

Please help the Anson District Boy Scout troops and Cub Scout packs with an important community service project they are conducting called Scouting for Food. On Saturday and Sunday, January 25th and 26th, scouts will distribute bags in our local communities, churches and neighborhoods to be filled with non-perishable food items. They will collect the filled bags on February 2nd and 3rd and deliver them Anson Crisis Ministry to help replenish their food pantry after the holiday season.



If you would like a scout to personally visit your church or civic organization to distribute and pick-up bags, please contact Chris Sanford at Wadesboro IGA at 704-694-5937.

Thank you for your support!

Estate Auction of Legendary Football Coach Ed Emory

Iron Horse Auction Company, Inc. of Rockingham will conduct two auctions for the Estate of the late Ed Emory. An online auction for the personal property will take place from Thursday, January 23 at 8 a.m. through Wednesday, January 29 at 6 p.m. A live onsite auction for the real estate will take place on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 5 p.m.

The real estate auction and personal property are located at Emory's home, at 519 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Real estate inspections will be held Thursday, January 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Monday, January 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. Personal property inspections will be held on January 24 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ed Emory was the football coach at Wadesboro High School in the 1960's. He was head coach of the East Carolina Pirates and was inducted into the East Carolina Hall of Fame. He was assistant coach for Wake Forest and Clemson. Later he was head coach at Anson High School and Richmond Senior High School. He has been recognized as Coach of the Year and Shrine Bowl coach. He was featured in three different articles in Sports Illustrated Magazine as well as an Emmy Award winning edition of *Outside The Lines* on ESPN, which was filmed in Wadesboro.

Ed was a civic man and served on various committees in the community including the Wadesboro Town Council. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro, where he has served as both Deacon and Elder.

Will Lilly of Iron Horse Auction stated, "It is an honor to represent the Ed Emory Estate on the sale of this outstanding home, furniture and memorabilia."

The Better Business Bureau released its annual report for 2013 for consumer activity related to businesses located in the BBB's 20 county service area in the Southern Piedmont of North and South Carolina. This report includes statistics on consumer requests for business reviews, consumer complaints, settlement rate for complaints filed, and the top five types of businesses that generated the most complaints.

Consumer requests for business reviews: In 2013, consumers requested 2,253,263 reviews on local businesses, compared to 1,826,795 consumer requests in 2012, a 23 percent increase. "The good news is that consumers are checking out businesses in record numbers," said BBB President Tom Bartholomy. "They have gotten the message about how important it is to do their homework before they sign a contract, and that will make them less likely to be ripped off."

Consumer complaints: In 2013, consumers filed 13,993 complaints against area businesses, up from 13,142 complaints filed in 2012, a six percent increase. "The BBB continues to see an increase in consumer complaints filed against businesses," said Bartholomy. "Consumers are more willing to file disputes over smaller amounts of money today than they were a few years ago."

Complaint settlement rate: The overall settlement rate for all complaints filed by consumers in 2013 reached a record high of 90 percent, up from 88 percent in 2012.

The top five types of businesses with the most complaints were:

- 2013: 1) Auto dealers - new cars; 2) Television - cable and satellite; 3) Collection agencies; 4) Auto repair services; and 5) Auto dealers - used cars.
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Consumers can visit www.bbb.org to check out businesses or to file a complaint against a business.

Auditions for the Musical *Godspell* are Next Week

Auditions for the musical *Godspell* will be held at the Ansonia Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, January 27 and 28, from 6 to 9 p. m. Parts for five men and five women are available. Roles are appropriate for various ages and cultures. Director Tommy Wooten is looking for a strong singer, preferably in his 20's or 30's, to play the part of Jesus.

This inspirational musical is based on the gospel according to Matthew and is a modern take on the teachings of Jesus. It is one of the most beloved musicals of all time.

All those auditioning should come prepared to sing any song of their choosing. They can bring sheet music or a karaoke track, or they can sing a cappella. Performances will be May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11. Those auditioning should also bring a calendar noting any conflicts on weekday evenings or performance dates.

Contact the Anson County Arts Council at 704-694-4950 or ansonart@windstream.net if you are unable to audition on the scheduled dates or if you have questions.

Pianists Needed for Upcoming Ansonia Production

The Arts Council is looking for a pianist or two for the upcoming musical *Godspell*. Auditions are Monday and Tuesday, January 27th and 28th, from 6 to 9 p.m. Please contact the Arts Council if you're interested or know of someone who might be, 704-694-4950.

Do You Need a Coat or Blanket? Would You Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope has begun their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They have distributed coats to several of the churches and schools in Anson County.

Blankets for the elderly are also available.

To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or Ester Lindsey at 704-848-8452.

Extension Office to Hold Informative Meat Goat Production Meeting on February 6

A Meat Goat Production Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 6th at 7pm at the Anson County Cooperative Extension Center, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. If you are interested in becoming a goat producer, or are a goat producer, please come to this informative session. Topics to be discussed include: goat care for the small producer, marketing goats in North Carolina, and basic goat management.

Meat goats have become increasingly more popular as a side income and hobby in North Carolina, due to the smaller land requirements that goats need. North Carolinians have a great opportunity to efficiently raise a quality meat product to satisfy a need in the state.

For more information and to register to attend contact Agriculture Agent Jessica Morgan at 704-694-2415 or jessica_morgan@ncsu.edu.

Anson Crisis Ministry Holds Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

In a release from Anson Crisis Ministry: Sounds of laughter and the aroma of hickory cooked barbecue filled the dining room of the First Baptist Church on Thursday, January 16 for the Anson Crisis Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. The event was held to specifically express appreciation for the many hours the ten volunteers had worked during 2013. Although there had been many temporary volunteers during 2013, these faithful ten continue to be loyal and true. Board Chair Tom Bricker welcomed volunteers, guests and board members before introducing angels unaware.



David Stroupe

Entertainment for the evening, which proved to be an evening of pure laughter, was delivered by a Heavenly Host of Angels. Dressed with gold jewelry and a beautiful white array, the Angels, unbelievably, reside in the Wadesboro area. They shared with the group their unusual experiences, while adding a bit of music to enhance their stories. The Angels are Bunk Hill, Hannah Powell, Libby Moore, Julie Jenkins, Ellen Goodwin, Sybil Almond, Jewel Jones and Marlene Crawford.

A delicious meal, served buffet-style, consisted of freshly shredded pork barbecue, barbecue chicken, baked beans, slaw and rolls prepared by head cook Tom Bricker. Board members Larry Oakes, Bob Garris and Bill Clark assisted Mr. Bricker with the preparation of the food. The ladies of the Crisis Ministry Board provided various homemade desserts to finish the course.

Crisis Ministry Director Ann James presented award certificates to Carol Wood, David Stroupe, Gwen Patrick, Janice Cassidy, Margaret Little, Martha Maye, Minnie Spencer, Nita Hildreth and Loretta Nagel. Absent from the banquet was weekly volunteer Becky Allen from the Burnsville area. Mrs. James shared comical characteristics about each volunteer as they received their certificates.

Bricker then brought the evening to a more serious note by personally expressing his gratefulness and wonder of the many hours the volunteers were willing to give to the Ministry. Board members Reva

Evans and Bob Garris also shared with the group their appreciation and respect for the unselfish hours they donate to the Ministry.

Board Member Larry Oakes ended the evening activities with a prayer of thankfulness and gratitude for the volunteers and our desire for a blessing upon each volunteer.

Free Food at BRLC January 28

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center's Emergency Food Pantry has received a large shipment of TEFAP Products. They will be offering this free food on Tuesday, January 28.

The food commodities are provided by the United State Department of Agriculture. The federal income guidelines will be the determining factor for each individual's eligibility. Canned beef stew left from December's Commodities will be available until it is all given out. The food items will be made available only to Ansonians who qualify. BRLC does not discriminate for any reason.

The foods will be distributed on Tuesday, January 28. All individuals who plan to take advantage of these items will need to register promptly at 9 a.m. in order to be served. Each family will only be provided these commodities once a month, to one adult per family. Information 704-826-8182.

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Martha Maye (left) and Ann James

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