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Anson County Farmers Market Opens June 18

Get ready for some wonderful local produce! The Anson County Farmers Market will open for the season on Saturday, June 18 at 7:30 a.m. The market will then be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through the end of September. The Farmers Market is located on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, just past Wadesboro Primary School. For more information please contact Francis Campbell at 704-690-0638.

Maria Larraga-Fonseca Named Home Health Care Hero

Polkton resident awarded for her commitment to her patients



CNA Home Health Care Hero Maria Larraga-Fonseca (center) is pictured with her patient's son Barry Perkins and Barry's wife Sandra Perkins.

Debbie Allison takes comfort in knowing that her father, who suffers from dementia and lives alone, is safe, thanks to his team of Bayada certified nursing assistants (CNAs). But when unexpected snow snarled traffic throughout the area last winter, Allison feared none of his CNAs would be able to navigate the treacherous roads to get to his home. Fortunately, Polkton resident and CNA Maria Larraga-Fonseca wasn't about to let the bad weather stand in the way of caring for her patient. She battled the icy roads to be with Allison's father and keep him calm throughout the storm.

This type of dedication to her chosen profession is why Larraga-Fonseca's patients and colleagues nominated her for the prestigious Bayada Home Health Care CNA Hero Award. "Marie's soft voice and calming presence is a welcoming experience for all who benefit from her care," said Bayada Director Brooke Bartlett, who presented Larraga-Fonseca with the Hero Award during a ceremony attended by her patients, colleagues, and family. "Her patients always tell me how much they love her."

Bayada CNAs provide personal care services such as help with bathing, grooming, meal preparation, light housekeeping, and companionship. These services help patients avoid the need for a long-term care facility and allow them to remain in the comfort, safety, and familiarity of home, where they want to be.

For Allison, the choice to nominate Larraga-Fonseca was easy to make. "Marie shows great devotion to my dad," she said. "She put the needs of my father first when she stayed with him during the snow storm. She has become a hero to our family and she is so deserving of this honor."

Established in 1999, the Hero Program recognizes care professionals who consistently demonstrate the Bayada core values of compassion, excellence, and reliability. Each quarter, patients and peers nominate their local heroes. From the local heroes, division heroes are selected and ultimately four national heroes are chosen from among the following disciplines: registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, therapist, home health aide, certified nursing assistant, and social worker. The four national heroes are recognized at Bayada's annual awards ceremony attended by over 2,000 employees.

To learn more about home care services or employment opportunities, call Bayada at 704-289-6000.

June is Home Ownership Month

NC Housing Finance Agency celebrates with affordable mortgage options

In 2015, North Carolina's home ownership rate hovered at 65%, a decline from its peak of 71% in 1999. While millennials comprise 32% of buyers, many are still shut out of the housing market due to rising apartment rents and student loan debt that make saving for a down payment difficult. This Home Ownership Month, the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency wants to boost the state's home ownership rate with mortgage products - including down payment assistance - that make affording a home easier for buyers of all generations.

"With rental costs continuing to rise, owning a home is an increasingly viable alternative for many families and individuals. However, while many can afford a mortgage, they need down payment help to get into the house and keep their payments low," said A. Robert Kucab, executive director of the Agency. "Our Agency's mortgage programs are aimed at helping those who are not served by the current housing market and have already enabled thousands of North Carolinians to purchase homes and begin building wealth."

The NC Home Advantage Mortgage provides qualified home buyers with stable, fixed-rate mortgages and down payment assistance up to 5% of the total loan amount. No repayment of this down payment assistance is due if the buyer remains in the home for 15 years, with the loan being forgiven at 20 percent per year after 10 years.

First-time buyers and military veterans can benefit even more with a Mortgage Credit Certificate issued by the Agency, which enables buyers to save up to \$2,000 per year on their federal taxes for the life of their home loan, leaving new homeowners with more money in their pocket to pay their mortgage.

Last year, the Agency's home buying programs helped more than 5,000 North Carolinians with moderate incomes purchase homes, with nearly a quarter of them purchasing newly built homes. "Increased home ownership in communities statewide doesn't just help home buyers but also supports jobs and stimulates local economies," said Kucab.

The NC Home Advantage Mortgage and Mortgage Credit Certificate are offered through participating lenders statewide. To learn more and to find lenders in their communities, consumers should go to www.nchfa.com or call 1-800-393-0988.

The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, a self-supporting public agency, has helped more than 95,000 home buyers purchase homes since its inception in 1974.

Fundraiser for Faith Based Center of Hope is June 25

The Faith Based Center of Hope will host their first fundraiser at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center with Vice President Gary Henderson of Carolinas HealthCare System as the guest speaker on Saturday, June 25, beginning at 3 p.m.

"The event is catered toward our youth and their parents," said Vancine Sturdivant, CEO of Faith Based Center of Hope. "The theme is 'Who Are You? And What Defines You?' Mr. Henderson is the Assistant Vice President of Carolinas HealthCare System where he manages the day to day operations of Carolinas HealthCare System in Anson County."

Sturdivant stated that the Lilesville Community Center will be open to the public on a daily basis. We will do Toys for Tots, GED courses, after school tutorial programs and feeding the homeless. The public is cordially invited.



Gary Henderson

Destry Horne Memorial Golf Tournament

The Destry Horne Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 18 at Twin Valley Country Club. It will feature \$1,000 in cash and prizes, lunch and a party with food and a DJ that evening in the ballroom. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. followed by a shot gun start at 1 p.m. Format is two man Captains Choice with only one A player per team.

The entry fee is \$50, and you are urged to please sign up by June 16. Sign up sheets are at Twin Valley, or you call the Pro Shop at 704-694-2336 or Tommy Eddins at 704-694-8909.

Deep Creek School Reunion is Saturday

All classmates are invited to attend the Deep Creek School Reunion which will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Deep Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call Peggy Pinkston at 704-694-2791.



Four Students Win Civitan Scholarships

The Wadesboro Civitan Club is pleased to award scholarships to four outstanding Anson County students: Hannah Knotts of Lilesville, and Jackson Poulcott, Gage Tarlton and Marci Sessions, all of Wadesboro. Each of them will receive \$1,000 in scholarship aid.

Hannah, a student at Anson High School, is a leader in art, drama, academics and athletics. She volunteers at Rotary events, at the Partnership for Children Barn Blast, at a nursing home, and in student government. She plans to study business at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Gage is also a student at Anson High School who also plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill, where he will major in dramatic arts. He has been a leader in the Rotary Interact Club, the Honor Society, the Drama Club, and in student publications. He performs and volunteers at Ansonia Theatre.

Jackson was named the Larry Crandell Civitan Scholar and Marci was named Hank Drake Civitan Scholar. These two named scholarships honor deceased Civitans who were exceptionally supportive of youth in this community. Jackson is a student at Anson New Tech where he has been a leader in the Junior Civitan Club and the Robotics Club. He volunteers with his church, Toys for Tots, Boy Scouts and Hands for Hope. He has been specially recognized for his role in creating a video about Anson County during the Civil War. Jackson plans to study mechanical engineering at UNC-Asheville. Marci is a student at North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she has been a leader in the Key Club. She has also been outstanding in athletics and rodeo. She provides volunteer services to disabled adults, tutors children in the Durham area, and performs volunteer research at a medical laboratory. Marci plans to attend NC State University where she will probably major in some field of medicine or life sciences.

The Civitan Club celebrates the accomplishments of these four students, and hope that the scholarships will encourage them to continue doing great things.

Pictured above, from left are Hannah Knotts, Jackson Poulcott, Marci Sessions, Gage Tarlton and Beverley Getzen who presented the Civitan awards.

Called Board of Education Meeting Set for June 28

There will be a Called Board of Education Meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel matters on Tuesday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. held in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center (320 Camden Road, Wadesboro).

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for June will be held on Thursday, June 30 at 5:30 p.m., also in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center.

Monthly School Board Meeting is Thursday, June 30

The Anson County School Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, June 30 at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a Closed session. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m.

Wadesboro Lions to Install New Officers

On Thursday, June 9 District Governor-Elect Lion Laraine Dupree will visit the Wadesboro Lions Club and install the club's incoming officers for 2016-2017. She volunteers at the Lions' Camp Dogwood for the blind and visually impaired (V.I.P.s) where they spend a fun-filled week on Lake Norman near Charlotte, as well as the Lions' annual fishing tournament at the coast of North Carolina where over 500 V.I.P.s enjoy an opportunity fish and meet others with similar situations.

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at the Papa Joe's Restaurant the second and fourth Friday of each month. For more information please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448 for more information.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyd Collins Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary

A reception was held on Saturday, June 4 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyd Collins as they celebrate fifty years of marriage. The Collins were married on June 5, 1966 at Faulks Baptist Church in Marshville by Reverend Ed Madaris. The reception was given by their children at the Collins' homeplace.



Mr. Collins is the son of the late Henry and Pauline Collins of Marshville. He is the retired owner of Deep Creek Farms. Mrs. Collins is the daughter of Gerave Baker and the late Graham Baker of Wingate. She was the former Shirley Ann Baker.

The Collins have three daughters, Angela and David Dew of Bluffton, SC; Terri and Michael Martin of Monroe and Michelle and Jeff Pilemon of Evansville, IN. They have seven grandchildren.

Compassionate Friends Meet Thursday, June 9

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for families who have lost a child of any age, will meet this Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m. in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro.

For more information call 704-694-8774 or 704-272-7449.

Community Love Back Event is Saturday

An event called the Community Love Back will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Wadesboro City Park. There will be free hot dogs for attendees, while they last as well as field day games for children and adults. And, face painting too! It's all free and sponsored by Beyond the Block & Block BeaterZ Ent.

For more information call 336-337-5114.

50+ Club Meeting to Feature Ed Dement of the O'Kaysions

Band famous for their hit *Girl Watcher*

The Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ Club will meet on Monday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. Ed Dement, formerly with the O'Kaysions who are famous for their #5 hit *Girl Watcher*, will be performing a program of beach music. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the music of this talented artist.

For more information call 704-694-5177.