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## An Evening for the Arts Returns on Saturday, October 3

An Evening for the Arts, the Anson County Arts Council's annual fundraiser and gala, returns this year on Saturday, October 3 at Twin Valley Country Club, from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. Dinner, dancing, and wonderful silent auction items will create an elegant evening as you support one of our county's hardest-working organizations.

Popular dance band the Mixx will provide both background and dance music. This year there will be plenty of time for dancing and for bidding on the treasures that you'll want to take home. Parking assistance will be provided for those who need it.

All ticket proceeds will help support the following Arts Council programs and events:

- Numerous arts-related programs for students in Anson County's schools
- Co-sponsorship of the story-telling event "Back Porch Stories" in conjunction with the Anson County Writers' Club
- Six performances of the community play production *Driving Miss Daisy*
- Six performances of the community play production *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*
- A concert by the Tams
- Six performances of the community play production *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*
- Six performances of the community play productions *Laundry and Bourbon and Lone Star*
- Sponsorship of the Anson High School Art Honor Society
- Co-sponsorship of an Ansonia performance by the Singing Americans of Stanly County
- Co-sponsorship of Tarradiddle Players' performances for children in conjunction with Anson County Partnership for Children
- Christmas in November Art and Crafts sale on November 14, where 100% of sales go directly to area artists and craftsmen and admission to the public is free
- Summer 2016 drama camps for children
- Artists Receptions
- Bach's Lunches for Summer 2016
- Occasional movies at the Ansonia Theatre
- The beautiful ACAC gallery, where local and regional artists exhibit their work

All Arts Council programs are funded by membership contributions, donations, fundraisers and occasional small grants. Enjoy a great night out at An Evening for the Arts as you help the Anson County Arts Council continue to enhance life in our beautiful county.

Tickets are \$40 each - \$50 after Friday, September 25 - and are available at the Arts Council (704-694-4950) and Lacy's and from any member of the Arts Council Board of Directors. Due to size restraints of this year's venue, a limited number of tickets will be sold. Get yours today!

## Wadesboro Takes Part in National Drive Electric Week with Grand Opening of Electric Vehicle Charging Station

As part of the fifth annual National Drive Electric Week, a grand opening of the new Direct Current (DC) Fast Charger in uptown Wadesboro is highlighting the fun and cost-savings of electric cars on Friday, September 18. Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition, Brightfield Transportation Solutions, and Nissan will educate attendees on electric vehicle technology and the benefits that alternative fuels provide the Town of Wadesboro.

Wadesboro's event is one of more than 100 across the country where electric vehicle owners and their neighbors will hold electric car parades, "tailpipe-free" tailgate parties, recognition of leaders promoting EVs, launches of new public EV charging stations and other public events.

Wadesboro's event will take place at 1:15 p.m. at 204 East Wade Street.

For a complete list of National Drive Electric Week events, visit [driveelectricweek.org](http://driveelectricweek.org). For more information about Wadesboro Drive Electric Week, visit [4cleanfuels.com/events](http://4cleanfuels.com/events).

The Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition (CCFC) has been in existence in the Greater Charlotte Region for over 10 years and was designated in April of 2004 in the Department of Energy's Clean Cities program. CCFC serves the Greater Charlotte Region as an advocate, resource, and catalyst for the adoption of alternative fuels and technology in the transportation sector. The Coalition is housed at the Centralina Council of Governments, a state designated lead regional organization in North Carolina comprised of Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.

National Drive Electric Week is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more. They are fun to drive, are less expensive and more convenient to fuel than gasoline vehicles, are better for the environment, promote local jobs, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

## Call for Area Artists and Craftsmen

The Anson County Arts Council is seeking vendors for its fifth annual Christmas in November Art and Crafts sale on Saturday, November 14. This event is designed to provide local and regional artists and craftsmen a venue at which to sell their work at a time of the year when many people are shopping for holiday gifts. The ACAC offers this event as a service to artists and craftsmen as well as to area residents. Admission is free for shoppers.

This year's Christmas in November will be held at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Table rental is \$40 or two tables (for the same artist) for \$60. Each vendor keeps 100% of his/her sales revenue.

This event precedes Black Friday, the traditional day after Thanksgiving when holiday shopping begins in earnest. It will offer shoppers a unique shopping experience and unusual gift ideas. This is an opportunity to introduce your work to a new audience and to showcase it for those who are already familiar with it.

Contact the Anson County Arts Council at 704-694-4950 or [ansonart@windstream.net](mailto:ansonart@windstream.net) if you are interested in being a part of Christmas in November or have questions.

## Drive On In To See "Driving Miss Daisy" at the Ansonia Theatre this Weekend

Do you have plans to drive anywhere this weekend? If you do then you should consider changing them. And if you don't have plans to drive, you should. I'm talking about driving over to the Ansonia Theatre this weekend to see the super-sensational play, "Driving Miss Daisy." The three member cast includes Libby Griggs Dandridge as Daisy Werthan, Leon Gatewood as Hoke Colburn and Mark Traywick as Boolie Werthan.

Director Tommy Wooten welcomed audience members prior to the show with some very wise words. "It is our hope that you will take away something from this show's invaluable message. And that is, no matter how we as humans are packaged, we are all the same," he said.

My mother Betty, a friend and I were in attendance on Saturday night and I couldn't help but notice some empty seats. This show should definitely be a sellout. For me, I have enjoyed everything I have seen at the Ansonia Theatre - and I have loved many of the shows. "Driving Miss Daisy" is among my loves. Dandridge, Gatewood and Traywick were splendidly cast, and all deserve major kudos for their loving and likeable portrayals. But for me, I simply had to force myself to realize that Morgan Freeman, who played Hoke in the movie version, was not actually on our Ansonia Theatre stage! Leon Gatewood was that good, and that my friends, is no joke.

The audience exploded with laughter too many times to count, and quieted with somber tears too. It was an emotional mixture of highs and lows, both leaving you to feel the humor and the hardships which were unfolding before our eyes.

But don't just read about it or take my word for it, go see it! As I entered the theatre I said, "I hope I will like this play as much as I liked the movie." Well, I didn't. I loved it even more. Put it on your "to do" list and get your tickets now by calling 704-694-4950, at Lacy's, or at [www.ansoniatheatre.com](http://www.ansoniatheatre.com). Tickets (reserved seating) are \$15.

This is the last weekend of the play. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Now get ready to laugh and get ready to cry. And by the play's end there will not be a dry eye. Thank you Ansonia Theatre, Tommy Wooten and staff for this wonderful gift.



By Melanie Lyon

## Scouting Registration is Going on Now

Register for Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts at schools or at regular meetings

It is that time of the year again for Scouting registration at the schools. For those parents who are unable to make the registration meetings at the schools, you can register at the regular meetings of the Scout troops. Here is information about regular meeting times and dates for Anson County troops.

- **Boy Scout Troop 589** Sponsored by Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McFarlan. Meetings on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. at Pleasant Hill UMC. Leader is Perry Johnson, Scoutmaster. 843-622-7133 or [sharperstep@roadrunner.com](mailto:sharperstep@roadrunner.com)
- **Boy Scout Troop 170** Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro. Meetings on Mondays at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Leader is Kenny Brower, Scoutmaster. 704-695-5523 or [browsersauto@windstream.net](mailto:browsersauto@windstream.net)
- **Boy Scout Troop 503** Sponsored by Hopewell United Methodist Church in Peachland. Meetings on Mondays at 7:15 p.m. at Hopewell UMC. Leader is Wheeler Buckingham, Scoutmaster. 704-272-8972 or [buckingham947@windstream.net](mailto:buckingham947@windstream.net)
- **Boy Scout Troop 505** Sponsored by Olivet United Methodist Church in Lilesville. Meetings on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Olivet UMC. Leader is Chris McCormick, Scoutmaster. 704-475-5056 or [chrsmccr7@aol.com](mailto:chrsmccr7@aol.com)
- **Cub Scout Pack 530** Sponsored by Peachland United Methodist Church in Peachland. Meetings 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. at Peachland UMC. Leader is Laura Laney, Cubmaster. 704-994-9173 or [laura\\_laney@yahoo.com](mailto:laura_laney@yahoo.com)
- **Cub Scout Pack 505** Sponsored by Olivet United Methodist Church in Lilesville. Meetings on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Olivet UMC. Leader is Theodore Horne, Cubmaster. 704-465-0430 or [theodorehornejr@yahoo.com](mailto:theodorehornejr@yahoo.com)
- **Venture Crew 589** Sponsored by Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McFarlan. Meetings: The venture crew meets for scheduled events throughout the year. Leader is Perry Johnson, Advisor. 843-622-7133 or [sharperstep@roadrunner.com](mailto:sharperstep@roadrunner.com)

## Hampton B. Allen Library Recognizes Three Summer Reading Winners for 2015.

Three students were recently recognized by the Hampton B. Allen Library as Summer Reading Winners.

- Cinaa White, 5, from Albemarle, was the winner of the Summer Reading Drawing Prize. Cinaa registered with the Summer Fun Day Camp at the Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center, and was awarded a \$50 gift card.
- Destiny Blackwelder, 8, from Wadesboro was the Summer Reading Top Pre-K-Grade 6 Winner. She was awarded a \$50 gift card.
- Douglas Hassell, 14, from Morven was the Summer Reading Top Teen Winner. He was awarded a \$50 gift card.



Douglas Hassell



Destiny Blackwelder



Cinaa White with Library Director Aaron Mehaffey

## School Board Meeting is Monday, September 21

The Anson County School Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, September 21 at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a Closed session. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to participate.

## Fundraiser for Veterans Council

A fundraiser is being held by the Anson County Veterans Council to raise funds for a new Veterans Memorial to be located at Wadesboro Park. The Memorial will be a real asset to Anson County, and located in a safe and easily accessible location.

The lucky winner of the raffle will win a beautiful building that can be used as a playhouse, storage building, potting shed, or whatever you may need it for. The tickets are only \$5 each, and can be purchased from these Veterans Council members: Ed Parker, Judy Cox, Al Dean, Sherman Cash, Dara Kelly or Gerrie Rorie. Also, you may call 704-695-5800.

The Veterans Council will have a booth at People Fest on Saturday, October 10, and you can purchase tickets there. The raffle drawing will take place during People Fest at about 1:30 p.m., so get your tickets early!

## Healthy Living and Eating Seminar is Sunday

Pathway to Peace Ministries presents ANEW-START, healthy living seminar and cooking class on Sunday, September 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. Learn how to cook plant-based foods that will heal you. Learn how to lose weight, have more energy, reduce cholesterol, reverse diabetes, lower blood pressure, and much more.

Interested? Come! Seminar and cooking class is FREE! It will be held at 11775 Highway 109 South in Peachland. For more information call 704-695-1441.

## Brown Bag Book Club Meets September 21

The Brown Bag Book Club will meet at noon on Monday, September 21 at noon for a covered dish lunch and author talk. Irene Harrington will present the program. Please make plans to attend, bring a covered dish and a friend, and enjoy the fellowship.

For more information call 704-694-5177.

## Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at 10 a.m. at the BCSWCD office located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

## Blood Drive is September 22

There will be a Wadesboro Community Blood Drive at First Baptist Church on Lee Avenue on Tuesday, September 22, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. To schedule a life-saving appointment visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code "Wadesboro Community."

Donors with blood type O+, O+, A- and B- are encouraged to donate red cells. Ask a Red Cross staff member for more information.