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Special Meeting for Wadesboro Town Council

A special meeting of the Town of Wadesboro Town Council has been set for Thursday, December 12 at 5 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The meeting will be held in the Town of Wadesboro Conference Room.

Trip to Amishlands

Grace Senior Center is sponsoring a 3 day/2 night trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to tour the Amishlands on March 26-28th, 2014. The cost of the package is \$318 with double occupancy (2 persons to a room) and \$407 for single occupancy (1 person to a room).

The package includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, which consists of 1 family-style dinner and 1 buffet dinner at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord, a live performance of *Moses and the Burning Bush...The Plagues* at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre, a guided tour of the Amish countryside, including stops at an Amish Craft Farm and a bake shop, stop at the Kitchen Kettle Village and the Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market.

Motorcoach transportation, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities are also included. They are now taking deposits for the trip, and the final day to pay for the trip is March 7 unless other arrangements are made. For reservations and information please call 704-694-6616.

It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre Sunday at the Ansonia

The holiday season is upon us, and the Arts Council is bringing a perfect Christmas experience to the Ansonia Theatre. *It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre* comes to the stage this Sunday, December 15, at 3 p.m. Tickets are still on sale.

It's Christmas Eve in 1945, and due to a blizzard, the professional voice actors are unable to get through, but the show must go on - so a small but intrepid band of employees manages to create the dozens of movie characters and scenes using just their voices and a sound effects table.

Tickets are available online at www.ansoniateatre.com and at the Anson County Arts Council (704-694-4950).

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



About Christmas Time...

For many years we have had 'some sort' of Christmas lawn decoration. Some years it has been a nativity scene. It has been choir boys with recorded music. But, the one that has created the most comment has been the 'Charlie Brown Family'. This, of course, included 'my ole spotted dog'.

I built each of the above characters with marine plywood and hand-painted the entire 'group' in 1972. And, then in 1989, when they needed to be 'rejuvenated' with fresh colors, did so (as George Gray often said)!!!

Many of the children who first saw them back then are now parents, some are even grandparents - and they have offered favorable and interesting comments. Last year many people wanted to know what happened - why was the Charlie Brown group not displayed? The answer is - simply/sadly, it was due to sickness. We

do thank you so much for each comment and care!!

And now... You do remember the December 2, 2009, column 'seeking' information about Butch's Boutique on Rutherford Street in Wadesboro? Well, Steve Bailey informed me that the store was owned by Kenneth Wayne Crowder from Albemarle. I do remember making the sign - it was on 'baked' aluminum, was 2 feet high and 9 feet wide, painted in my shop, then installed.

This was a time when I was doing many 'Washer Dryer Sale' windows and a time when 'my stretchers' would not 'expand' the daylight hours!! I do remember when many of the store fronts on Rutherford Street were above sidewalk level - the (original) Wadesboro Auto Supply store, Smith's Electric, Odums Hi-Lo, Hallum Furniture - plus others. What changes!! Ed

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Wadesboro Fire Hydrant Adoption

The Wadesboro Fire Department is seeking community partnerships to beautify uptown Wadesboro through its Fire Hydrant Adoption Program. Individuals or groups can use their creative skills to decorate uptown fire hydrants. Applications are available at Town Hall, Wadesboro Fire Department, or online at www.cityofwadesboro.org.

"Residents can display community pride and creativity by painting the hydrant, but also can help the Fire Department save lives by keeping it free from debris," said Wadesboro Firefighter Marc Sessions.

The program is a result of a partnership between Anson New Tech High School and the town. "All the credit goes to the talented group of Anson New Tech students who proposed the idea and to the town council for being willing to try new things and embrace Wadesboro's creative side," said Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell.



Harvest Ministries Hosts the Great Turkey Giveaway

Saturday, November 23rd proved to be an early Thanksgiving blessing for almost 70 households in Anson County. Harvest Ministries of Wadesboro took to the streets and handed out free turkeys in random locations and neighborhoods.

Lead Pastor Steve Adams shared, "Every year we try to provide a Thanksgiving meal for our community, but this year we wanted to do things a little differently and try to bless as many families as possible with a turkey for their Thanksgiving meal."

Unsuspecting people answered knocks at their front door and were greeted with a "Happy Thanksgiving" and a turkey from an HMOC representative. Pastor Steve added, "The support of the community in this outreach effort was, once again, phenomenal! Many gave turkeys, and some provided large financial donations to allow us to be able to make this happen. One individual, Adrian Barnes, donated 10 turkeys towards the cause."

To summarize this event Pastor Steve said, "The spirit of Thanksgiving is never more evident than in something like this, where blessed people can be a blessing to someone else. I am overwhelmed and thankful to be a part of such a great congregation and community of people who 'Find Needs and Fill Them, and Find Hurts and Heal Them'"

HMOC will now turn their efforts towards the December 15th Community Christmas Blessing Event, which is now in its 9th year. That event will provide hundreds with a Christmas meal, toys, and much more for the people of this entire region. For more information, to donate or to be a part of the event feel free to reach Adams at 704-695-2879 or pastorsteve@harvestmin.com.



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