



Rob Nance and the Lost Souls in Concert

Rob Nance and the Lost Souls will be performing at The Ansonia Theatre in Wadesboro this Saturday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. Rob grew up in the mountains of western North Carolina on a steady diet of musical influences that ranged from Doc Watson to Neil Young, and he writes songs that echo southern and contemporary folk traditions to create his own unique brand of roots influenced music.

Rob has family ties to Anson County and the Brown Creek area. He recently released *Lost Souls and Locked Doors*, which winds its way between heartfelt folk songs and rock numbers that make up a sound both familiar and new.

Tickets are \$10 for general seating. Call 704-694-4950 for tickets or stop by the Anson County Arts Council located at 110 South Rutherford Street, next door to the Ansonia.

Seymour Johnson AFB to Host Airshow May 16 Featuring the Thunderbirds!



Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina is scheduled to hold the free Wings Over Wayne Open House and Airshow, featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, May 16 and 17, 2015. The Thunderbirds and the 4th Fighter Wing's very own F-15E Strike Eagles will be featured with support from many other aerial performances to be confirmed at a later date.

"This open house and airshow will be one of the biggest events North Carolina will experience in 2015," said Col. Mark Slocum, 4th FW commander. "We'll have a world-class line-up of performers in the skies over Wayne County, demonstrating the awesome firepower our Air Force is known to deliver. Wings Over Wayne is Seymour Johnson Air Force Base's opportunity to say thank you to our community and state for all their incredible support, and we hope everyone will come out and enjoy the show."

The open house and airshow will also feature a myriad of attractions on the ground. Dozens of the Air Force's most prominent aircraft will be on display for spectators to view up-close, including the F-35 Lightning II, F-22 Raptor and F-16 Fighting Falcon.

"With our partners from the USO and the combination of aerial and ground entertainment, it will be an awe-inspiring experience for our highly supportive North Carolina community," said Maj. James Ladd, Wings Over Wayne Open House and Airshow 2015 director. "The show will feature entertainment for all ages. Our gates will be open to anyone and everyone for this highly anticipated event. The skies above Seymour Johnson Air Force Base will be full of action."

A wide range of food and beverages will be available for purchase. Gates open to the public at 8 a.m. The theme of the event is Seymour Johnson AFB salutes North Carolina, celebrating generations of freedom.

Protect Your Dogs and Cats from Winter Woes

In many areas, winter is a season of bitter cold and numbing wetness. Help your pets remain happy and healthy during the colder months by following these simple guidelines.

- Don't leave pets outdoors when the temperature drops. Most dogs, and all cats, are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise. Regardless of the season, short-haired, very young, or old dogs and all cats should never be left outside without supervision. Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.
- No matter what the temperature, windchill can threaten a pet's life. A dog or cat is happiest and healthiest when kept indoors. If your dog is an outdoor dog, however, he/she must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his/her body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.
- Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.
- Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.
- The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his/her mouth.
- Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up antifreeze-coolant made with propylene glycol (if swallowed in small amounts, it will not hurt pets, wildlife, or your family).
- Probably the best prescription for winter's woes is to keep your dog or cat inside with you and your family. The happiest dogs are those who are taken out frequently for walks and exercise but kept inside the rest of the time. Dogs and cats are animals who crave human companionship. Your animal companions deserve to live indoors with you and your family.

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Mr. Dubert "James" Yates, Jr.

Mr. Dubert "James" Yates, Jr., 67, died Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at Carolinas Medical Center Pineville in Charlotte.

There was a memorial service on Saturday, December 13, 2014, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Barry Yates and Rev. Rodney Allen officiating.

James was born August 25, 1947, in Cabarrus County, NC, a son of the late Dubert James and Geraldine Furr Yates.

He had a long and successful career in trucking, having worked for more than 30 years with Roadway. He recently worked as a correctional officer at Brown Creek Correctional Center in Polkton. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife of 21 years, Suzanne Faye Wright Yates of the home; a stepson, Art Thomas of Ansonville; brother and sister, Donnie (Donna) Yates of Mt. Pleasant and Holly Millsaps of Denver; half-brother and half-sister, Ed Yates and Sherrell Cartwright, both of Australia; and his sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Becky Allen, Sybille Williams and Truett Wright, all of Polkton and Peggy Hildreth and Phyllis Pope, both of Ansonville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Red Hill Baptist Church, Brotherhood, c/o Mrs. Kay Benton, P.O. Box 305, Ansonville, NC 28007.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhome.com.

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Rev. John Odell "Johnny" Wilson

Rev. John Odell "Johnny" Wilson, 67, died Sunday, December 14, 2014, at his home.

A private graveside service was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in the Wilson Cemetery in Ansonville.

Johnny was born January 12, 1947, in Richmond County, a son of the late John J. Wilson and the late Martha Martin Wilson Brackens. He was retired from the North Carolina Department of Transportation as an Area Foreman, and also pastored Baptist churches in Anson and Montgomery Counties for more than 30 years.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Brenda Harward Wilson of the home; his daughter Andrea (Benny) Kelly of Ansonville; his grandsons, Jonathon Kelly (Allison) of Ansonville and Weston Kelly (Scarlet) of Wadesboro; his great-grandchildren, Austin, Emma, Laila and Ayden Kelly; his brother Dexter (Theresa) Wilson of Ansonville; and his nephews, George Wilson, Daniel Wilson and their families.

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