



would like to thank the many volunteers, organizers, community partners, churches and others who made this years event possible. A special thanks to: Leavitt Funeral Home, Brasingtons, Commissioner

'A special thank you goes out to Poisson Poisson and Bower Law Offices for being the Key Sponsor of this year's Community Christmas Blessing, along with The Ex-

crowd is great, the presents and people loving and bless-

And to know that 40 people prayed to have Jesus Christ change their life simply was the exclamation point on an awesome day!'

For more information on the programs and outreach efforts of Harvest visit www.harvestmin.com or call Adams at 704-695-2879.

## **Clean Water Trust Fund Protects Military Operations with Property Purchases**

The U.S. military's ability to sustain its training mission in North Carolina received a significant boost after the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) approved grants to acquire more than 6,300 acres of property or property

rights around installations and beneath military flight paths. In addition to its responsibilities to protect the state's drinking water sources and natural and cultural heritage, the Trust Fund is tasked with buffering military installations and training areas from development that could bring training to a halt - and possibly threaten the very existence of a base.

Governor Pat McCrory said these purchases were in keeping with his administration's goals protecting the military's operational capacity in North Carolina.

"These grants are to protect and support the U.S. military mission at ranges and

bases throughout North Carolina," McCrory said. "Working together with the military and with land trusts is crit-

nearly \$3.5M in CWMTF monies will be paired with more than \$7.3M in federal matching dollars. Nonprofit groups, such as local and regional land trusts, will add another

\$3.1M to the total amount used for the purchases. "Residential

near an artillery range, or a cell tower close to a flight path are a couple of exam-

ples that come to mind," said CWMTF Executive Director Bryan Gossage. "These investments, which often have a great environmental protection aspect too, will help ensure our

soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines can continue

to train by reducing potential conflicts with incom-

In deciding among more than a hundred applica-

tions for funds, CWMTF trustees approved projects

with a military mission-

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# **Nearly 600 Attend Annual Christmas Event at Harvest Ministries on December 20**

On Sunday December 20 nearly 600 people packed the auditorium of Harvest Ministries Outreach Center to take part in the annual Community Christmas

Blessing. Lead Pastor Steve Adams said, This event is now in its thirteenth year, and every year gets better and better.

"To be able to bless hundreds of children and families truly shows spirit the Christmas, Founder HMOC. Pastor Adams Tim

"This is great, the hundreds of gifts under the tree, the community officials, politicians and others who took their money, their time and their compassion to serve others shows that Anson County cares about each other, and that we know the real reason of this season.

To top off the event, a few members of the crowd had the opportunity to play" Lets Make a Christmas Deal," where Adams and the congregation gave out prizes and hundreds of dollars in cash. Prizes included a new television, \$300 in cash, Charlotte Hornets tickets, new bicycles, and a computer tablet.

Steve Adams said, "Harvest Ministries Outreach Center

Anna Baucom, C&M Auto, Forbers Jewlers, Badcock of Wadesboro, Commissioner Harold Smith, Martin Furniture, Wadesboro Lumber, Tractor Supply, Quick Shop Tapan Kumar, Sheriff Landric Reid, and Lady Bug Restaurant. "I would would like to es-

pecially thank Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant and Toys for Tots for their support and partnership to reach the citizens of Anson County. The Congregation of HMOC for your dedication, compassion, and desire to reach others!"

press Newspaper.'

Pastor Steve summed up the event by saying, "A huge for children are wonderful,

ing others is truly what Christmas is supposed to be.

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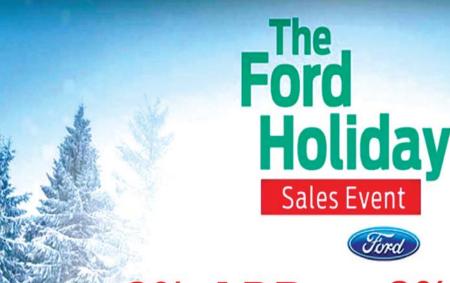


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