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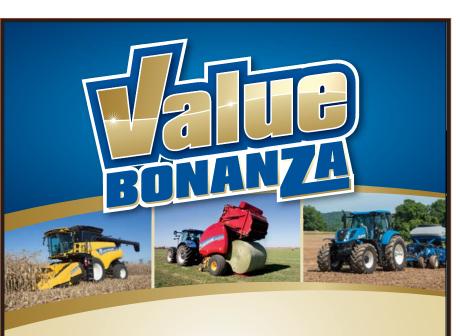


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Remembering..... By Ed McBride SPONSORED Wadesboro

Wadesboro's People Fest

of year again for People Fest, and I was thinking about some of the many experiences, some of the many hours/days of preparation...and some of the always "last minute stuff," always, before the big event. Denise Beachum, with her host of helpers, has done a tremendous job over the years with a very professional production.

It has been my pleasure to design and produce the finished product for a number of years - the

It is getting close to that time People Fest logo. It was used on many cloth banners, show cards, highway signs, and signs of information and direction on the square (many to have multiple years of use). Also caps, shirts, cookbook covers, etc. I have even done a signed postmark with the logo, sponsored by "Town of Wadesboro - Wadesboro Station, October 11, 1997." All of this work was handpainted - no computers!

> So you can see, People Fest is something that the committee spends more than a few minutes on!

Escape the Zombies 5k is Saturday

Registration is open for this year's 2nd Annual Wadesboro's Escape the Zombies 5k, hosted by the Town of Wadesboro and the Wadesboro Police Department. It will be held this Saturday, October 10 in conjunction with People Fest. Not only will participants be facing the clock on their run or walk, but also Zombies who want to eat ... we mean, tag you, along with some other obstacles along the way.

Participants can begin checking in at 6:30 a.m. in the parking lot beside the Wadesboro Police Department. The Zombie 5k is from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Registration costs \$25. It will take place rain or shine.

Unlike in most races, the map of this race will not be released prior to the event. and will remain confidential. However, last year's participants may be a little familiar. Along the course a few obstacles will be encountered, however these obstacles will not be difficult to navigate. A spokesman said, "We do want to caution all participants that it is possible you will get wet, muddy and dirty during this race, so prepare, plan and dress appropriately. Yes, your clothes may get permanently stained

so don't wear anything you don't want soiled." Awards for the fastest and healthiest runners will be handed out to ages from 7 to 100+ in both gender categories, as well as awards for the fastest and healthiest overall. Zombies along the course will be of all shapes and sizes. Some can run, some can't. However, the Zombies will not attack or hurt you, so they encourage our participants to do the same. Zombies can sign up through the registration site as either a volunteer or a paid participant. Paid participants will receive the official event tshirt. Zombie participants (volunteer or paid) are encouraged to do their own hair, makeup and wardrope. Wardropes are required to be suitable for all age groups. With that said, an onsite makeup artist will be available for 'Zombification.'

we made that word up!" the spokesman added. Zombies can register as either paid or volunteer zombies on the registration page as well. Paid zombies will receive the official event t-shirt as part of their registration. $The \ site is \ runsignup.com/Race/NC/Wadesboro/WadesborosEscapetheZombies 5k.$

Discover Anson Bicycle Ride is Saturday

The 10th Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride will be held this Saturday, October 10 in Wadesboro. The ride includes the choice of a 26, 43 or 62 mile routes that will take you across the southern half of Anson County that has many Piedmont fea-

tures of North Carolina's mountain foothills. Main points of interest along the routes include the "James Bennett" house where Stephen Spielberg filmed The Color Purple, the old chimney of the Knox Inn in historic Sneedsborough, Long Pine Church - the oldest deeded Methodist church in NC, a climb up the "Devil's Backbone" near Meltonville Church, and the birthplace of Hugh Hammond Bennett, father of soil conservation in America.

The entry fee is \$40 per rider. A downloadable registration form is available at www.ansoncounty.org. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. The ride will receive the "green flag" at 9:15 a.m.

For those of you who think you are ready for a "Biathlon," try running in Wadesboro's Escape the Zombies 5K before you put the metal to the petal in the Discover Anson Bike Ride! Both events are on the same day in the same area and are scheduled so you can participate in both if you wish! For more on the 5K see the article above.

The Discover Anson Bike Ride is being held in conjunction with People Fest in uptown Wadesboro that will offer lots of fun activities, food, crafts and more that you and your family can enjoy. Funding for the Bike Ride Postcards and Flyers was provided by Anson County Tourism Development Authority. For more information call the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 or visit www.ansoncounty.org.

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