

# ANSONVILLE FIRE & RESCUE



**Pork - Beef - Chicken**  
**MARCH 2nd**  
**\$9.00 per plate**  
**11am-Until**

\*Dessert donations are greatly appreciated

## The Music of John Denver is Coming to the Ansonia

Are you a John Denver fan? Come experience his music the way it was intended - live and in concert - when Carolina Town brings "An Evening with John Denver" to the Ansonia stage on Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. This will be a re-creation of a John Denver concert as it would have been performed in the years shortly before the artist's untimely death in 1997.

Carolina Town consists of area residents Rod Almond on guitar and lead vocals, Dean Martin on guitar and backup vocals, and John Stafford on keyboard and backup vocals. The concert will include more than twenty songs that Denver loved and most often included in his concerts, plus two songs that the artist never had a chance to do in a public performance.

The performance will last two hours, with a fifteen-minute intermission. Tickets for reserved seating are \$10 and are available at the Anson County Arts Council and Lacy's in Wadesboro and online at [www.ansoniateatre.com](http://www.ansoniateatre.com).

Call the Arts Council at 704-694-4950 to reserve your seat. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

## Remembering..... By Ed McBride



### ...Remembering Ballard's Store

In the year of 1940 Tom Ballard and his family moved to Polkton, opening a "variable" grocery/hardware store. These were days when the economy was seemingly on the upturn. The post office, the grocery, the other stores, the mills, farmers - all seemed to be "on the move upward!!" So, the Ballard store was looking "upward" too, as many in the Polkton area had needs!

So...groceries, hardware items, some dry goods, and even an inside kerosene tank to "hand pump" a customer some oil if needed!

During the military maneuvers in the 1940's the G.I.s would come in to buy cans, various canned food items, crackers, cookies and cakes. You can imagine...they wanted most anything to eat other than the regular G.I. food! Daily on the go...through the woods, etc. - they would get to the store at about five a.m., pick up the wanted items, and head back to camp!

Sharing, hopefully, a bit of old time history!\*

Thank you, Ed

\*Note: A loaf of bread and many food stuff items were something like 10¢.



NORTH CAROLINA  
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## DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRECINCT MEETING

**For Anson County  
All Precincts**

**Will be held at 6pm  
Thursday, March 7, 2013**

**At Hampton B. Allen Library  
120 South Greene Street  
Wadesboro, NC**

### Free Tax Aid Offered at Grace Senior Center

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County Residents sixty years of age or older of low or moderate income needing help in preparing their income tax returns through a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center. The volunteer counselors are trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. They will be at Grace Senior Center again on April 9, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return.

Persons using the service should bring this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from banks (form 1099-INT), a copy of last year's tax return, and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. Electronic filing of returns will also be available.

To register and for additional information call 704-694-6616.

### The Value of 4-H Volunteer Leaders

Are you thinking about lending a hand? 4-H is a great way to help area youth.

In a release from Roshunda Blount of Anson County 4-H: Over 200 4-H volunteers from across the state gathered in Raleigh for weekend and friendship on February 8-10. These individuals took time out of their weekends to gain more knowledge in youth development and 4-H. Their contributions are significant to the program. In Anson County alone, volunteers contributed 978 hours in 2012, with a contribution of time worth approximately \$21,000.

Our 4-H volunteers are responsible for the success of the 103-year-old program. Without them, we would not be able to reach over 1,000 youth in Anson County. They chaperone teenagers, lead educational programs, and guide youth to see outside of the box. Many 4-H'ers, past and present, are very appreciative of their 4-H volunteer leaders. They are genuinely interested in youth as people and want to see them reach their potential. This is frequently the attitude of our volunteers. They love to see the youth grow and reach their goals as if they were their own children.

Many of our 4-H volunteers are also parents and grandparents of the 4-H'ers they are working with. So along with helping guide youth in the county, they are also spending quality time with their children. Growing up, I had the privilege of having my mother as my 4-H leaders. By working with her in this context, I learned so much about her. My mother's creativity shined as she thought of skits for our talent shows and she always made sure every 4-H member in our club signed up for activities, had a ride to events, and went home on a full stomach. Our shared interest in 4-H let us spend more time together and gave my mother an opportunity to utilize her skills outside of the workplace.

Are you looking to lend a hand in your community? Would you like to reach out to the youth in the county? Consider being a 4-H volunteer. It is the perfect opportunity to help others and become involved with your children in our fun and educational programs here in Anson County. Please contact Roshunda Blount, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, to begin your experience today! (704-694-2915)

### Wadesboro Police Offering Reward

The Wadesboro Police Department has been investigating numerous cases involving larceny of air conditioning unit parts for the past several months. If anyone has any information relating to these crimes please contact the Wadesboro Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division.

The Wadesboro Police Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 leading to the arrest and conviction of any suspect(s) involved in these crimes. If you have information you can call confidentially to 704-694-2167.



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