

Activities Set for 2013 Anson Ag Expo & Fair

The 2013 Anson Ag Expo & Fair will feature popular children's and adult activities, favorites returning from years past. Plan now to mark your calendars to come visit and watch, or better yet participate. In its third year, the South Atlantic Woodsmen's Association will be featured in a lumberjack demonstration on Saturday afternoon, September 28. The competition will take place in the adjacent lot of the Lockhart-Taylor Center, South Piedmont Community College in Wadesboro.

Plan to bring your lawn chair and sit back for an afternoon of engaging and powerful demonstrations, highlighted by the noise of chain saws and axes, with a grunt or two from the lumberjacks as they push themselves through the tough physical events.

Back by popular demand will be the Youth Scavenger Hunt and Kiddie Tractor Pull. Last year 26 youth competed, while 59 young people scoured the area for agricultural trivia questions, then entered the drawing for a youth bicycle.

Also returning this year is the Creative Squash Challenge for youth and the Local Foods Bake-Off for adults. Scheduled for Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28 in the Ingram Room, plan to participate by decorating and crafting a unique creation from squash, or bake an item made from local foods.

Finally, an additional event is returning for everyone's fun and entertainment. The Anson Ag Expo & Fair this year will again feature a Scarecrow Contest on Saturday, with scarecrows on display throughout the day outside the Lockhart-Taylor Center.

In addition, thanks to the interest and involvement in the 4-H Youth Livestock Club as well as new business in the area, the first Anson County Dairy Show will take place in the Molaro Livestock Tent, immediately following the Anson County 4-H Youth Heifer Show.

Guidelines for all competition categories and event information will be available soon on the web, Facebook, and the annual Fair Book. Be on the lookout for more postings. These events will add to a great 2013 Anson Ag Expo & Fair. Plan to come out and enjoy the fun. Celebrate agriculture in Anson!

Veteran Services and Community Enhancement Fair

The Anson County Veterans Service Office is hosting their second annual Veteran Services and Community Enhancement Fair, to be held on Saturday, August 3, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event will be held in the Ingram Room at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Representatives with the US Department of Veterans Affairs from the W. G. (Bill) Hefner Medical Center in Salisbury, NC will be in attendance. Former military personnel, families and friends all are invited to come and receive information and assistance.

- Admission is free and the information is abundant. Among the services available that day are:
- First hand advice from Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) experts.
- Talk to the Counselors from the Vet Centers about you concerns.
- Get guidance and information from VA Staff on the many programs the VA has to offer.
- Speak directly with local programs on health care and community resources services.
- Get one-on-one assistance on how to enroll for Health Care Benefits from Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Staff. (Bring a copy of your DD-214.)

- Games and prizes - fun for all ages!
- For more information contact Anson County Veterans Service Officer Ted Ward at 704-694-4418 or tward@co.anson.nc.us.

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Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center News

May was Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center's month to honor Mrs. Sara Thomas and Mrs. Barbara Coble. Their great and outstanding volunteer services have contributed much to the BRLC's Human Services Programs. Thomas for several years has worked in the role of data entry, food transporter and Emergency Pantry Lead/Inspiration person. Coble has faithfully assisted in the area of intake which includes greeting the neighbors and taking their personal information, food transporter and she has assisted with the Thanksgiving Basket Program.

Director Carol Smith said, "These two ladies have consistently provided the Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center with the skills that have made the BRLC a place where caring for the needs of neighbors is one of our first priorities." Both volunteers were awarded certificates of appreciation and a personal gift basket.

Circle of Hope Director Stephen Shytle and Circle of Hope recipient John Polk were the guest speakers. They provided information on the positive impact that the Circle of Hope organization has made in this county.

The meeting's breakfast consisted of bacon, eggs, sausage, grits, toast, juice, coffee and water. This great meal was prepared by Mrs. Cathy Walls.

Remember, the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. is the set time for volunteers and supporters to come and have breakfast and meet your neighbors.

Volunteers Billy Burns and Delma Ingram received awards of recognition as Volunteers for the Month of June on Saturday morning, June 15. The award ceremony was in behalf of their volunteer service and time given to the BRLC.

Ingram is from the Ansonville community and attends Rocky Mount A.M.E. Zion Church. His honesty in character is to be commended. Ingram works in the area as a food transporter and food distributor. He has supported the BRLC in many other areas, such as cooking during the past Summer Food Service Program.

Burns has supported for several years faithfully and he helps on Wednesday mornings in the area of distributions and to lend support to the individuals who need help in carrying their food items to the car. Burns is very handy in the cleanup area. (Hallujah!) He is from the Burnsville community and is a member of the Poplar Spring Baptist Church. He transports food items to the BRLC on Fridays.

Director Carol Smith said, "The strength of these two volunteers is most valuable to all people who use the BRLC's Emergency Food Pantry. Anson County's BRLC is a place where you can find kind and honest people on Wednesday mornings."

Mrs. Cindy Lisenby, a representative of Feed My Lambs, was invited to come and present a program on Feed My Lambs. She offered a history on the beginning of the organization and information about their ministry. The information she shared was most valuable and informative to all who attended. Lisenby answered all questions that were asked by BRLC volunteer and supporters.

Breakfast was prepared by Deloris Hammond and Jeremy Sikes. It consisted of various biscuits, fruit juice, water and coffee. Several door prizes were given to those attendees who had the lucky tickets.

The July monthly breakfast and meeting will not be held. The community is always invited to come out on the 3rd Saturday morning each month and get to know your neighbors.

Patriotic Musical Event at the Ansonia

The patriotic cantata *Sweet Land of Liberty* will be performed by the Singing Americans of Stanly County, a non-profit organization on Thursday, July 11 at 7:30p.m. The event is free. The cantata, created by Randy Vader, Jay Rouse and Camp Kirkland, is a mixture of patriotic and religious music to be viewed and enjoyed by all ages. It is sponsored by the Anson County Arts Council.

Catherine Crandell of the Arts Council said, "'America - the sweet land of liberty - home to a people who long to experience life to the fullest, and home to those willing to offer and endure what freedom demands.' As our country faces uncertain times, we look through our history and ahead to our leaders, our families, our neighbors, and to God for strength and guidance. This sweeping tapestry of song, narration and drama is a definitive statement of tribute: to the American dream, to those who have given their lives to defend it, and to all Americans as we stand together for the sake of future generations."

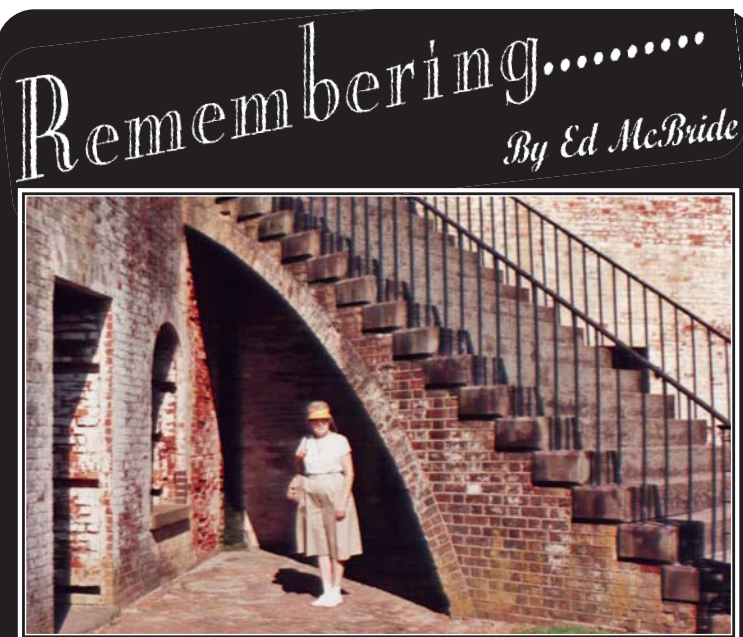
Titles include: *Orchestral Collage Of American Folk Songs; Star Spangled Banner; Sweet Land Of Liberty; Salute To The Armed Forces; This Land Is Your Land; Give Me Your Tired Your Poor; How Can I Keep From Singing?; Arkansas Traveler; Pick A Bale Of Cotton; Down By The Riverside/I've Got Peace Like A River; Great Is Thy Faithfulness; Salute To Our Fallen Heroes; The Lord's Prayer; and Battle Hymn Of The Republic.*

"They are a choir of 40 voices, with 4-5-6 part harmony, from all denominations, who sing for God and in support of our nation," Crandell concluded. "Please join us to celebrate the Birthday of our great nation! Veterans from all services will be recognized and are invited to come in uniform if available."

Brown Bag Book Club/In the Know Meeting

The Brown Bag Book Club / In the Know program will hold their next meeting on Monday, July 15 at noon in the Pritchett Room at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Author Suzetta Perkins will present a program about her books and other items of interest.

You are invited to come to this potluck event. Please bring a dish and a friend! For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.



Fort Macon Area

So many times through the years I have thought about Fort Macon - you know it is just "across the water" from Morehead City, and has been, through the years, a very important area during military problems along the North Carolina coast. Fort Macon is an interesting area that dates back many years. It has been restored since World War II.

On our visits through the years so many people have shared with us some of the many happenings about and around the fort. So much unpublished history, things during the affected wars and peace too as so many visitors have come and gone on sharing some of North Carolina's history - very unique area - that has and does make a difference in our "North Carolina coastal area!" Ed



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Sara Thomas



Delma Ingram (left) and Billy Burns

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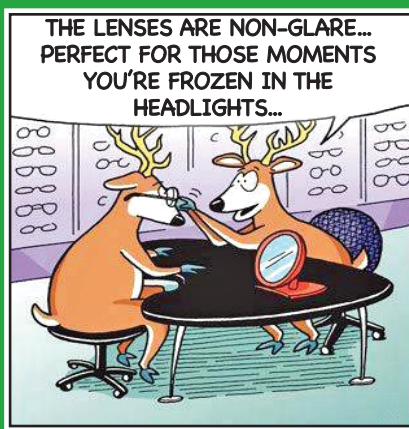
Beautifully renovated stone home on 1+ acre located at 507 West Wade Street in Wadesboro

This 2 bedroom, 2 bath home has been lovingly restored with an appreciation for the fine construction details of its early 20th century heritage. Ornate original moldings are complimented by custom milled new trim. The original hardwood floors are refinished.

All mechanical systems have been replaced with modern systems - new plumbing, new electrical wiring, new heat pumps and ductwork, new roof, new insulation, new gas logs, premium appliances and new high efficiency custom windows. All materials were sourced for their quality rather than for price.

The bathrooms feature Italian tiles, frameless glass enclosures, jacuzzi bath, granite countertops and premium fixtures. The kitchen includes a breakfast nook, custom mahogany cabinetry and granite countertops. The large living room is flooded by light from a picture window and other large windows, cozy on cold winter nights with a gas log fire place. The upstairs bedroom is huge and airy, lined with windows. It features a large walk-in closet and lots of storage. The whole home is loaded with custom items.

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