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Early Voting Schedule for March Primary Election

One Stop Early Voting begins next Wednesday, February 12 for the March Primary Election. All Early Voting takes place at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

The schedule includes two Saturdays with hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and one Sunday with hours of 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Primary Election takes place on Tuesday, March 3. For more information call the Board of Elections at 704-994-3223, or email Steve Adams at SAdams@co.anson.nc.us.

Early Voting Schedule

- Wednesday, Feb. 12...7am - 7pm**
- Thursday, Feb. 13.....7am - 7pm**
- Friday, Feb. 14.....7am - 7pm**
- Saturday, Feb. 15.....7am - 3pm**
- Monday, Feb.17.....7am - 7pm**
- Tuesday, Feb. 18.....7am - 7pm**
- Wednesday, Feb. 19...7am - 7pm**
- Thursday, Feb. 20.....7am - 7pm**
- Friday, Feb. 21.....7am - 7pm**
- Saturday, Feb. 22.....7am - 3pm**
- Sunday, Feb. 23.....12pm - 6pm**
- Monday, Feb. 24.....7am - 7pm**
- Tuesday, Feb. 25.....7am - 7pm**
- Wednesday, Feb. 26...7am - 7pm**
- Thursday, Feb. 27.....7am - 7pm**
- Friday, Feb. 28.....7am - 7pm**

Toys for Tots Valentines Father/Daughter Dance

The public is invited to attend a special event presented by Anson County Toys for Tots. On Saturday, February 8 they will host a Valentine's Father/Daughter Dance. This event is for children of all ages, and the attire is Sunday's best. Refreshments will be served.

Although it is called a Father/Daughter Dance, this event is for all parents to enjoy the night with their child. Feel free to come if you are a father with a son or a single mother with daughter or son - everyone is welcome! The organizers hope to make this night a memorable one for all parents and children to remember forever.

The Dance will take place at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per father/daughter and \$5 for each additional child. All proceeds will go to Toys for Tots to be used to provide presents to less fortunate children at Christmas.

Please see Vancine Sturdivant for tickets, or you can purchase tickets at the door. Tickets are also available at the Anson County Clerk of Court's office, located in the Anson County Courthouse. Ask for Milea Gulleddge, Barbara Thomas or Erica Greene. For more information call 704-848-4412.

Women's League Soup Luncheon is Next Tuesday, February 11

Mark your calendars for the annual Anson Women's Soup Luncheon on Tuesday, February 11 at First Baptist Church on Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. You can dine in, take out, or deliveries for ten orders or more are available. Dine in hours are 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This meal is a warm treat of homemade vegetable beef soup, toasted cheese sandwich, beverage, and homemade dessert...and the cost per ticket is only \$8.

Anson Women's League has a history of local projects, support of local nonprofit organizations, and scholarships for high school seniors that are provided each year for up to four young women who will attend college in the fall. The soup luncheon is the primary fundraiser for the year. Support of the soup luncheon from the community is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Ross Huntley at RHuntley@co.anson.nc.us or Bonnie Morgan at bonnie.morgan@windstream.net for delivery orders by Thursday, February 9, by noon.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Anson Women's League. Walk-in guests are welcome.

Please consider becoming a member of Anson Women's League. Enjoy the friendships you will make, and become a part of an organization that selflessly gives back to the community.

Please contact Bonnie Morgan at 704-695-5373 for questions regarding the soup luncheon or becoming a part of the organization.

Governor Cooper Proclaims February as Black History Month in NC

On Monday, February 3 Governor Roy Cooper proclaimed February as Black History Month in North Carolina. "Every February we celebrate African Americans who have helped shape and strengthen North Carolina and who changed the course of American history," said Governor Cooper. "This is a time for us to honor their work and sacrifice by committing to continue their fight for equality and justice."

On Saturday Governor Cooper spoke at an event commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Greensboro sit-ins. The gathering was hosted by International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro as it marks its 10th anniversary this year.

The "Greensboro Four" sat at a 'white's-only' lunch counter sixty years ago to peacefully protest inequality and discrimination. Their bravery is a milestone in North Carolina and U.S. history, and helped change the landscape of the civil rights movement.

To learn more about ways North Carolina is honoring Black History Month, visit www.ncdcr.gov.



HOLLA! and Anson Middle School to Present *The Lion King Jr*

Disney's *The Lion King Jr.* is playing at Theatre On The Green in Cheraw on Saturday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 p.m. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. The 60 minute musical, designed for middle school aged performers, is based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor and the 1994 Disney film. The Anson Middle School cast contains approximately 30 students, led by Director Victoria Utley and HOLLA! CEO Leon Gatewood.

Performances of *The Lion King Jr* are also open to the public at Wadesboro Primary School this Saturday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 p.m. General Admission for each location is \$10.

With the performances quickly approaching, behind-the-scenes work for the production is all abuzz. Utley and Gatewood are very optimistic about audiences seeing a memorable production. "We have received positive feedback from viewers of our sneak peeks. It has been wonderful seeing all of our hard work come to fruition," said Utley. Collaborating with HOLLA! in this endeavor is Anson Middle School. This project ties in with the school's vision to "ensure that all students acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to be responsible and productive citizens." Danielle Blount is the school's principal.

The Lion King Jr tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. Along the way the young lion encounters a colorful cast of characters including spunky lioness Nala, charismatic meerkat Timon, and loveable warthog Pumbaa. To claim his rightful place on the throne and save his beloved Pridelands, Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Uncle Scar. *The Lion King Jr* features classic songs from the 1994 film such as "Hakuna Matata" and the Academy Award winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" as well as additional songs penned for the Broadway production.

HOLLA! is a 501 c 3 nonprofit Community Development Corporation founded in 2005. "Our mission is to help motivate children to succeed through exposure to amazing people, places and things while enlarging their social capital," said Leon Gatewood. The organization operates from a facility located at 229 East Main Street in Morven.

Black History Month Events Scheduled

Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also now known as African-American History Month. The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week." This week was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14, both dates black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century.

Black History Month was first proposed by black educators and the Black United Students at Kent State University in February 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, from January 2, 1970 to February 28, 1970.

Six years later Black History Month was being celebrated all across the country in educational institutions, centers of Black culture and community centers, both great and small, when President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month during the celebration of the United States Centennial. He urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

The Anson County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month Planning Committee announces the following events for Anson County in recognition of Black History Month:

- Saturday, Feb. 8, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. - **Blacks in Wax Museum** at the Hampton B. Allen Library (Presented by Caraway Foundation's Anson Youth Leaders)
- Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. - **Play *The Lion King, Jr.*** at Wadesboro Primary School (Sponsored by HOLLA!)
- Sunday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. - **Play *The Lion King, Jr.*** at Wadesboro Primary School (Sponsored by HOLLA!)
- Saturday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. - **Ghana Presentation** at the Hampton B. Allen Library (Presented by Winnie M. Bennett)
- Saturday, Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. - **Movie *Hidden Figures*** at the Hampton B. Allen Library
- Saturday, Feb. 29 at 5 p.m. - **Black Arts Extravaganza** at the Hampton B. Allen Library (Coordinated by MLK Planning Committee)

All events except for *The Lion King, Jr.* play are free and open to the public. For information about *The Lion King, Jr.*, contact Leon Gatewood of HOLLA!. For all other events contact Winnie Bennett at 704-851-9269 or Marlene Richardson at 704-694-2337.

Man Shot, Michael Jaqualin D'Anthony Chambers Arrested for Attempted First Degree Murder

On Tuesday, January 28 a shooting took place in the area of the State Employees Credit Union in Wadesboro which left a man with serious injuries. Michael Jaqualin D'Anthony Chambers, 18, has been arrested in the shooting of Damario Kendrell Washington. Chambers faces charges including Attempted First Degree Murder and Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill.



Chambers

Witnesses reported that two cars parked near each other, and at least two men emerged, followed by gunshots. Police were summoned, but before they could arrive at the scene both vehicles sped off. One of the vehicles stopped and the other vehicle kept going. Officers followed a vehicle to Atrium Health Anson, and found Washington, the shooting victim, still inside. He was admitted into the hospital, reportedly with serious injuries. Washington was airlifted to another hospital. At that point a warrant was issued for Chambers' arrest, and he was apprehended later that day.

Anson County Land Use Plan Survey

Anson County Land Use Plan 2040

Over the next year Anson County will update its comprehensive land use plan. A comprehensive plan captures the vision and values of a community and develops a strategy for reaching these goals. The plan will address strategies for growth, development, and design for the next 20 years.

Citizens are urged to take a survey to help researchers collect information on your values and vision for Anson County. The survey is anonymous and data collected will only be used for the purposes of the 2020 Land-Use Plan update.

To find more information on the Land-Use Plan, please read the information that is available on the Anson County website (www.co.anson.nc.us). There you will find a flyer called "Anson County Land Use Plan 2040."

You can take the survey on the Anson County website or by going to: www.surveymonkey.com/t/WXYVWMP.

Town Council Annual Planning Retreat is Sat.

The Wadesboro Town Council's annual planning retreat will be held this Saturday, February 8, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Wadesboro Fire Department Meeting Room at 205 East Morgan Street.

Chesterfield Genealogy Society Meeting is February 9

The Chesterfield District Chapter SC Genealogy Society meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Visitors Center (Old Court House) at 100 Main Street in Chesterfield. The guest speaker, David H. Brown, will give a presentation on his book "Only Death, Tragedy in Williamsburg" a historical fictional account based on an actual event that occurred in three South Carolina counties in 1870.

Their meetings and research library are open to the public. Contact them at 843-623-2244 or Chesterfielddistrict@gmail.com. The research library is open each Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment during the week.

50+ Club Meeting to Feature Gospel Music

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, February 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre.

Clifton Smith and Deborah Watts will be the musical guests. They will share a program of gospel music.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music of these talented artist.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.