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Ansonia Theatre has Received Six MTA Award Nominations

For ten years starting in 2004, the Metrolina Theatre Association (MTA) produced the Annual MTA awards to recognize excellence in Charlotte's theatre community. Starting in 2019, the annual rewards have returned.

The MTA Award Nominations came out on September 1 and the Ansonia Theatre received 6 nominations!

- Outstanding Supporting Actor/Female: Nekeisha Lindsey for Oda Mae in Ghost
- Outstanding Set Design: The Spitfire Grill. Mike Phillips, Teri Brown, Marshall Ray, Cheryl Carpenter Stewart, David Strong.
- William E. Rackley Award: Mike Phillips
- Emerging Artist of the Year: Nathan Jenkins
- Theatre Person of the Year: Tommy Wooten
- Theatre Company of the Year: Ansonia Theatre

Congratulations to all the nominees!

Incorporated in June of 1984, the Metrolina Theatre Association supports all levels of theatre in Charlotte-Mecklenburg and the surrounding area, including high school and college departments, community theatre organizations, professional theatres, and independent production companies.

The membership of the MTA includes theatre management, artistic and auxiliary staff, actors, producers and other persons involved in creating theatre. Individuals not directly affiliated with specific organizations may also join.

From its earliest days, MTA has consistently reached out to the community with events such as the Experimental Theatre Project in 1987, the Women Playwrights Festival in 1993, High School Theatre Festival in 1995, and hosting the Southeastern Theatre Conference and the national conference for the American Association of Community Theatre (AACTFest) in 2007.

The MTA for many years hosted an annual MTA Awards Gala to recognize outstanding contributions to the theatre arts. After a six-year hiatus, we have begun hosting them again.



Anson County Native Timmy Horne Makes 53-man Roster for the Atlanta Falcons Team

The Atlanta Falcons NFL football team have formally pared their roster of players down to 53. It dropped from 80 on Tuesday, August 30 when the NFL mandated roster size decreased to regular-season levels.

The team announced its initial 53-man roster, along with 27 transactions to reach that number. Included on that roster is Timmy Horne, a 2016 graduate of Anson High School.

While at Anson Schools, Timmy played football from 2012 to 2016. He recorded 22 tackles and 2.0 sacks as a junior and recorded 17 tackles, 1.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries as a sophomore. He also lettered in basketball.

Anson High School Football Coach Ralph Jackson said, "I am so happy for Timmy. That's all he talked about when I first arrived as the football coach at Anson High School. He wanted to do what his other cousin Stephone Anthony did. Timmy earned a chance to play in the NFL, just like Stephone, who he looked up to dearly."

Horne is the son of Reva Horne.

Horne's college stats are: Played one season (2021) at Kansas State University after spending four seasons (2017-20) at the University of Charlotte. • Notched 121 total tackles, 17 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks, and three fumble recoveries in 55 games (30 starts) in his collegiate career. • Recorded 20 total tackles (18 solo), three tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks and one fumble recovery in 12 games for Kansas State in 2021. • Tallied 101 total tackles (44 solo), 14 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks and two passes defended in four seasons at Charlotte. • Earned all-Conference USA honors in 2020.

Annual Contests in Prose and Poetry Open for Submissions

The Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC) is accepting submissions for its annual contests in prose and poetry beginning Sept. 1, 2022. The ACWC will award over \$400 in prize money to the winners. Deadline is December 5, 2022.

The contests are divided into adult, youth, and children's categories. The adult contests are open to anyone residing in, having resided in, attending school in, or working in Anson County; or members of the ACWC. There is a \$1 entry fee that is waived for students at any institution of higher learning. There is no entry fee for students in grades 3-12. Rules and entry forms will be provided to all Anson County schools. Home-schooled students are also invited to enter.

There are three ways to enter. Submissions in Word can be emailed to: info@ansoncountywritersclub.org with "contest" in the subject line; mailed to Anson County Writers' Club, 2022 Contests, Box 363, Wadesboro, NC, 28170; or dropped off at the Hampton B. Allen Library.

A complete copy of the rules and an entry form that must accompany each entry are available at the library or by writing to ACWC 2022 Contests, P.O. Box 363, Wadesboro, N.C., 28170 (enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope). Rules and entry forms may also be printed from the ACWC website at www.ansoncountywritersclub.org. Failure to follow the rules may result in an entry being disqualified.

First, second and third place winners in the adult prose and adult poetry categories will receive \$50, \$30 and \$20, respectively. Youth winners (grades 9-12) will receive \$20, \$15 and \$10, respectively. Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8 will compete separately in the children's division. Prizes are \$15, \$10 and \$5, respectively, for prose and poetry winners in both categories.

All winners will receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be honored at a reception for friends and family on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023.

The ACWC held its first contests in 1989 and since published 11 anthologies of the winning entries. Anson Pathways XI is available for purchase at the Anson County Arts Council or from amazon.com. (choose "books" and then "Anson Pathways").

Anson County Commissioners Meet September 12

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, September 12 at 6 p.m.

The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit youtube.com and search for Anson Commissioners.

Wadesboro Police Ask for Public's Help to ID Catalytic Converter Thief



The Wadesboro Police Department is seeking help to identify the subject pictured at left. The subject is wanted in connection with the theft of catalytic converters on August 16.

He can be seen using crutches on surveillance video from the new Anson County Government Annex (Old Pee Dee Electric Building) on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro.

To see the two videos visit Wadesboro Police Department's Facebook page.

Anyone with any information is requested to call the police department at (704) 694-2167 or send them a Facebook message.

Town of Wadesboro Leases Uptown Parking Lot for Free Parking

The Town of Wadesboro has entered into an agreement to lease the parking lot located uptown at the corner of Wade and Washington Streets (former site of East Wade Gulf) to be used for free public parking. The Town has removed the old signs and have new ones ordered. They invite everyone to spread the word!

Wadesboro Town Manager David Edwards said, "We would like to encourage all business owners and their employees in the uptown area to park here daily in order to free up the short term street-side parking spaces in the uptown area for customers' use. Thank you for your help, we're always working to make Wadesboro a better place for our local businesses!"

Randy Travis Music Festival is September 17 in Marshville

The Marshville Chamber of Commerce presents the annual Randy Travis Music Festival. Coming Saturday, September 17, get ready for a thrilling family event; with live music, good food, games for kids, street vendors, and above all, the opportunity to socialize and enjoy the company of your friends and Randy Travis in a fun safe environment.

Line-up for Randy Travis Musical Festival

On the main stage, starting at 10 a.m. Rev. John Kirkpatrick will do the opening invocation. National Anthem by Baxter Jordan and FHHS Band. Raising of the flags FHHS JROTC, and FHHS Band performance.

- Winners of Little Angels Contest
- 10:45-11 No Limit Dance
- 11-12 Next Chapter Bobby-Chasity NC
- 12-1 Todd Amerson Ministries
- 1-1:20 Winners of car show & dessert contest announced
- 1:20-1:40 Chelsea Clare Music
- 2-3 Southern Express Brian Hinson
- 3-4 Darren Deese
- 4-5 Shine Willie Tarlton
- 5-6 James Dupré
- 6-8 Rivermist Greg Adair

Peachland's Music on the Square

The Town of Peachland invites everyone to their 16th annual "Music on the Square" to be held Saturday, September 24, from 4:30 to 10 p.m. This free event will feature DJ Leon Gatewood and the Village Green Band along with a variety of food vendors.

For more information contact Lynn H. Griffin at 704-272-7781.

Family Fall Fest at 2022 Ag Expo & Fair Food Trucks

The 2022 Anson Ag Expo & Fair is set and planning is underway for another great festival for families to enjoy. Family Fall Fest is scheduled for Friday night, September 23 on the Square and West Wade Street in Wadesboro. Mark your calendars to come visit, and better yet, participate.

The Anson Ag Expo & Fair Planning Committee has planned an evening of fun, food, music and games for the whole family to enjoy. Festivities will begin at 6:00 pm and conclude around 8:00 pm. Plan to enjoy a fun night for everybody. Carnival type games will be available for all youth and will be located on West Wade Street. There will also be a cupcake walk going on in the street. Games will wrap up around 7:30pm.

Max Millstone BBQ and Emergensweets will be set up for the evening offering food truck fare and drinks. In addition, complimentary popcorn and snow cones will be offered for children and adults.

For those interested in the Ag Fair, it will also be on display on Saturday at the Cooperative Extension Center in Wadesboro from 10 am until 2 pm.

Complete event information is available on the web at anson.ces.ncsu.edu and Facebook, under 2022 Anson Ag Expo & Fair. Like that page to receive event updates and be on the lookout for more postings.

Plan to come out and enjoy the fun. Celebrate agriculture in Anson!

Highlighting the two food trucks for Family Fall Fest.

Max's Millstone BBQ Max has been grilling and catering events since 2006, while also working as a Senior Environmental Field Specialist for Duke Energy. He retired with the power company after 39 years in 2019. With his new found time he was able to spend more time on his true passion: grilling and serving delicious BBQ. Max's Millstone BBQ is based out of Ellerbe, NC and has served many locations in South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. They are frequently found on Main St in Ellerbe, but are available for special events. Check out their website at maxsmillstonebbq.com and follow Max's Millstone BBQ on Facebook to keep up with their weekly schedule and locations. Here is our second Food Truck that will be at Family Fall Fest..

Emergensweets The owner said, "We found an old 1987 ambulance and Emergensweets was born. Our 16 year old daughter Victoria runs the back, I run the front and do the baking and the wife schedules the events and keeps an eye on our 6 year old Lilly when she's not working her full time job. It's been a full on team effort that we do as a family, but the ride has been an Emergensweet ride!" Learn more about their menu items on Facebook or on their website: www.emergensweets.com.



Lions Club Brooms Will be Available at the Randy Travis Festival

The Lions Club will have a complete assortment of their broom inventory for sale during the Randy Travis Festival in Marshville on Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. They invite you to come over and say hello...and maybe purchase an excellent quality broom too! They will be in booth 61.

Brooms available will be: household, soft sweeps, patio and whisk brooms. Plus they are selling raffle tickets for a \$15,000 prize!

All proceeds from the broom sales benefit the blind, visually impaired, and needy of Anson County and North Carolina. Donations are gratefully accepted.

The Compassionate Friends Meet Every Month

Next meeting is Thursday, September 8

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have lost a child of any age, welcomes you to attend their monthly meetings. They meet on the second Thursday each month, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Lee Avenue in Wadesboro.

"We need not walk alone." For more information call Ken Caulder at 704-694-2524.

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