

ACDVC BBQ FUNDRAISER **Friday Feb 28th 10am-6pm**

ANSON COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION

First Presbyterian Church • Wadesboro
208 South Greene Street

Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition and their many generous sponsors are having their annual BBQ to raise funds for ACDVC and to promote community awareness against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault.

Plates Include: Chopped BBQ, Slaw, Baked Beans, Rolls & Dessert...Yum!!

Plate \$8 • Sandwich \$3 • BBQ Quart Bag \$20 BBQ Pint Bag \$10 Drinks included for eat-in

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Republican Party Convention is March 1

The Anson County Republican Party Convention will be held on Saturday, March 1 at Hampton B. Allen Library at 2:30 p.m. Guest speakers are NC Lt. Governor Dan Forest, US Representative Richard Hudson, Rep. Mark Brody and various Republican candidates. Sign in registration runs from 1 to 2:15 p.m. All Republicans are invited to attend.

Peachland to Test Weather Alert Siren

The Town of Peachland has a weather alert siren that will be activated by the 911 Center in the event of a tornado alert in the Peachland vicinity. The town would like for everyone within hearing distance of the siren to be aware that a 16 minute test will be conducted Saturday, March 1st at 2 p.m.

Free Tax Assistance Available at Grace

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 through 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 March 4th and April 1st, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return.

Persons using the service should bring to the tax aide site this year tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from banks (form 1099-INT) a copy of last year tax return and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. Electronic filing of returns will be available. If you are interested please call Grace Senior Center to register and for additional information at 704-694-6616.



O. E. Ross Store in Ansonville

No, I haven't yet written about every sign that I have ever painted, but this particular piece of wrapping paper (original) has been on my mind for some time.

All phases of the O. E. Ross store, which was located in Ansonville, are now gone, but I remember it well. Mr. Oscar Ross was very active in the town of Ansonville, his store, and in the Methodist Church. At the church he was superintendent, so he opened the church for us every Sunday, took care of things with the facilities, and turned on the heat (when needed) - not the air conditioning...there was none to turn on!

So many things that I remember - even my first attendance at the Methodist church back about 1928. So much I have seen in the area - Mr. Ross's store building has been removed, the Post Office building, old drug store building, the Pat Ross home - so much of the Ansonville area has changed.

The story of Ansonville goes on and on, and it is all a part of Anson County history.

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Extension Notes

Is it '123456'? No? Really? Ah come on. Then is it 'password'? If I got it right, then I am not the one who guessed it. The recent annual study by SplashData figured it out. In fact, they listed the top 10 most used passwords. And if they can figure them out, then so can hackers. So, you need to seriously change your password now. And don't use these either: '12345678', 'qwerty', 'abc123', '123456789', '111111', '1234567', 'iloveyou', or 'adobe123'. According to the study, those were the top 10 used passwords of 2013.

Also according to the study, this year's list was influenced by a big store of passwords from Adobe users, posted online by a security consulting firm. That explains the presence of passwords such as 'adobe123' and 'photoshop.' The leak is a good reminder not to base your password on the name of the website or application you are accessing. Short, numerical passwords are becoming more common, even though websites are starting to enforce stronger password policies.

For example, some new entries on the list include '1234', '12345', and '000000.' SplashData compiled its list from files containing millions of stolen passwords posted online during the previous year.

So consider these guidelines for good passwords. They should have eight characters or more, with mixed types of characters. Use numbers randomly interspersed with letters and characters. Even passwords with common substitutions like 'dr4mat1c' can be vulnerable to attackers' increasingly sophisticated technology. So make sure that you make the mix as uncommon as possible.

Most users complain that when they use random combinations, like 'j%7K&yPx\$', they can be difficult to remember. That is true. So try this trick instead. Make up a sentence. Then take the first letter of each word, exchanging characters and numbers where you can. For instance, "I hate going to the grocery store!" can become the password 'lhg2tgs!'.

Users can also use passphrases, which are strings of short words with spaces or other characters separating them. It is best to use random words rather than common phrases. For example, 'flowers anniversary dinner' or 'breakfast_shower_clothes?'

Users should also avoid using the same username and password combination for multiple websites. It is really important to not use the same password for entertainment sites as for critical sites like email, social networking, or financial services. You should use different passwords for each new website or service you sign up for.

Because it is impossible to remember all those passwords, some people use a password manager application that organizes and encrypts passwords and automatically logs you into websites.

And companies that offer them guarantee that they are safe. But well...are they? If hackers can get your password, surely they can get into encrypted files. So the best bet? Who knows. You be the judge. My guess is more people will be investing in post-it notes. Just don't leave them laying around for inquiring eyes to find!

By Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director

Bet I Can Guess Your Password

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Anson County delinquent taxes will be published in early March. A \$20 fee will be added to every property advertised.

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