

Letter to the Editor

Thank You from Christian Ratliff Benefit

Dear Editor,
 Thank You! To everyone who helped to make the Spaghetti Benefit for Christian Ratliff such a great success! We would like to give a big thanks to the following: Anson Rescue Squad, IGA, Allen's General Store, Backwoods Hog Hunters, The Express Newspaper, Huntley Oil, Food Lion, Jones Creek Fish Camp, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, the Hub, Welika Fish Camp, KFC, Stanley Parents of Multiples, McDonald's, Bojangles, Lady Bug and everyone who donated a baked good!
 Also a very special thank you to each and everyone who volunteered their help! May God bless each and everyone!
 Kimberly Ratliff

Brooke Howard Sworn in as Attorney in Georgia

Margaret Brooke Howard was sworn in as an attorney in open court by the Honorable Jeffrey S. Bagley, Chief Judge of the Forsyth County Superior Court on October 31 in Cumming, Georgia. Family, friends, local attorneys, and court personnel attended the ceremony.



Brooke graduated from Anson High School in 2002, obtained her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2006, and obtained her juris doctor degree from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2011. She is licensed to practice law in North Carolina and Georgia.

During law school Brooke interned at the Fourth Circuit Public Defender's Office in the felony division, and also completed an internship with Children's Legal Services representing the Department of Children and Family Services in Duval County, Florida. She obtained a certified legal intern certificate from the Florida Board of Bar Examiners that allowed her to appear in court, under the supervision of a licensed attorney, and handle her own cases during her internship representing the Department of Children and Family Services.

Brooke currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia. She is employed as an associate attorney with Hope Pereira, Special Assistant Attorney General, representing the Department of Family and Children Services in Cherokee County, Georgia.

Brooke is the daughter of Charlotte Pratt Howard and the late Wade "Sonny" Howard, Jr. of Polkton; granddaughter of Mary Jewell Pratt of Wadesboro; and the sister of Gretchen Michele Howard of Atlanta.



110 AES Students Present the Annual Performance of the Nutcracker

Recently 110 Ansonville Elementary school students from grades 3 to 6 performed in the annual presentation of the *Nutcracker*. Faculty, staff, students, family and friends all joined together to celebrate this Christmas tradition at Ansonville School.

Several years ago two music educators, Ruth Artman and Mary Kay Beale had a novel idea. They realized that too many students were never able to enjoy Tchaikovsky's Classical *Nutcracker* ballet. They decided that this piece of musical literature should be enjoyed by all students, not just the select few who were privileged to study ballet in a dance studio. These teachers used ETA Hoffman's *Story of the Nutcracker* Prince and Tchaikovsky's ballet to create *Nutcracker-The Musical*. This work has been performed by children of all ages and enjoyed by people of all ages.



Thanks to Mrs. Roberta Bumgardner, Ansonville students were able to learn the *Nutcracker* music and dance in order to perform for family and friends. Mrs. Bumgardner and her students did a wonderful job, as always. Everyone enjoyed the show and the performers received a standing ovation.

Planning Retreat Planned

The Town of Wadesboro Mayor and Town Council will hold a Planning Retreat on Saturday, February 9. The Retreat will be held in the Town of Wadesboro Conference Room from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Equine Rescue League Event is this Saturday

Everyone is invited to participate in an educational and inspirational day to see how quickly lines of communication can be achieved between horses and humans to give them a bright future. Dawn Roth and Bekah Koutsos will be partnering with the US Equine Rescue League of NC (USERL) to demonstrate a natural approach to horse training with rescue horses.

The event will take place on Saturday, January 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Latta Equestrian Park, 6201 Sample Road in Huntersville.

- Schedule:
- 1-1:20 p.m. Inspirational Demo
 - 1:20-2:30 p.m. Rescue Horse Makeover!
 - 2:30-3 p.m. From Zero to Hero, reaching full potential!
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