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New Community Festival in Wadesboro October 11

Taste of the Pee Dee - Arts, Crafts, Outdoor Living
In Uptown Wadesboro on Saturday, October 11 • 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Looking for a ton of fun this fall? Look no further than the Taste of the Pee Dee Festival! This all-new festival will take

place in uptown Wadesboro on Saturday, October 11, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Events and activities will include live music, a timber sport competition, a climbing wall, the Discover Anson Bike Ride, a Zombie 5K walk/run course, a beer garden and offerings from Southern Medley Wine Cellar, local arts and crafts, delicious barbeque by the Anson Rescue Squad and other food vendors, face painting...and lots more! The NC Cooperative Extension will present a kiddie tractor pull, an adult food bake-off and a kids' creative squash contest. Other food and refreshments will be available.

At 6 p.m. the main concert will begin, with the stage located at the intersection of Wade and Washington Streets. The day will end with a spectacular fireworks show uptown.

General admission to the event is free, and there is plenty of free parking. Pre-registration is required for the DiscoverAnson Bike Ride and Zombie 5K Walk/Run Course.

This new festival, Taste of the Pee Dee, replaces the local festival known as People Fest which had been held for decades in Wadesboro. Taste of the Pee Dee has added new events and more outdoor activities. Taste of the Pee Dee is being presented by the Town of Wadesboro. Questions should be directed to Cindi Pope, Wadesboro Town Clerk, 704-694-5171 or wadesboroclerk@windstream.net. For more details and to see a list of events, check out the website at www.TasteofthePeeDee.com.

Sponsorships are available and encouraged. All sponsors will be featured in advertising for the Taste of the Pee Dee. Any donation is greatly appreciated. A sponsorship form is available on the website at www.TasteofthePeeDee.com or at Town Hall at 124 East Wade Street in Wadesboro.



UWI Adorns Court House with American Flags for 9/11

On the morning of Thursday, September 11, 40 people showed up at 6 a.m. to place over 2,900 American flags in front of



the Anson County Court House to honor the 9/11 casualties. The group from the community included children, Wadesboro police, Anson County Sheriff's staff, New Tech High School students, Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell and staff members, Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. board members, Rotary Club members and Anson County School staff members.

With all of that help the 2,900 plus flags were put in place in about 45 minutes. Uptown Wadesboro Board of Directors provided breakfast sandwiches. It was a great morning in Wadesboro.

The volunteers shown here were from the Anson Crisis Ministry.

Demetri Montraze Little Escapes Jail, Captured in 3 Hours

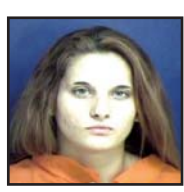
With only two weeks to go on his original sentence, Little now likely faces six month extension to his jail term

An inmate worker at the Anson County Jail ran from the jail Sunday afternoon, September 14 while helping jail staff in the jail's sally port (garage). Sheriff Tommy Allen said the inmate, identified as Demetri Montraze Little, 19, serving 30 days for a probation violation, was assigned to a work detail when he ran under the sally port's door as it was being closed. Jail staff chased the inmate down toward Highway 74 where they lost sight of him. They found his shoes near the intersection. A K-9 later tracked the inmate to a nearby convenience store where officers believed he was picked up.



Demetri Little

Deputies gave out a description of the inmate along with a description of his girlfriend and her car. She had just visited the inmate that afternoon. The car was stopped about 5:30 p.m. that afternoon by Monroe Police near Hilltop in Monroe. Little was in the vehicle, and he was arrested along with his girlfriend, Alena Jo Moore, 18 of Peachland. Moore was charged with Harboring an Escaped Prisoner and Conspiracy and Accessory After the Fact of Escape. Little was charged with Felony Escape; Conspiracy and Resisting an Officer. Bonds for both subjects were set at \$1,000,000.



Alena Jo Moore

Little had less than two weeks to go on his sentence. His escape attempt will add approximately six additional months to his jail term.

Sheriff Allen said that the jail uses inmates in certain work areas. "We don't have the staff to do everything inside the jail. Certain inmates are used to work inside and on occasions outside the secure jail area. These inmate workers are usually low risk inmates serving short sentences in the jail. Little had been an inmate worker for about two weeks, had not given any problems and had been following the rules," Allen said. "This is the first time we've had something like this to happen. We are reviewing our policies to see if we need to make some changes. The jail staff did what they were supposed to do. No one did anything wrong. The inmate was back in custody within three hours."

Benefit Breakfast and Yard Sale

A Benefit Breakfast and Yard Sale in memory of Alice Wright Moore will be held on Saturday, September 20 at Lilesville Baptist Church. Bring your appetite for the delicious breakfast of eggs, grits, pancakes, sausage, bacon and toast...only \$5 for all you can eat! It will be served from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Yard Sale will offer great deals and something for everyone! It runs from 7 a.m. until

Alice was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2001, and passed away in 2005 due to the extent of the disease. Her son Adam is trying to raise \$3,000 to donate to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society whose mission is to create a world free of MS. He will participate in the Challenge Walk MS, a 3 day, 50 mile walk with hundreds of participants to raise the money. Proceeds from the Benefit Breakfast and Yard Sale will help underwrite the expenses of the Challenge Walk.

If you would like to help, please come out to the Lilesville Baptist Church, located at 118 Camden Street in Lilesville on September 20. For more information please call Adam Moore at 704-695-6806.

Tailgate Cookout for Class of 1979

The Bowman High School Class of 1979 will be having a Tailgate Cookout before the Bearcat game on Friday, September 19 at 6 p.m. This event will take place at the school and all classmates are invited. For more information contact Lyndell Ingram at 704-465-0295 or Williesenia Allen at 704-695-7599.

Free Movie is Heaven is for Real

The Hampton B. Allen Library will be showing the movie *Heaven is for Real* on Monday, September 22 in the Little Theatre at 10 a.m. This movie is based on the New York Times bestselling book of the same title by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent. Starring in the movie are Kelly Reilly, Greg Kinnear and Connor Corum. This movie is free and rated PG. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. Any questions call 704-694-5177.

East Polkton High School Alumni Reunion

East Polkton High School (EPS, formerly known as Polkton Colored High School) alumni, after more than a half-century, continue to meet, support and encourage one another, and every two years they convene for a weekend reunion. This year the reunion opened on Friday, August 8 at Hilton Charlotte University Place and closed on Sunday, August 10 with worship at New Grove Baptist Church in Polkton.

It is challenging to recognize in the photo former classmates - now parents, grandparents and great grandparents - who have traveled far and wide, retired from successful careers, and many have relocated to this area. However, in the photo, one may recognize Loretta Crowder Stanley of Charlotte (Class of 1956), who served as chairman of the 2014 Reunion Committee and who wrote and directed a skit performed on Saturday evening, and Fannie Davis Massey (Class of 1963), who compiled and distributed a Memories Booklet with pictures spanning 70 years of EPS memories and who coordinated Saturday's activities and banquet.

More attendees were James H. Evans of Winston-Salem, who succeeded Reece B. Sinclair as Principal of East Polkton School and who was honored with a special tribute; Bernard Sinclair of Hickory (Class of 1956), son of Principal Sinclair; Jessie Bennett Laws of Virginia (Class of 1956), retired educator and artist who displayed some of her art works; Dr. Altheria Smith Patton, teacher at East Polkton High from 1947-1967; Dr. Vera Dixon Rorie of Stone Mountain, Georgia (Class of 1963), a program presenter; Minnie Polk Staton, (Class of 1965) re-elected Mayor of Polkton, who serves as President of Anson-Union EPS Alumni Association; and Anthony Massey (Class of 1963), member of the Reunion Committee.

Other attendees and program participants included Fred Ledbetter '64, Mary Huntley Lindsey '64, Horace Lindsey, '64, Joe Frank Little '63, Daisy Polk Little '68, Shirley Sturdivant Lindsey '64, J.T. Lindsey '63, Anna Ruth Staton '54, Rona Polk Miller '65, Levones Taylor Chisholm, Emma Rorie Smith '67, Alfonza Gaddy '53, Grover Crowder '60, Juanita Crowder Jackson '57, Fred Johnson '57, Dura Ingram '65, Barbara Leak '65, Rachel Davis Hicks '56, Eddie Little Hill '65, Bernice Crowder '50, Cecil Ledbetter '57, Barbara Sturdivant Ledbetter '59, Willie P. Ledbetter '54, Movelia Crowder Linder '62, Eddie Little '68, Betty Ratliff Dunlap '63, Dennis Caraway '65, Louis Caraway '66, Rudene Caraway '62, Helen Crump Caraway '48, Paul Cash '64, Janie Brown Chambers '54, Minnie Knotts Chambers '65, Geraldine Cash Harris '67, Sally Crowder Pritchett '55, Elijah Caraway '66, Bonnie Ingram McBride '67, Alberta Sturdivant Bivens '66, Eva Crowder Brewer '70, Bobby Jackson '66, Helen Polk Sturdivant '67, Diane Rorie '63, Vernice Rorie '64, Helen Conrad Rorie '66, Mildred Hubbard Appling '52, Leonard P. Boggan '61, Catherine Crowder Bennett '58, Lucy Polk Bennett '62, William Broadway '65, Sarah White Byrd '64, Aggie Gaddy Dean '48, Frossie Broadway Yeldell '53, Cledora Leak Tillman '48, Willie Waddell '64, Adline Marsh Warren '52, Elsie White '57, Jodie Ledbetter Williams '54, Harriet Sturdivant '57, et al.

A group of alumni have organized the Anson-Union EPS Alumni Association, which continues to fellowship throughout the year. This group meets monthly over breakfast, sponsors bus trips, enters a float in the local Christmas parade, sponsors a community program during Black History Month, shares a Christmas fellowship dinner, supports Bearcat football, visits nursing homes, supports one another during bereavement and sickness and is a regular sponsor for the annual Relay for Life.

Historical Society Fall Social Sept. 25

The Anson County Historical Society invites you to their Fall Social on Thursday, September 25 at 5:30 p.m. It will be held in the garden of the society, located at 206 East Wade Street in Wadesboro.

