

### **Ansonia Features** Play Brighton

The Ansonia Theatre in Wadesboro is proud to present Brighton Beach Memoirs, running this weekend, October 21-One of America's most successful playwrights, Neil Simon, wrote this comedy as a love letter to his past.

The year is 1937 in Brooklyn during the heart of the Depression. 15 year old Eugene Jerome lives in Brighton Beach with his family. He is witty, perceptive, obsessed with girls and forever fantasizing about his dream of one day playing as the star pitcher for the New York Yankees. As Eugene guides the audience through his "memoirs" we watch a family struggle to meet life's challenges with pride, spirit and a brilliant sense of humor. But, as World War II looms ever closer, we watch as Eugene's innocence begins to slip away as the first important era of his life ends and a new one begins.

"Humorous and poignant - it belongs to the family genre where the passwords are forgive and remember." Time magazine. The cast includes Ansonia

regulars Terra Threatt Medlock, Mark Traywick and Marissa Medlock of Marshville, Connie Thomas of Burnsville, Savannah Tarlton, and newcomers Tyler Baucom and Chris Kelly of Wadesboro. The show is directed by Gina Clarke and Tommy Wooten.

Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 plus tax and can be purchased by calling 704-694-4950.

#### Researchers Ask for Public Help in Largest Ever Camera Trap Survey

A new research project of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences and N.C. State University aims to answer a big question: What animals are found in the wildest parts of the state, in backyards

Scientists are recruiting schools and citizens to participate in "North Carolina's Candid Critters," the largest camera trap survey ever, with a goal of 20,000 to 30,000 active sites across the state over the next three years.

"Candid Creatures is a unique project that will enable the Commission to join with the people of North Carolina to engage in science and explore our beautiful state," said Gordon Myers, the Commission's executive director. "From our backyards to North Carolina's wildest places, the images collected by school children and adult volunteers will increase everyone's understanding and enjoyment of the natural world, while at the same time informing future wildlife management decisions.

Participants may borrow a camera trap (also called a trail camera) from a public library to use on approved public lands. Participants who own or purchase a camera trap can add images from their own property to the study. These images will help scientists learn more about deer reproduction and the distribution of all mammal species across the state. To sign up or learn more information on the project, visit www.nccandidcritters.org.

Motion-activated camera traps allow scientists (and citizen scientists) to collect pictures of animals without disturbing them. These cameras can capture thousands of digital photos, which are then stored online indefinitely, allowing scientists now and in the future to look at how the state's mammal populations change over time.

One of the main scientific advantages of pictures from camera traps is that they are "verifiable," which means that they are evidence that an animal was located in a specific time and place. The photos allow scientists to map where animals live, and when and where they are most active across the state. They can then use the data to study how wildlife interacts with the environment, with humans and with other species. For example, Museum scientists recently used camera trap photos to determine that human recreation - like hiking, hunting and dog walking - is largely compatible with most wildlife species in the Southeast and doesn't cause measurable disturbance.

"Before we can answer all these questions about mammals, we need to collect massive amounts of data," said Arielle Parsons, research associate with the Museum of Natural Sciences. "In this case, we're using camera trap images from across all 100 counties in the state. We really need the public's help to accomplish this. The more people that participate, the more we can learn about North Carolina's critters.'

#### **Lions Club Supports Hurricane Matthew Relief Efforts**

This is a release from the Lions Club: Hurricane Matthew affected several areas, including the Caribbean and the United States. It was the deadliest hurricane in the Atlantic Ocean since 2005. Many main roads are impassible and many bridges have been washed away. Food and drinking water are in short supply and many of those who need aid the most are still waiting for it to arrive. When disaster strikes, Lions are among the first to offer help to the victims, even though they are often victims themselves. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is right there beside them, ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through Lions disaster relief programs. Working together, LCIF, local Lions and Lions leaders assess the urgent needs and quickly deliver the aid most required by victims.

LCIF has also awarded an Emergency grant to the Lions of 31-N in North Carolina, USA. Lions there are braving the conditions to bring much needed food, water, blankets and medical supplies to those affected most by the storm. More updates about the relief work there is forthcoming.

The situation is dire, but Lions are working to bring hope to their neighbors. You can show your support for Lions and their work by making a donation to LCIF's disaster

With your purchase of brooms and other items from a Lion, you are helping those in need. For more information contact Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

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The Town of Wadesboro Planning Board will hold a meeting on Monday, October 24, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room. The Planning Board will hear a zoning request to rezone property located at 302 Lee Avenue and East Wade Street, Wadesboro, NC.

Donald Logan Scarborough has requested the property to be rezoned from Residential 10 to Residential Office.

The Planning Board will also discuss a Solar Farm Ordinance.

The public is invited to attend.

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