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Anson County Board of Commissioners Meets February 20

The Anson County Board of Commissioners now meets two times per month. The first meeting took place on Tuesday, February 6. The second regular meeting for February will be held on Tuesday, February 20 at 6 p.m. The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is 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. The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit youtube.com and search for Anson Commissioners.

Cherise Allen Charged with the Murder of Her Mother, Dorothy Lorraine Allen

On Sunday, February 11 at approximately 11:45 p.m. deputies with the Anson County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to 317 Firetower Road in Wadesboro for a welfare check. When deputies arrived on the scene they located a female identified as Dorothy Lorraine Allen of the residence lying on the floor unconscious and unresponsive. Deputies asked Anson County Emergency Services to respond to the scene, where they pronounced Ms. Allen deceased. Deputies said it appeared that Dorothy Allen's cause of death was blunt force trauma, but they were waiting for the medical examiner to confirm that information. Deputies were able to identify a suspect, 31-year-old Cherise Allen, the deceased's daughter. Allen was promptly arrested and charged with Murder. The Anson County Sheriff's Office and North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation are currently working jointly on the case, and this is an ongoing investigation.



Cherise Allen

Registration Now Open for Summer Camps at SPCC

Registration for South Piedmont Community College's 2024 summer camps is now open. "We are thrilled to once again offer a full lineup of exciting and fun learning opportunities to children and young adults throughout our community," said South Piedmont President Dr. Maria Pharr. "Our summer camp programs are designed to provide campers with an introduction to potential career paths, as well as experiences sure to make their summer breaks memorable. We look forward to welcoming summer camp participants to our campuses." South Piedmont's summer camps are designed for students ages 10-18. Camp topics include manufacturing, science, art, forensics, leadership, construction, health sciences, robotics, welding, and more. Camps take place throughout June and July on both the Monroe and Polkton campuses. A full schedule, including prices and the link to register, is available at spcc.edu/summer24. This year, several camps related to the manufacturing industry are being offered at no cost to families thanks to support from Collins Aerospace. Space is limited, so families are encouraged to register soon. For more information, including a list of FAQs, visit spcc.edu/summercamp24.

Anson County 4-H's Clover Crawl is Scheduled for Friday, March 8

Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise is excited to announce that the Clover Crawl will be hosted on Friday, March 8 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro, from 6:00 until 11:00 p.m. The Clover Crawl is an adult, 21 and over event that will be sure to bring an evening of food, fun and lots of dancing. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and drinks will be served and there will be a live DJ! Tickets bought in advance are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the Extension Office, located at 1501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, Lacey's in uptown Wadesboro, or from committee members and Anson Extension staff. The ticket price at the door will be \$60. Tables can be purchased for \$500 and will include eight tickets. If you are interested in purchasing a table, please call the Extension Office at 704-694-2915. In 2023, 4-H programs reached over 1,000 youth. Youth participated in activities like summer camps, community clubs, district and state events and other year-round educational programs at minimal costs due to fundraising. Anson 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise also works with adults, volunteer leaders and youth to provide community projects and programs that focus on parenting skills and enhanced leadership abilities. All 4-H programming is available to any youth between ages 5-19. Funds raised from the Clover Crawl will be used to support ongoing 4-H youth programs in Anson County. Samuel Cole, Jr., Anson County 4-H Agent with the Cooperative Extension Office said, "Our fundraiser has been a success in previous years and we are optimistic that Clover Crawl will continue to thrive. 4-H programs have had a significant impact on Anson's youth through the years, and with your help and support, programs can continue to make significant contributions to our youth's future, and the future of our county." If you would like to learn more information about this event please contact, Samuel Cole, Jr. at 704-694-2915.

Hampton B. Allen Library Offers Sittercise (Chair Exercise) Class

The Hampton B. Allen Library will offer a free chair exercise class on Thursday, February 22 with instructor Sheila Raye. Classes are held at 10:30 a.m. in Library's Pritchett Room. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.



Another Barn Blast in the Books! Thanks to All Who Attended, Donated, and Volunteered!

The Anson County Partnership for Children held their annual Barn Blast on Friday, January 26...and a blast was had by everyone in attendance! The evening was filled with fun, entertainment, great food and fellowship. The funds raised by the Barn Blast will make a significant impact on the lives of Anson County children and families, providing them with educational resources, programs, and much-needed support. You can learn more about the Partnership for Children by visiting their website (ansonchildren.org) or Facebook page. They are located at 115 East Morgan Street in uptown Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-4036 and the email address is: info@ansonchildren.org.

The Play, Misery, Opens this Weekend at the Ansonia Theatre

The Ansonia Theatre in Wadesboro is ready to take audiences on a wild ride with the play *Misery*, written by William Goldman. The play is based on the novel by beloved thriller writer Stephen King and the award winning movie of the same name. *Misery* follows successful romance novelist Paul Sheldon, who is rescued from a car crash by his "Number 1 fan," Annie Wilkes. He wakes up captive in her secluded home. Paul soon realizes that Annie has no intention of ever letting him go and so he begins to write like his life depends on it...and it does. Director Tommy Wooten has assembled an incredible team to bring this cult classic to life. Ansonia newcomer Janine Klein takes on the pivotal role of Annie. Lance Barber is the tortured Paul and Glenn Caulder plays Sheriff Buster. The production crew includes Brittany Price, Maggie Gibson, Robert Graves, Rachel Kostelnik, Teri Brown, Donald Perkins and Oliver Perkins. The show runs February 16 -25. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Get your tickets now at ansoniatheatre.com or call 704-694-4950.



Free Tax Assistance at Grace Senior Center

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County Residents sixty years of age or older of low- or moderate-income needing help in preparing their income tax returns. The assistance is a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center. Volunteer counselors trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will be at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, March 6 and Wednesday, April 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. This free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return. Persons using the services should bring a picture ID, this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from the bank (form 1099-INT), a copy of last year's tax return, and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. Electronic filing of returns will be available. If you are interested call Grace Senior Center to register and for additional information at (704) 694-6616.

Domestic Violence Coalition BBQ Fundraiser is Feb. 29

Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition will hold its annual BBQ Fundraiser on Thursday, February 29, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. or until they sell out. The event will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church, located at 304 East Wade Street in Wadesboro. This will be take-out and delivery only. All deliveries require a minimum of five orders. Deliveries to local businesses and organizations are courtesy of Anson County Sheriff's Office. The costs: Sandwiches \$5, Pints \$12 and Quarts \$22. Plates are \$10 and include chopped BBQ, slaw, baked beans, roll and dessert. Call-ins or faxed orders are welcomed and encouraged to ensure you get yours before the food sells out! The fax number is 704-694-4515 and the office number is 704-694-4499. The Anson County Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center is a nonprofit organization funded solely by grants and fundraisers. They encourage you to come and to the event for some delicious BBQ while helping to promote awareness against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming School Early Release Schedule

- Thursday, February 15: Early release secondary students only at 1:00 p.m. for Parent/Teacher Conferences (secondary only) that run 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 28: Early release for students for staff professional development. Elementary schools dismiss at 12:30 p.m. Middle & high schools dismiss at 1:30 p.m.

Terry Jordan Invitational Golf Tournament is April 13

Save the date! The 9th Annual Terry Jordan Invitational Golf Tournament, sponsored by Gum Springs Baptist Church Youth, will be held on Saturday, April 13. The event will take place at Twin Valley Golf Club with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. This is a two man Captains Choice with 1 A player per team. The cost is \$65 per person which includes golf, a cart and lunch. Mulligans will be sold. There will be a split the pot on hole 14. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place. Also Closest to the Pin Award and a Longest Drive Award. For registration and sign up sheets contact Twin Valley at 704-694-2336, or you can call Lynn Whitlock at 704-695-2200. A sign up sheet is available at Twin Valley. Sponsorships are available. Call for more information: Lynn Whitlock 704-695-2200; Stephanie Austin 704-694-8788; or Evan Currie 704-690-1307.

Anson County Democratic Party Meeting

The Anson Democratic party will meet on Thursday, February 22 at the Hampton B Library at 6:00 p.m. All Democrats are asked to attend. Please call 704-690-8494 for more information.

Wadesboro Lions Club Meets at Papa Joe's

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Wadesboro every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They welcome new members. If you are interesting in learning more about the Lions Club and the many good causes they support locally, you are invited to visit. Join in and enjoy the fellowship...plus delicious Papa Joe's pizza! For more information regarding Lions, membership and their services to our community, please call Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.