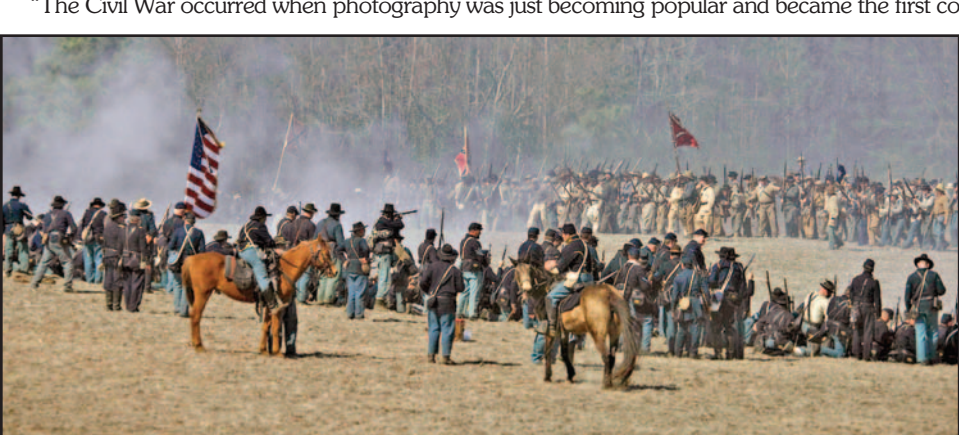


Civil War Photography Exhibit in December

Since the beginning of the Civil War (1861-1865) 150 years have passed, but its widespread impact and defining characteristics remain vivid. These can especially be seen in North Carolina as illustrated by the "Freedom, Sacrifice, Memory: Civil War Sesquicentennial Photography Exhibit" (www.nccivilwar150.com). The exhibit will be hosted by the Hampton B. Allen Library in Wadesboro from December 1-29, honoring North Carolinians in the Civil War with a variety of images.



"The Civil War occurred when photography was just becoming popular and became the first conflict to be widely recorded in this manner," explains NC State Historic Sites Division Director Keith Hardison. "Battlefield images fascinated the public and acquainted them, in a dramatic way, with the horrors of war. The 'Freedom, Sacrifice, Memory' exhibit presents images that compare and contrast the conditions of war, then and now."

The exhibit will travel the state from April 2011 through May 2013, visiting 50 libraries and four museums with its showcase of 24 images. The NC Department of Cultural Resources (www.ncdcr.gov) commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War with images gathered from the State Archives (www.archives.ncdcr.gov), the NC Museum of History (www.ncmuseumofhistory.org) and State Historic Sites (www.nchistoricsites.org). A notebook will accompany the exhibit with further information and seeking viewer comments.

One of the images, "Opposing Lines - Battle of Bentonville," shows Confederate forces advancing on Union troops in Johnston County. The original battle occurred March 19-21, 1865, and was the largest engagement to take place in North Carolina. It was the last Confederate offensive action of the war, but the greatly outnumbered Confederates lost the three-day battle.

Call the library for exhibit information at 704-694-5177. Contact the Department of Cultural Resources at 919-807-7389 for tour information.

The NC Department of Cultural Resources annually serves more than 19 million people through its 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the NC Arts Council, and the State Archives. Cultural Resources champions North Carolina's creative industry, which employs nearly 300,000 North Carolinians and contributes more than \$41 billion to the state's economy. To learn more, visit www.ncdcr.gov.

HMOC Christmas Blessing Event is December 16

Harvest Ministries has announced their annual Christmas Blessing Event for 2012. They invite you and your family to come join in the fun and fellowship on Sunday, December 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

They will be giving away hundreds of toys, prizes, bicycles and much more for all children. There will also be prizes, gift cards, cash and more for adults. One lucky person will leave with a new television, \$200 in cash or a special "surprise prize." Something new this year...HMOC has partnered with Toys for Tots to reach even more children and families.

Also, all attendees will enjoy a free Christmas meal. And, a bus will be running during the dinner to provide meals to shut-ins, nursing home residents and others.

If you need a ride to HMOC, just call and they will pick you up.

If you would like to help with this tremendous event, donations of gifts and money are graciously accepted. To donate, or if you need a ride, please call 704-695-2879. Harvest Ministries is located behind Pizza Hut in Wadesboro.

It's that Time Again...2013 Sheriff's Calendars are Available

The Anson County Sheriff's Office "2013 Sheriff's Calendars" are in. You may come by the Sheriff's Office during regular business hours and pick up a free calendar.

Sheriff Tommy Allen said the calendars are becoming more popular each year. "Each year we have more and more requests for these calendars.

But, if you want one please come on in early...first come first served. We have a limited supply," Sheriff Allen said. This year's calendar again features members of the Sheriff's Office.

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