the third grade students of Wadeboro Primary School who earned A Honor Roll and A/B Honor Roll. We are proud of your hard work! The students are listed below:

**A HONOR ROLL** Ashley Collymore, Adil Hassan, Katie Horne, Arsal Khalid, Talia Marshall and Lashawn Sims  
**A/B HONOR ROLL** Jahnasty Blackmon, Mekhi Brooks, Emily Buchanan, Ahman Gatewood, Kayla Gathings, Noah Goodwin, Ty Hudson, Maniya Ingram, Aaron Johnson, Shayla King, Frederick Lowery, Isabella McCray, Camery Parker, Cage Rostad, Drediah Sturdivant and Joshua Tyson

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By Ed McBride

### July 4th 2012

Our celebration of Independence Day was initially set on July 2, 1777, and was celebrated then. But, in 1778 the day of celebration was changed July 4 by motion of Dr. David Ramsay of Charleston, South Carolina. Ramsay claimed to be the first person to have delivered a Fourth of July speech after the change.

Really, Allen and I don't remember the above. The thing we remember most were the Fourth of July picnics. Several organizations and groups had a 4th picnic, usually featuring fried chicken, ham biscuits, and of course "home grown tomato sandwiches!"

And, that was an era of time when a loaf of bread was only 10¢, a jar of mayonnaise was 19¢, bananas were something like 6 pounds for 25¢, a pound of freshly ground coffee was sometimes less than 15¢...and gas for your car - if you had one - was less than 19¢ per gallon. (That was Mr. McBride's time, not mine! Allen)

So many happenings, so much history - sometimes the schools had only one day off, if any!!

Ed

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