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Serving Anson County and the Municipalities of Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton and Wadesboro.

## Municipal Election Information

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Register to Vote** Anson County residents may register to vote by mail or in person at the Board of Elections Office. The deadline to register to vote on Election Day is Friday, October 14, 2011. If you are registered to vote in Anson County (and your name or address has not changed) you DO NOT need to register again to vote in this election.

**Absentee by Mail** voting is available upon request from the Voter, a near relative or legal guardian. Application may be made in person at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, or in writing to the Anson County Board of Elections at PO Box 768, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The deadline to apply for an Absentee by Mail ballot is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2011. The Board of Elections will meet on October 12, 19, and 26 at 5 p.m. and other times as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications. Meetings may not be held if ballots are not returned and processed by absentee meeting dates.

**One-Stop Voting** will begin on Thursday, October 20, 2011, and end on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the Board of Elections Office. The office address is 101 South Greene Street, Suite B-01 in uptown Wadesboro on the square. The hours of operation will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Saturday, November 5 the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In person registration (and voting) will be available during One-stop voting, but not on Election Day.

**Canvass Day** will be held at 11 a.m. in the Board of Elections Office on Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Any questions about registration, absentee ballots, location of voting places, and other election matters may be answered by calling the Board of Elections office at 704-994-3223 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Election Day Polling places:** For the Polling places listed below, a Buffer Zone will be marked by signs placed 50 feet from the entrance to each polling place. No campaigning or election-related activity is allowed inside the 50 foot Buffer Zone or inside the polling place. Campaign signs must be placed outside the Buffer Zone and behind any public street right-of-way.

- Ansonville Fire & Rescue, 9145 US Highway 52 North
- Lilesville Fire Department, 202 West Wall Street
- McFarlan Town Hall, Main Street
- Morven Fire Department, 242 East Main Street
- Peachland Fire Department, 35 East Passaic Street
- Polkton Fire Department, 61 West Polk Street
- Wadesboro 1 - SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center, Ingram Room, 514 North Washington Street
- Wadesboro 2 - Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, 305 White Store Road
- Wadesboro 3 - Wadesboro Primary School Auditorium, 1542 US Highway 52 South

Here are the candidates you will see on each town's ballot:

- **ANSONVILLE Mayor** Lyndell Ingram
- **Council Member (vote for five)** Denise Watkins Cannon, Cleveland Dunlap, Kenny Martin, Margaret Burns Sheppard, Phyllis Watkins
- **LILESVILLE Mayor** James Richard Harrington
- **Commissioner (vote for five)** Bernice McLendon Bennett, Jason Clarke, Frank McAllister, Steve Whitlock, Juanita Williams
- **MCFARLAN Mayor** Mark Holloway
- **Council Member (vote for five)** Michael Foster, Jim Freeman, Kim Gainey, Mary Etta Keith, Frankie Timmons, Gail Whittington
- **MORVEN Mayor** Beth Eddins, Houston Pratt, Carolyn Solomon
- **Council (vote for two)** James Cohen, Keshia Mercer, Alvin Solomon, Annie Townsend, Susan Woodburn
- **PEACHLAND Mayor** Richard Allen
- **Council (vote for two)** Jeff Davis, Laura Hasty
- **POLKTON Mayor** Henry Furr, Minnie Staton
- **Commissioner (vote for five)** Charles Allen, Johnny Faulk, Jr., Jimmy Hildreth, Sissy Stegall, Linda Hill Tucker, George Wallace, Lindsey Watkins Wallace
- **WADESBORO 1 Mayor** Don McRorie, Bill Thacker
- **Council Member (vote for two)** John Ballard, Jeremy Burr, Ed Emory, Robert Mims, Jerry Ridenhour
- **WADESBORO 2 (Mayor)** Don McRorie, Bill Thacker
- **Council Member (vote for two)** John Ballard, Jeremy Burr, Ed Emory, Robert Mims, Jerry Ridenhour
- **WADESBORO 3 Mayor** Don McRorie, Bill Thacker
- **Council Member (vote for two)** John Ballard, Jeremy Burr, Ed Emory, Robert Mims, Jerry Ridenhour

## Sheriff Allen Warns of Flim Flams

The Anson County Sheriff's Office continues to warn citizens of fraud and flim-flam scams that are reported regularly to the Sheriff's Office. Generally, these are some form of mail, fax, telephone or e-mail scams, notifying individuals they have won money from some contest, lottery or third world individual who is asking for help getting money back into the United States.

Sheriff Tommy Allen said that the old rule still applies, "If it sounds too good to be true, it almost always is." I have a stack of Award Notifications, Lottery Payment Processing Forms, Claim Center Notifications, USA Survey Network (and the list goes on and on), who have contacted local citizens on their "winnings" and ask the individuals to send them a "processing fee, finders fee, or tax fee" for helping them with the contest, that of course they never entered. These letters will often be postmarked Canada or some third world country or even an island resort. Do NOT call the phone numbers listed on these letters. Sometimes that is the only thing they are trying to get you to do. You may be billed hundreds of dollars for that one "international" call.

Two things to always remember: 1) You will never win any lottery, contest or drawing that you have NEVER entered; and 2) NO legitimate contest will ever ask you to send money back to them under any circumstances.

Remember, if it seems too good to be true it probably is. Take time to check it out. Any legitimate business will welcome that and the crooks will not wait around.

## BRLC Emergency Food Pantry

In a release from BRLC: The Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center Emergency Food Pantry extends our hands of thanks to you for your support in all areas of this organization. We are requesting your presence on Monday, October 17th at 6 p.m. at the BRLC. The BRLC volunteer drivers will be honored and recognized for their ministry of help. Rev. W. H. Sturdivant Pastor of the Sandy Ridge Baptist Church will be the guest speaker.

For those that want to come early and have time to meet and greet the volunteer drivers, supper will be served from 5 to 6 p.m. Financial donations will be gratefully accepted at this event.

For more information contact Carol Smith at 704-826-8737. BRLC is located at 1961 Wightman Church Road in Polkton. The website is [www.brllc.us](http://www.brllc.us).

## Coach Clarence Parson Honored at Recent Gathering



The 2011 version of People Fest will surely go down in the record books as one of the best in history. With pleasant temperatures, an ever so slight breeze blowing between the buildings of uptown Wadesboro, and thousands of beautiful smiling faces filling the streets, it made for a perfect day of fabulous family fun. One couldn't have picked a better day for the annual celebration even if you copied it from one of Norman Rockwell's famous paintings depicting American life.

Misty Harris coordinated the event packed full of local and area bands, artists, vendors and a variety of entertainment. There was truly something for everyone to enjoy if you took the time to mill around the streets to find your heart's desire.

People Fest truly is a tribute to Anson County and one of our best celebrations. Kids and adults alike could bungee jump, play video games, enjoy typical fair-style foods, try your

skills at the dunking booth, or just sit back and listen to the many bands as they performed from most music genres. There was always something special to see at each of the stages set up for performance groups. And the crowds in front of those stages were incredibly large this year.

From personal experience I have entered my majorettes in most People Fest celebrations, and this year we seemed to draw one of our biggest audiences ever. There's no greater compliment to a little performer than to see so many smiling faces on hand to watch their show. The girls would like to thank you for attending and hope you enjoyed not only their show, but every aspect of what People Fest is about, celebrating all Anson County has to offer...together, from the young to the young at heart.

Photo and story by Melanie Lyon

## Anson County's Veteran's Day Celebration

Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward has released information about a great day planned in celebration of Veteran's Day on November 11th. "We will be celebrating hometown heroes with a full day of activities," Ward said. "I hope many Ansonians can come out and honor our veterans while enjoying the fun and fellowship this special day will offer."

The schedule for the day includes:

- 10 a.m. Veteran's Day Parade in uptown Wadesboro
- 11 a.m. Veteran's Day Ceremony in front of the courthouse
- Noon to 3 p.m. Community Fun, with music, games and refreshments at Ray Shelton Field. (The VA Rural Health Care Team will be available, along with other resources for veterans.)
- 7 p.m. Free live performance by the Jazz Guardians of the US Army Forces Command (pictured below) at the Ansonia Theatre. They are an eleven soldier group whose mission is to promote jazz, a uniquely American art form. They pay tribute to the big bands of yesteryear, performing music by greats like Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Glenn Miller and Woody Herman. They also showcase today's popular jazz composers. These renown and popular musicians are sure to entertain all audiences.



Everyone is invited to come and participate in any or all of the day's festivities. Ted Ward concluded by saying, "Come and join us for this great celebration!" If you would like to participate in the parade or have any questions contact Ward at 704-694-4418 or [tward@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:tward@co.anson.nc.us).

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In a release from the Domestic Violence Coalition: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the NCADV website, DV awareness month was first observed in 1987. Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center (ACDVC) participates in the Silent Witness program during the month of October to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.



During October, 11 life-sized wooden figures will be placed in the county, each one bearing the name of a woman who once lived, worked, had friends, family—whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner or acquaintance.

Domestic Violence often goes unreported. In our county alone from January to June of 2011, ACDVC assisted 289 victims of domestic violence; 257 were female and 32 were males. The highest age bracket is 26-40 years old. Domestic violence will impact about 44% of women at some point in their lives. North Carolina is currently 4th in the nation.

On Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 6 p.m., a candle light vigil will be held at the front steps of the Anson County Courthouse. ACDVC invites anyone who has a friend or loved one represented here to come and join us during this special time of remembrance.

Our victims include: Maggie M. Bennett, Argatha H. Clark, Clissie B. Gaddy, Cindy B. McIntyre, Rebecca B. Morrow, Connie Newton, Laura Parks, Mary Polk, Danette Streater, Mary Jane Suess, and Linda Kay Walters.

For more information please contact the staff at Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center at 704-694-4499. Our 24 hour crisis line is 704-690-0362.

## "I Love a Parade!"

Uptown Wadesboro provided a brilliant backdrop for the Friday afternoon Homecoming Parade sponsored by Anson New Technology School. Mr. Clint Davis, the parade organizer, spoke an appreciative thank you to all who participated in the annual event.

Mrs. Vancine Sturdivant, the parade Grand Marshall, led the way for numerous floats, bands, local teams, queens, politicians and other participants, who, when asked, would have to admit, "I love a parade!"

The sights of the parade included baton twirlers, dancers, clowns, homemade floats, and many, many faces from every corner of the county. The sounds geared up with Anson County's own Anson High School Band leading the way, and concluded with the visiting Winston Salem State University Band.

What a grand and glorious day for a parade! Those in attendance would surely agree that things couldn't have been more perfect. By Melanie Lyon



## Breast Cancer Seminar is Friday

Grace Senior Center will sponsor a Breast Cancer Seminar on Friday, October 14th, from 2 to 4 p.m. Persons interested should call Grace Senior Center to register at 704-694-6616.

## CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday

The Annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 16, leaving at 2 p.m. from the Department of Social Services parking lot at 118 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised will go to local services provided by Anson Crisis Ministry and Feed My Lambs.

Organizers hope that area churches, businesses and individuals will help support CROP by starting a team, joining a team, walking as an individual and/or donating.

For more information go to [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org). First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro is the sponsoring church this year.

## Anson Genealogical Society Meets

The Anson County Genealogical Society will meet this Saturday, October 15th at 2 p.m. in the Historical Society Office, located at 206 East Wade Street in Wadesboro. Gladys Jones Wright and her daughter Rebecca Nance will talk about their memories of the Lawyers Spring Primitive Baptist Church community. The public is invited.

For more information call 704 475 3877 or email [genealogy1959@yahoo.com](mailto:genealogy1959@yahoo.com).

## Free Yoga Classes

Certified personal fitness trainer Leslie Snow offers a free Introduction to Yoga-Based Fitness class each month, on the last Saturday. The classes are held at First Methodist Church in uptown Wadesboro, from 9 to 10 a.m. You can learn the principals of yoga, breathing and poses.

For more information contact Leslie at 704-272-9254 or [leslie@lesliesnow.com](mailto:leslie@lesliesnow.com).

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