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## Veterans Day Celebration is Friday

Everyone is encouraged to come out and celebrate Anson County's hometown heroes this Friday, November 9, during the Anson County Veterans Day Celebration. This will be a day of events, including the Veterans Day ceremony, music, games, refreshments, VA resources, and family fun.

Events start with the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Anson County Courthouse at 11 a.m. Following the ceremony, at 12 noon at the Ray Shelton Ball Field parking lot, there will be an afternoon of fun. There will be music, refreshments and games. Also on hand will be resources for veterans. Best of all the admission is...free!

If it is raining, don't worry. The rain location is the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church in uptown Wadesboro. The address is 208 South Greene Street, across from Uwharrie Bank.

For information call Ted Ward, Anson County Veteran Services Officer, at 704-694-4418 or [tward@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:tward@co.anson.nc.us).

## Local Veteran Wendell Little Medals at National Wheelchair Games



Anson County's own Wendell Little participated in the 38th National Wheelchair Games in Orlando, Florida, and once again earned medals in multiple events. His medals were: Gold in Weightlifting, Silver in Bowling, and 2 Bronze medals in Javelin Throw and Shot Put.

Little said, "I would like to thank everyone who supported my efforts, and especially the Grace Senior Center, led by Wanda Talbert who made sure I had nutritious meals while training and preparing for the Olympic Games."

Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward said, "We salute Mr. Little, as Anson County Veteran Services continue to celebrate hometown heroes. Make sure you congratulate him when you see him!"

Don't forget, the Anson County Veterans Day Celebration is this Friday, November 9, beginning at 11 a.m. in front of the court house.

## Illegal Game Machine Operators Busted

Wadesboro Police partnered with agents from North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) in the arrests of nine people for operating illegal gaming machines in retail outlets around Wadesboro. The arrests were made on Monday, November 5.

Wadesboro police officers, along with about 20 ALE agents, participated in the enforcement action. Gaming machines, currency and documents were seized.

In North Carolina it is illegal for anyone or any corporation to own, operate or play any machine or device that entitles the user to money or anything of value.

"Gambling can be addictive and destructive. It's caused bankruptcies, divorces and suicides," said Chris Poole, ALE's Special Agent in charge of the Gaming Section. "State legislators outlawed gaming machines to protect vulnerable citizens, and ALE is the lead agency in enforcing these laws."

Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer requested ALE's help due to multiple complaints. "Ever since these gaming machines came, we've seen crime going up - robberies, domestic issues and embezzlement cases," Spencer said. "ALE's enforcement action today will put a deterrent on any other video gaming operators trying to come into the area with their get-rich-quick schemes."

Arrests were made at the following locations where the gaming machines were found to be in use:

- C.Q. Mart, 1200 Highway 74, Wadesboro. Operators: Alaa Nabil Kobercy, 29, of Indian Trail & Mohamad Elbaba, 27, of Wadesboro
- Mikes Food Mart, 1265 Highway 74, Wadesboro. Operators: Shemetra Lashay Melton, 34, of Morven & Lisa Danielle Thomas, 51, of Wadesboro
- Quick Shop, Highway 52, Wadesboro. Operators: Manu Kumar Patel, 53, of Wadesboro (7 counts) & Lisa Rivers Taylor, 49, of Morven (6 counts)
- Stop n Shop, 702 Salisbury Street, Wadesboro. Operators: Kidanne-Mariam Yosief, 31, of Monroe & Ogbamari Gebrezghiabher-Yousef, 33, of Charlotte
- Wadesboro Discount Grocery, 702 Salisbury Street, Wadesboro. Operator: Shondrell Antwanette Easterling, 38, of Wadesboro

Administrative violation reports will be submitted to the N.C. ABC Commission and the N.C. Education Lottery for the violations which occurred at the five locations.

## Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon

It's that time again senior citizens of Anson County! Grace Senior Center's Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, and Thursday, December 5 and 6. Both days will start at 11 a.m. and last until 1 p.m.

Choose what day you would like to come, then call Grace Senior Center at (704) 694-6616 to register.



Almost 1,000 Anson County residents, with children dressed as princesses, comic book heroes, goblins, and ghouls, visited South Piedmont Community College on Tuesday, October 23 at the school's "Trunk or Treat" community event. Read more on page 2.



## A Great Parade, Delicious BBQ and a Beautiful Day with Friends

On Saturday, November 3, Ansonville held their annual barbecue and parade. It was a beautiful blue sky day and the streets were alive with the sounds of happy children and adults. Like most parades, there were floats filled with smiling faces, marching bands, trucks with flashing lights and sirens, beauty queens, princesses and much, much more. It was a fun day with perfect parade weather!

We hope everyone enjoyed their time spent in lovely Ansonville.



## Boy Scout Electronics Recycling Drive on Saturday

Boy Scout Troop 589 is hosting an Electronics Recycling Drive this Saturday, November 10. From 9 a.m. to 12 noon residents and business owners can drop off old and broken electronics and appliances, as well as used toner cartridges, to Peachland United Methodist Church on Allen Street in Peachland.

They will take computers, phones, monitors, VCR/DVD players, small appliances, white goods, TVs, as well as toner cartridges - anything that charges up or plugs in. And, it's free!

Certificates of Destruction are available so donors can be assured their data is safe. Help us keep Anson County clean & green. Questions? Contact Laura Laney at 704-994-9173.

**Why recycle e-waste?**

- E-waste represents 2% of America's trash in landfills, but it equals 70% of overall toxic waste.
- Cell phones and other electronic items contain high amounts of precious metals like gold or silver. Americans dump phones containing over \$60 million in gold/silver every year.
- Recycling 1 million laptops saves the energy equivalent to the electricity used by 3,657 U.S. homes in a year.
- Only 12.5% of e-waste is currently recycled.
- E-waste is still the fastest growing municipal waste stream in America, according to the EPA.

## AnsonEDP Industry Appreciation Breakfast is Fri.

Anson County Economic Development Partnership (AnsonEDP) invites you to the 2018 Anson County Industry Appreciation Breakfast. This event will be held this Friday, November 9 at Twin Valley Golf Club, from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m.

Two free registrations are available for each manufacturer in Anson County. Additional registrants and non-manufacturers are invited, and the cost is only \$10 each.

Contact Megan Sellers at [megan@ansonedp.com](mailto:megan@ansonedp.com) for details and to register.

## Town of Wadesboro Schedule for Veterans Day

Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Monday, November 12 to celebrate Veterans Day. There will be no garbage pickup that day. Garbage collection will be shifted a day the entire week - Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, November 13, Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday, Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday, and Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday.

The Town of Wadesboro appreciates your consideration in allowing our employees time with their families. As always, you will still be able to leave your utility bill payments in the night deposit box at Town Hall. If you have an emergency, please call Dispatch at 704-694-2167.

## Chamber of Commerce Celebrates 56th Annual Meeting

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet & Annual Dinner, held each fall, is one of the largest annual Chamber gatherings. This year over 150 Anson County businesses and business professionals from the area attended.

Guest speakers included Dave Anderson from Atrium Health and John Marek from Anson County Economic Development Partnership.

Each year the Chamber recognizes the accomplishments of the past board members and introduces the incoming board members. Highlights of the evening are the presentation of the community leadership and service awards. 2018 recipients were awarded to the following:

**Henry W. Little, III Community Leadership Award:** Tommy Allen, Retired Sheriff

**W. Dunlap Covington Award for Community Service:** Jeremy Taylor, Plank Road Realty

**Young Professionals of the Year:** Ashley Rivers Scarborough, Plank Road Forestry & Megan Sellers, Anson Economic Development Partnership

**Chamber Champion:** Jennifer Winfree Tarlton, Turner & Tarlton, PLLC.

Shelby Emrich, President & CEO stated, "We are happy to honor these individuals and businesses as our winners for 2018. This community is full of amazing people who give so much to ensure a brighter future, and we are honored to recognize them. They join a long legacy of community service and leadership leaders."



Tommy Allen (left) and Tom McInnis



Jeremy Taylor and Shelby Emrich



Ashley Scarborough and Megan Sellers

## Bowman Senior High Class of 1968 Planning Meeting is Sat.

The fourth meeting to plan Bowman Senior High School Class of 1968's 50th class reunion, will be held this Saturday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, located at 208 South Greene Street in Wadesboro. Parking is available on the street and across the street in the Uwharrie Bank parking lot. The church is located in the next block past the Hampton B. Allen Library.

For additional information contact Dr. Josephine Leak Harris at [jharr122@nccu.edu](mailto:jharr122@nccu.edu), 919-619-9032 or 919-967-2650.

All classmates are welcome to attend and help plan.

## Harvard Street Band Featured at 50+ Club Meeting

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Tuesday, November 13 (note date change due to Veterans Day) at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The Harvard Street Band will be presenting a program of country and gospel music. Band members are Robbie Griffin, Don Shell, Jerry Sullivan, Brady Green and Rick Hanson. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music of this talented band.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Christmas in November Art & Crafts Sale is this Saturday

The Anson County Arts Council's 8th annual Christmas in November Art and Crafts Sale is this Saturday November 10, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to find unique gifts while you support area artists and craftsmen. South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro, will be filled with wonderful items created by people who live and work right in this area of North Carolina. You will be able to choose from a huge array of ideas for gift-giving and decorating and for that special something you can't live without.

**BEARCATS GAME RESCHEDULED** The Anson Bearcat football game has been moved to this Thursday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. The Cats will travel to J. M. Robinson High School in Concord where they will take on the Bulldogs.

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