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NCDOT maintenance crews will dedicate one week to collecting roadside litter and picking up trash bags filled by volunteers. Free gloves, safety vests, and trash bags are available at local NCDOT county maintenance offices.

This year's Fall Litter Sweep also leads into the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement initiative, set for October. Volunteers will partner with Keep North Carolina Beautiful and local affiliates of Keep America Beautiful for additional cleanup efforts across the state. For more information, visit ncdot.gov/littersweep.

Faith-Based Center Of Hope To Hold Huge Yard Sale

Event set for Saturday at 8:30 a.m. across from Papa Joe's Pizzeria

The Faith-Based Center of Hope will host its "Huge Monthly Yard Sale" on Saturday, September 13, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The sale will take place in the parking lot across from Papa Joe's Pizzeria, located at 911 East Caswell Street in Wadesboro.

All proceeds from the event will go to help support less fortunate brothers and sisters in the community. Contributions and donations are appreciated. For more information, contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-294-0480.

Local Author Jim Stegall to Discuss Civil War Trilogy September 14

Afternoon event promises lively history talk before football kickoff

On Saturday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m., Union County author Jim Stegall will lead an engaging discussion of his Civil War Trilogy. Community members are invited to mark their calendars for what promises to be an exciting afternoon filled with history, storytelling, and insight into one of America's most pivotal eras.

Stegall, known for his detailed research and compelling writing, will share background, themes, and behind-the-scenes stories from his trilogy, bringing history to life for his audience.

Attendees can look forward to a lively conversation and a chance to connect with the author. And for those concerned about missing the big game, Stegall promises to wrap up in time for football kickoff!

The Marshville Museum is located at 201 North Elm Street. It is open for visits Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 4 p.m. and other times by appointments and at special events. They are closed on all national holidays.

Scheduled events are sent by email and also available on Facebook or the website www.mmcc1893.com. For info email Sarah Horne at shorne@windstream.net.

Falling for a Cleaner North Carolina

The N.C. Department of Transportation is calling on volunteers to join the 2025 Fall Litter Sweep, a two-week statewide roadside cleanup taking place Sept. 13–27. The event encourages residents, civic groups, and businesses to help clear litter from North Carolina roadsides.

"Volunteering during the Fall Litter Sweep is a simple way anyone can make a visible difference," said Jeremy Goodwin, NCDOT's roadside environmental engineer. "Whether it is a quick walk or a full day of cleanup, your efforts help keep North Carolina cleaner, greener and more welcoming for everyone."

Partners such as Keep North Carolina Beautiful are also supporting the effort. "We believe small actions can add up to big change," said Kyle Prairie, executive director of Keep North Carolina Beautiful. "When communities work together to reduce litter and protect our environment, we create a cleaner, safer and more beautiful state for everyone."



Clayton Sylvester Coleman

"Now, when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep." Acts 13:36

On Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 3:08 a.m. while he was surrounded by his family and loved ones, Clayton Sylvester Coleman had served his purpose-driven life and fallen into eternal rest.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 7, 2025, in the Smith's Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Rev. Derinzer Johnson was the Eulogist.

A private interment service will be held at a later date.

Clayton, 62, was the fourth child born to the late Albert Junior Coleman and Maggie Moore Coleman.

He grew up in a Christian home with a mother and father who left a legacy of faith and taught him the Word of God. Clayton accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age and became a member of Ramah Grove Baptist Church in McFarlan. There he served as a faithful member.

In March 1971, Clayton and his family moved their membership and became members of the Galilee A.M.E Zion Church in McFarlan. He continued to serve faithfully as a Trustee until his health declined.

Following graduation from Bowman Senior High School in Wadesboro with the class of 1981, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1982. In 1992 he was honorably discharged. He later returned home and worked at Cuddy Farms, Cuddy Food processing plant, and Flint Fabric Textiles.

He was a member of Just a Few Brothers 'til the End Bikers Club and later joined the Bikers Association.

Clayton's memories will be eternally cherished by his beloved companion, Tabatha Kersey. He was blessed with one son and three daughters.

Clayton is survived by his companion Tabatha Kersey; four children, Latisha Griffin (Anthony) of Monroe, and Alicia Kersey (Travis), Clayton Cadarius Kersey and Adriene Deon Kersey, all of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Na'Asia Griffin, Da'Quaivon Griffin, Jeremiah Griffin, Zachariah Griffin, Anthony Griffin, and Kayden Griffin, all of Monroe, Tamyzia Praise Simons, Salayah Faith Simons, Ky'lah Grace Simons, Kenslei Burns, Love Byrd, all of Wadesboro, and Cadasia Kersey of Lancaster, SC; his sisters, Ethel Lee (Curtis) Hall of Morven, Brenda Ann (Johnny) Townsend of Waxhaw, Linda Ann Maye of Wadesboro, Maggie Annette (Carl) Alston of Greensboro; his brothers, Freddie Junius (Catha) Coleman of Chesterfield, Albert Coleman Junior of Cheraw, and Henry Thomas Pratt of Morven; his aunts, Daisy Lee Moore and Rosa Bennett; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, his sister Daisy Ann Melton, and his brother Marvin Keith Wright.

Clayton was known for his kind heart and loving spirit. He brought laughter to everyone he came in contact with, and he mentored the younger generations. He was a listener and someone who always kept it real. He had a way of using his own life as an example, never sugarcoating, but always speaking the truth in love. He was a man of many words and sayings, always dropping wisdom when you needed it the most.

Clayton left to cherish a special family, the Lyons: Allen Lyon (Melanie), Mary Lou Gelblum (Rob), Ruthie Lyon Fuchs (Marco), Anne Lyon (deceased), and Susan Lyon (deceased). He cared deeply for Susan Lyon and Anne Lyon in their last days.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Smith's Funeral Directors.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WADESBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY

Wadesboro Housing Authority will hold a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at the Wadesboro Housing Authority Office, located at: **200 West Short Plaza Wadesboro NC 28170**

for the purpose of receiving public comment of the agency's 2026-2030 Capital Fund Program 5 year Action Plan and Budget and Annual Plan.

A draft of the plan will be available for review at the Wadesboro Housing Authority Office Monday through Thursday during the business hours: (8:00 am-5:00 pm).

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Voices Lifted High at Singing Jubilee

The Evangelistic Outreach Center will host a joyful Singing Jubilee on Sunday, September 14, beginning at 2:30 p.m. It is located at 7852 Highway 74 West in Polkton.

The celebration will feature inspiring solos, choirs, and musical groups from the community, filling the afternoon with spirit-filled praise and fellowship. Organizers invite everyone to come and participate or to enjoy the uplifting music and heartfelt worship. For information about the event, contact Evangelist Brenda Pratt at 704-475-5190.

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