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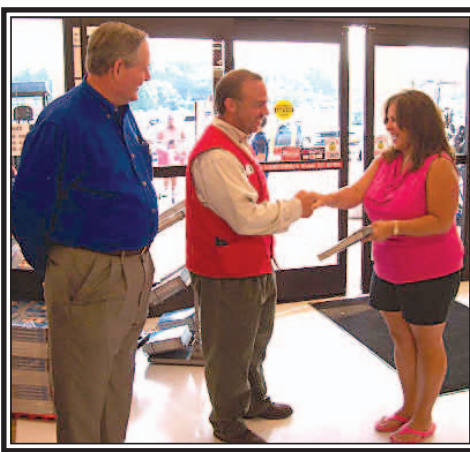
Tractor Supply Company Now Open



Tractor Supply Company opened ahead of schedule last Friday, July 11. They also held a "Key Influence Night" that night to welcome many area businesses and community leaders to their new store. Now open, the new business sits within the space vacated by Wal-Mart in the Anson Station Shopping Center. It is a spacious store with merchandise aplenty.

"We went ahead and opened July 11 at 2 p.m. because we were turning people away," said Jeff Baloga, store manager. "That's about five days ahead of our scheduled opening."

Vionita Legrande, Assistant Manager said, "We are currently in what we call a soft opening phase of operations in order that we may determine exactly what this community needs and wants." The official grand opening is slated for Labor Day weekend and is sure to have some exciting deals and grand offerings for store patrons. Elbert Marshall of Wadesboro was the lucky



Tractor Supply Co.'s district manager, John McLain (left) and Jeff Baloga, store manager, greet Rosemary Greene during the first day opening on July 11.
Courtesy www.ansonbiz-zine.biz

recipient of a \$100 Tractor Supply gift card when his name was pulled in a July 11 drawing. Besides the usual tractor supplies I found go carts, lawn care equipment, trailers, fencing and much, much more displayed around the

exterior of the building. Inside you can find most anything you're looking for, including animal feed, farm supplies, tools, hardware, paint, plumbing essentials and even clothing for the entire family.

The Wadesboro location was established in order to take care of local business as well as customers from the Rockingham and South Carolina areas. "There were a lot of people going to Monroe from those particular areas and it was thought that Anson County could help take care of the customers having so far to travel," said Legrande. The store will employ fifteen associates.

Operating hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Jeff and Vionita would love to have you visit the new store and get acquainted with you, their customers as well. Anson County sends well wishes to the new Tractor Supply Company.

Top photo and story by Melanie Morse

Local Law Requiring Written Permission to Hunt Is Nothing New

Since 1987 in Anson County, hunting on someone else's land has required written permission by the property owner. This year, notice of that existing law in the 2008-2009 North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest was erroneously listed in red print, indicating a major regulation change or a new law. It is neither.

Approved in the 1987 session of the General Assembly, and effective October 1, 1987, the law states "it is unlawful to hunt on another's land without having on the person written permission signed and dated by the owner, lessee, or club president (if applicable). Permission is good for one year unless otherwise stated. During the gun deer season, allowing a dog under one's ownership, possession, or control to run upon or across another's land constitutes hunting thereon."

It also remains unlawful to hunt at any time on, from, or across any public road or highway in Anson County.

Successful completion of a Hunter Education course, offered free by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission throughout the state, is required for all first-time hunting license buyers. The 2008-2009 North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest is available online at www.ncwildlife.org or from local Wildlife Service agents.

Anson County Arts Council to Hold Bach's Lunch

The first luncheon in a series of three, sponsored by the Anson County Art's Council, will be held on Wednesday, July 23, from 12 until 1 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church Parish Hall, located at 308 East Wade Street in Wadesboro.

Music will be provided by "Twangin Twio," made up of Lillie, Elijah and Seth Templeton. Admission is \$8 per person and tickets can be purchased through the Art's Council. Information at 704-694-4950 or ansonart@alltel.net.
By Melanie Morse

Presenting Ansonville Elementary's Terrific Kids!



These students are proud to be presented as Ansonville Elementary School's Terrific Kids. They are from left, front: Brooklyn Majors, Morgan Thomas, Garrett Maner, Matthew Burns, Gavin Jones, Brianna Clyburn and Akela Martin. Second row: Samuel Short, Myasya Richardson, Jordan Sikes, Chloe Thomas, Alan Dale McRae, Alex Walsh and Sarah Allen. Third row: Maria Bennett, Latavia Robinson, Rebecca Caudle, Whitney Little and Daniela Juarez. Back row: Allison Simpson, Sharon Hales, Tracey Brewer, April Hill, Mallory Gathings and Grant Harward.
Congratulations students for being named terrific kids by your school! By Melanie Morse

Unlike Apples, True Friends Do Not Grow on Trees

Heading into the cinema with a friend was something I had not done in quite a while. In fact, I couldn't really remember the last time I saw a feature on the big screen. Both of us had looked forward to this film since its release in early June but just hadn't penciled it onto our calendars.

Friendship, the underlying theme of the picture, made me realize how important it is to have. The characters, over the years, built bonds on trust and love and proved they could overcome anything with help from each other. Through death, divorce, disease and other dire straights, the four women, true to the end friends, faced each adversity together.

But as the movie depicted, would I have three friends willing to give up everything, including their jobs, their families, their entire lives, even if it were for only a week, if faced with a similar, horrific life-altering problem?

Pondering the question during the drive home I felt confident the answer would be yes. I do have at least three true friends that would do anything it takes for me to recover from whatever storms may have blown into my life. And with that, I too would give up everything for my truest friends if the shoe were on the other foot.

One can never have too many friends and thus the reason I do what I so often do, write. Because this movie made me realize the importance of telling my true blue friends just how significant they are and how lucky I am to have them, words often thought but too seldom shared.

So to those special people in my life, my true friends whom I could never live without, I declare today, "Tell your friends what they mean to you day." You are loved, respected and valued. And unlike apples, you do not grow on trees, you were not casually picked, and you will never fall to the ground without a helping hand. As true friends we stand shoulder to shoulder, arm in arm and heart to heart. And what it is you mean to me can be summed up in one word, everything!

Thank you for letting me borrow your dress, thanks for listening when I feel stressed, thanks for sharing some of your time, thanks for kicking my ornery behind. Today is the day I have suggested--to tell my true friends that our time invested--is not in vain or of no consequence--but rather our friendship makes perfect sense. I love you all and I thank you much, I feel better just by telling you such.

"There are four things you cannot recover: the stone...after the throw, the word...after it's said, the occasion...after it's over, and the time...after it's gone." My friends, may we never need recovery of the word nor the stone. Never an occasion shall we miss or experience time lost. With these four basics our friendship will withstand a lifetime, come what may. And no, the only resemblance between you and an apple on a tree, is that you were picked by a true friend, me. *Story by Melanie Morse*



Brandis Chewning (left), one of my closest BFF's, reminds me how precious true friendship is.

BRLC Summer Food Program

The Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center announces the sponsorship of the US Department of Agriculture funded Summer Food Program. In this program meals will be provided to all children without charge.

Meals will be provided until August 8. Breakfast will be served between the hours of 9 and 10 a.m., and lunch will be served between 12 noon and 1 p.m.

The meals will be available at no charge to enrolled participants at the following sites in Anson County: Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center; Greater St. Matthews Church, New Zion Baptist Church, Holla, New Life Church, NC Mentor, Family Home Services, Oak Hill Apartments, Superior Healthcare and Read.

For further information please call Carol Smith of the BR&LC 704-826-8182.

Homeward Bound Humane Society

Homeward Bound Humane Society has a new address and website.

The new address is: Homeward Bound Humane Society, PO Box 291, Marshville NC 28103. The telephone number is 704-695-3116. The website is www.homewardboundhumane.org.

Class of 1988 20th Reunion Plans

The class of 1988 is planning for their twentieth reunion. For more information, please contact Jacqueline Little at 704-695-5023.

HOLLA! 100 Reasons To Achieve Program Awards \$4,000 In Savings Bonds



Holla presented each student in the Anson County School system with the opportunity to win a \$100 savings bond this year simply by staying out of the principal's office for disciplinary reasons. Of the qualifiers, 40 names were drawn from schools throughout the system. \$4000 in savings bonds is being mailed out to the lucky winners this summer.

The program is provided as an incentive tool for teachers to use to help encourage kids to behave in class. All students in the elementary schools who stayed out of trouble were also treated to a party at school complete with free refreshments, a DJ and a moon bounce.

The following is a list of all winners of the Holla 100 Reasons to Achieve effort. Congratulations!

Logan Spivey, Tanner Lambert, Caitlynn Benson, Rachel Nance, Martin Gomez, Dalton Wall, Kayla Hall, Heather Justice, Jamie Crawford, Daniel Alonzo, Kaitlyn Tolbert, Joy Gaddy, Romy Dollente, Ijha Bennett, Ariana Marshall, Colby Bacon, Deshayla Crowder, Vience Pressley, Tیرهرا Marsh, Christopher McDaniel, Diamond Eppolito, Shalar Dean Sellers, Destinee Bergmar, Johnathan Lee, Mia Morton, Amber Zell, Jasmine Cash, Kurstin Hartzell, Kenneth, Claire Birch, Austin Jacobs, Grant Maner, Cameron Ratliff, Nathan Sikes, Justin Lindsey, Amanda Robinson, Christian Bentley, Tiffany Henry, Subree Hall and Yuritis Gomez.

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