

# EpiCenter

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## **When Dreams Come True!**

The Friends of the Agri-Civic Center will see a dream come to reality and a mission accomplished through the building of Stanly County Farm Bureau Arena. Following years of planning and fundraising, we are excited to announce that the ground breaking for this project will begin soon! The project is officially out for bid at this time. After a few minor setbacks, we are once again moving forward, and all indications predict that construction will be underway this Summer!

However, it is with somewhat of a heavy heart that we also announce in preparation for construction, the FACC has determined that it will not be able to host Agri-Civic Day 2018. Though the event has been much beloved by the citizens of the county for the last 7 years, it in the best interest and safety of the public that it be postponed. At this time, we plan to bring the event back in 2019, featuring the new Arena, along with expanded possibilities for vendors and sponsorships.

In the mean time, the FACC is very proud to be the recipient this year for the "Dinner on Main" fundraiser! This is a Farm-to-Table event that features locally produced food in a unique Main Street setting. All proceeds from this dinner will be going to the Arena project. The Dinner was held in Downtown Albemarle the evening of Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. In addition to locally produced meat, vegetables, fruit, and other food products, the menu also included local craft beers from the Cabarrus Brewing Company, and wines from Dennis, Rocky River, Stony Mountain, and Uwharrie Vineyards.

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*Diners seated at the intersection of First and Main Streets in Albemarle,  
photo courtesy of Chris Lentz Photography*

We would especially like to thank all the sponsors that supported the Dinner on Main event, many of which are long-time supporters of the Friends of the Agri-Civic Center, Agri-Civic Day, or the Arena project! B.R.S. Inc, Crop Production Services of Norwood, Facility Systems Services, Inc., Uwharrie Bank, Uwharrie Investment Advisors, Union Power Coop., Carolina

Farm Credit, Vac & Dash, Mauney's Feed Mill, & Friendly Chevrolet-Buick. Thank you, always, for your support!



## How to Contact Us:

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You can also “Like” and “Follow” us on Facebook for the latest news on FACC events and projects, including updates on the Stanly County Farm Bureau Arena Project.

### Our Mission

*Friends of the Agri-Civic Center, a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization, strives for an equitable balance between the agricultural interests, arts and entertainment needs, and community interests by providing education, meeting and performance facilities for the enrichment and use of individuals, families, the community and the region. We are dedicated to acquiring resources for the continued use, improvement and long term maintenance of the Agri-Civic Center. Our goal is to maintain a marketable, usable facility for the residents of Stanly and surrounding counties.*

*What's Happening at the Agri-Civic Center?  
Here's sneak-peek into the daily operations of this facility!*

Melissa Kathleen's School of Dance  
*presents*



*The entire dance company poses during dress rehearsal for their 20th Anniversary Recital in May of 2018. Photo courtesy of Melissa Zaleski.*

May and June are the absolute busiest months of the year for the staff here at the Agri-Civic Center! A special Congratulations to one of our long-term clients, Melissa Kathleen's School of Dance, on their 20th anniversary recital! Many of our Friends probably came for a dance recital or one of the High School Graduations. In fact, there were only 6 days during the entire month of May that we did NOT have some event going on, one of which was Memorial Day! It just goes to show the true impact this facility has on the community! Here's what's coming up!

\*Stanly County 4-H hosts Summer Blast featuring a variety of day-camps and workshops for kids. For information, call 704-983-3987, or visit <https://stanly.ces.ncsu.edu/2018/04/blast-into-summer-with-4-h/>

\*Saturday, June 16th– Albemarle Academy of Dance recitals at 12 PM and 6 PM.

\*Monday, June 18th– Stanly County Library Summer Reading Kickoff featuring “Big, Bang, Boom!” at 10AM.

\*Saturday, June 23rd– No Limits Dance Company recital at 7 PM

\*Thursday, June 28th– New Attitude Performing Arts Center recital at 6:30 PM.

\*July 27, 28, 29, & August 3, 4, & 5th– The Uwharrie Players presents Rogers & Hammerstein's **Cinderella**. Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 PM, Sundays at 3:00 PM

Don't forget to check our website for the latest updates on events! [www.stanlyciviccenter.com](http://www.stanlyciviccenter.com)

Thanks for reading, and have a great Summer!