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Anson County Board of Commissioners Meet February 6

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6. The Commissioners meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center, located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

4-H Clover Crawl Social is Back!

Clover Crawl Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise is pleased to announce that the Clover Crawl is back. The event will be held Friday, March 9 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro, from 6 until 11 p.m. The Clover Crawl is an adult event, 21 and over. It will be sure to bring an evening of fun, food, dancing and great socializing. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. The DJ again this year is 4-H alumnus Ryan Short of Ryan Short Entertainment (www.ryanshort.net). Advance tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, Lacy's in uptown Wadesboro, or from committee members and staff. Ticket price at the door will be \$40.

Also, tables can be purchased which includes eight tickets for \$300. If you are interested in purchasing a table please call the Extension Office. Tables are selling fast so don't wait, get yours today. Funds raised during this event are used to support ongoing 4-H programs in the county. The money raised from the Clover Crawl will support programs that address the well being of youth, families, and communities in Anson County.

4-H programs annually reach over 1,130 young people in the community. Youth participate in activities and programs such as school enrichment, summer camps, after school programming, community service and other year-round educational programs.

Anson 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise also works with adults, volunteer leaders and youth to provide community projects, parenting skills and enhanced leadership abilities. All 4-H programming is available to any youth between ages 5-19.

Roshunda Terry said, "Our fundraiser has been a success in previous years. We are optimistic that we will have an even better response this year. 4-H programs have had much impact on the youth in this county through the years. With the public's help and support, programs can continue to make significant contributions to their future, and the future of our county."

If you would like to learn more about this event please contact Roshunda Terry, 4-H Agent, at 704-694-2915.

Domestic Violence Coalition's Purple Ribbon Campaign 2017 Recognition

As many of you know the month of October was National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. During October the Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition (ACDVC) kicked off their annual Purple Ribbon Campaign, which came to a close on December 3rd, to raise funds and awareness for domestic violence. The 2017 campaign was a success, but there is always more that can be done to combat the incidences and consequences of domestic violence.

Gail Dove of ACDVC said, "We would like to thank those of you that made this year's campaign a success. Without the support of the community we could not be able to do what we do for our victims. These funds are used to defray the costs of direct services, to match the grants our organization receives, to promote community awareness and education and most importantly to assist victims and their families.

We want our community to know that you are not alone and we are here for them. Even though the campaign has officially closed, there is always a need for community support through donations and even through volunteering. We welcome these at all times during the year.

Again, we want to thank and recognize all that have contributed to the success of this campaign. We would also like to thank those individuals who contributed anonymously. The following is a list of contributors who agreed to be acknowledged: Town of Peachland, Premiere Fibers, Bethel United Methodist Church, Leavitt Funeral Home, Town of Lilesville, Pee Dee Electric, Town of Polkton and Betty Horan.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee Expresses Appreciation

The MLK, Jr. Committee would like to express appreciation to all who had a part in making this year's celebration successful. This year's event was held at Empowering Word Ministries, where Apostle Reginald White is the Pastor. The committee would like to offer thanks in particular to Mr. Harold Smith of Smith's Funeral Home for sponsoring the Sunday morning Prayer Breakfast at Lady Bug Restaurant. Community participants who also supported this event were Grace Senior Center, local elected officials, Morven Chapter of Las Amigas, Alpha Pi Chi and their debutantes, the combined community Men's Chorus, and NAUW (National Association of University Women). Local churches also assisted in this endeavor were Flat Rock Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church as well as other places of worship. Two dance groups, "Willing Vessels" and "MyLites" also performed. Johntasia Harrison gave an awesome reading of her "How I'm Living the Dream" essay.

The MLK, Jr. Planning Committee will transition to a Black History Month Planning Committee. This committee will meet on Fridays at 4 p.m. at the Grace Senior Center in Wadesboro. Please contact Marlene Richardson, 704-694-2337, or Winnie Bennett, 704-851-9269 or Bernice Bennett, 704-694-6616 if you are interested in serving on this committee.



Mattie Spencer Recently Celebrated Her 104th Birthday!

Happy 104th Birthday to Mattie Spencer! Her granddaughter Barbara Thomas submitted this letter about the birthday celebration.

"We celebrated a few days early. Her birthday is January 25th. I would like to thank Mattie's best friend, Momma Vancine Sturdivant, for having all the food prepared, including Diane Carelock's signature strawberry cake and Andrea Campbell's pound cake, grandma's favorite. Thank you Pastors Horne and McLeod for always being there for her. Granny is still able to raise her arms in adoration to the giver of life. God made all of this possible, and I will forever be grateful to God for the marvelous things that he has done. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!"



VA Now Offers Same-Day Care for Mental Health

The US Department of Veterans Affairs announced that all of its more than 1,000 medical facilities across the country now offer same-day services for urgent primary and mental healthcare needs. Same-day services may include a face-to-face visit with a clinician; advice provided during a call with a nurse; a telehealth or video care visit; an appointment made with a specialist; or a prescription filled the same day, depending upon what best meets the needs of the Veteran. For more info visit www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/44400.

Hornwood Appoints VP of Operations

Hornwood Inc., the customer-focused manufacturer of American-made knit performance textiles for the apparel, military, automotive and medical market, announced that industry veteran Phillip Murrell has joined the company as vice president of operations. As a member of the Hornwood executive team, Murrell's responsibilities include leading manufacturing operations, Purchasing, Planning, Quality Control, Machinery and Plant Safety.

Murrell is an accomplished leader in textile manufacturing with more than 30 years of experience in developing, manufacturing and launching a host of innovative products for the textile market. Prior to arriving at Hornwood, Murrell spent the past two decades at Polartec, where he had responsibility for all global manufacturing operations. In this role, Murrell consistently utilized his unique ability to develop new manufacturing capabilities that advanced the overall textile industry while successfully delivering millions of yards of first-quality performance fabrics to the end-user. His broad experience will assist in the continued growth and development of established and new Hornwood business segments.

Hornwood President Wesley Horne said, "We are very pleased to have Phillip Murrell join us at our company. In response to customer demand, Hornwood continues to add additional manufacturing plants and capabilities. Phillips' unique experience in the successful design of manufacturing plants and equipment, ability to transition products from development to commercialization and his focus on quality and on-time delivery represent a significant strengthening of our management team and positions us well for the future."

Murrell holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from LaGrange College. He will be based at Hornwood's headquarters in Lilesville, NC.

For more than 70 years, Hornwood has created and manufactured knit performance products in the United States for the apparel, military, automotive, medical and industrial applications. Products manufactured in America are sold to notable customers including Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, General Electric, the Department of Defense, General Motors and Chrysler. More information is available at www.hornwoodinc.com.

Free Groceries Available to Eligible Families this Saturday

Free USDA foods will be distributed this Saturday, February 3, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC). Please note that neighbors will only be served once monthly with these items as long as they last.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food Distribution Division provide these food items through the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina in Charlotte.

The US federal income guidelines will be a determining factor for individual's eligibility. The food items will only be available to Ansonians. Individuals who have not registered or received food before from the BRLC Emergency food Pantry must have financial documentation as proof of income to be served. Those families that receive food stamp assistance will automatically qualify. Parents are asked not to bring children due to limited seating space. Neighbors are asked to please park in parking lot behind center.

The USDA prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees and applicants on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political belief, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or if all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. Not all prohibited bases will apply to all program and activities. You can contact BRLC at 704-826-8737 for information. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

Ladies Out at Grace Senior Center

Ladies Out is held every Monday at 1 p.m. at Grace Senior Center. To find out what that is, and to register, call 704-694-6616.

Do You Need a Coat or Blanket? Would You Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They distribute coats to those in need as well as to schools in Anson County.

Blankets for the elderly are also available.

Gumbys on Highway 74 in Lilesville is a drop off site for donations, or a pick up point for those who need a coat. Just call to schedule it.

To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

Women's League Soup Luncheon is February 13

On Tuesday, February 13 the Anson Women's League (AWL) will be hosting its annual soup luncheon. For \$7 you get wonderful, yummy homemade vegetable-beef soup, a toasted cheese sandwich, a drink, and your choice of a wonderful homemade dessert (eat-ins only). The event takes place at First Baptist Church in Wadesboro. You can dine in or come pick up a take-out order for lunch.

This traditional, fun event is one of the AWL's major fundraisers for many of their charitable donations.

Tickets are available from any AWL member or contact Bonnie Morgan at (704) 695-5373 or bonnie.morgan@windstream.net to purchase tickets in advance or for more information.

They cannot deliver, but can prepare bulk orders for take-out if you let them know in advance. Be sure to contact Bonnie Morgan about bulk order requests no later than Monday, February 12.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Plan to come and enjoy a delicious meal in great company!