



Writers' Club Holds 25th Annual Awards Ceremony

The Anson County Writers' Club awarded winners of the 2013 contests in prose and poetry March 23 in the Hampton B. Allen Library's Little Theatre. Winners read excerpts from their winning stories or poems, and each received a certificate and cash award from contest co-chairmen Ruth Hickman and Randy Tarlton.

Sandy Bruney, in welcoming the attendees, noted that this was the 25th time the awards have been presented. The first contest was held in 1989 and the first awards given in 1990. "We have heard some great stories and poetry during that time," she said.

• Prose winners in grades 3-6 are: First Place - Thomas Sommerville for "A Legend," Second Place - Labdhi Shah for "Why We Need to Go to School," and Third Place - Ebony Gaddy for "A Christmas Story." Poetry winners are: First Place - Tyler Nguyen for "The School I Go To," Second Place - Nevaeh Barnes for "The Best Teacher," and Third Place - Jaylin Deon Coleman for "Earth Is a Peaceful World."

• Grades 10-12 prose winners are: First Place - Sherman Wallace for "Songs and Secrets," Second Place - Wendy Baker for "Eternal Manor," and Third Place - Chantara Willoughby for "The Lake." Poetry winners are: First Place - Ariel Mamer for "Concert of Remembrance," Second Place - Tymesha Melton for "Redemption," and Third Place - Krysta Langley for "My Best Friend."

There were no grades 7-9 entries.

Libby Allen won first place in adult prose for her story, "The Mother Who Stole Christmas." Allen is a frequent contest winner. Harold Wayne Skipper won first place in the adult category for his poem, "Thank You Lord."

The Anson County Writers' Club meets at 3 p.m. every fourth Sunday except July and December at the Chamber of Commerce in Wadesboro. For more information about programs and events visit www.ansoncountywritersclub.org.

From left, front: Labdhi Shah, Tyler Nguyen, Nevaeh Barnes, Thomas Sommerville and Jaylin Deon Coleman. Back row: Libby Allen, Harold Wayne Skipper, Tymesha Melton, Sherman Wallace, Ariel Mamer and Krysta Willoughby. Not shown: Ebony Gaddy, Wendy Baker and Chantara Willoughby.

Increased Opportunity for Producers as Part of New Farm Bill

Farm loan program modifications create flexibility for new and existing farmers and ranchers alike

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced increased opportunity for producers as a result of the 2014 Farm Bill. A fact sheet outlining modifications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Programs is available here. "Our nation's farmers and ranchers are the engine of the rural economy. These improvements to our Farm Loan Programs will help a new generation begin farming and grow existing farm operations," said Secretary Vilsack. "Today's announcement represents just

one part of a series of investments the new Farm Bill makes in the next generation of agriculture, which is critical to economic growth in communities across the country."

The Farm Bill expands lending opportunities for thousands of farmers and ranchers to begin and continue operations, including greater flexibility in determining eligibility, raising loan limits, and emphasizing beginning and socially disadvantaged producers.

Changes that will take effect immediately include:

- Elimination of loan term limits for guaranteed operating loans.
- Modification of the definition of beginning farmer, using the average farm size for the county as a qualifier instead of the median farm size.
- Modification of the Joint Financing Direct Farm Ownership Interest Rate to 2 percent less than regular Direct Farm Ownership rate, with a floor of 2.5 percent. Previously, the rate was established at 5 percent.
- Increase of the maximum loan amount for Direct Farm Ownership down payments from \$225,000 to \$300,000.
- Elimination of rural residency requirement for Youth Loans, allowing urban youth to benefit.
- Debt forgiveness on Youth Loans, which will not prevent borrowers from obtaining additional loans from the federal government.
- Increase of the guarantee amount on Conservation Loans from 75 to 80 percent and 90 percent for socially disadvantaged borrowers and beginning farmers.
- Microloans will not count toward loan term limits for veterans and beginning farmers.

Additional modifications must be implemented through the rulemaking processes. Visit the FSA Farm Bill website (fsa.usda.gov) for detailed information and updates to farm loan programs.

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Primary Election is Tuesday, May 6, 2014

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Notice of Primary Election for Anson County, North Carolina

The PRIMARY ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, May 6th, 2014. The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30am to 7:30pm.

Anson County Voters will select the following:

- US SENATE
- SHERIFF
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 2,4,5
- BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 2, 4, 5
- BOARD OF EDUCATION AT-LARGE

NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

- SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE (Newby)

Any questions about registration, absentee ballots, voting locations, or other election matters may be answered by calling the:

Board of Elections office at 704-994-3223
Between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm,
Monday through Friday.

Anson County Board of Elections
PO Box 768, Wadesboro, NC 28170
402 Morven Road Wadesboro, NC 28170
Phone: 704-994-3223 Fax: 704-694-2443

§ 163-230.2.

To apply or Request an Absentee By Mail Ballot a voter or near relative must complete the State Issued Absentee Request Form.

Near Relatives as defined by statute: spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild

ANSON COUNTY POLLING PLACES:

ANSONVILLE FIRE-RESCUE
9145 US HWY 52 N, ANSONVILLE

BURNSVILLE FIRE-RESCUE
33 RESCUE RD, POLKTON

GULLEDGE FIRE DEPT
34 CHEWNING RD, WADESBORO

LILESVILLE FIRE DEPT
202 W WALL ST, LILESVILLE

MORVEN-MCFARLAN FIRE DEPT
242 E MAIN ST, MORVEN

PEACHLAND FIRE DEPT
35 E PASSAIC ST, PEACHLAND

POLKTON FIRE DEPT
61 W POLK ST, POLKTON

WADESBORO-1 SPCC LOCKHART TAYLOR-INGRAM RM
514 N WASHINGTON ST, WADESBORO

WADESBORO 2-CHARLES RIDDLE STAFF DEVELOPMENT CENTER
305 WHITE STORE RD, WADESBORO

WADESBORO 3-WADESBORO PRIMARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
1542 US HWY 52 S, WADESBORO

WHITE STORE-COMMUNITY BLDG
5672 UNION CHURCH RD, PEACHLAND

Buffer Zone Notice: All Election Day polling places and the One-stop voting location will have signs posted to indicate a 50 foot buffer zone where no electioneering will be allowed per NC GS 163-166.4(a).

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 **5:00pm FRIDAY APRIL 11th, 2014.** 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. New State Law requires that all requests must be made on the official Absentee Ballot Request Form, which is available online. 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 5:00pm, TUESDAY APRIL 29th, 2014**

One-stop voting will begin on Thursday, APRIL 24th AND END ON SATURDAY MAY 3rd at 1:00 pm. At THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE LOCATED AT 402 MORVEN ROAD, WADESBORO NC. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 6:30 AM – 8:00 PM and on Saturday, April 26th 6:30 am – 6:00 pm, and Saturday May 3rd 6:30 am – 1:00 pm.

Absentee meetings: The Anson County Board of Elections will meet to approve applications for absentee ballots for the May Primary Election at the Board of Elections office, 402 Morven Road Wadesboro, NC. Pursuant to G.S. 163.230.1(c1). Other business may be transacted by the board at this time. **TUESDAY APRIL 15th AT 5:00 PM, TUESDAY APRIL 22nd AT 5:00 PM, TUESDAY APRIL 29th AT 5:00 AND MONDAY MAY 5th AT 5:00 PM.** Absentee by Mail ballots will be counted on **May 6th AT 2:00 PM.** Results for Absentee Mail and One-Stop voting will be reported after polls close at 7:30pm. Overseas (UOCAVA) Ballots must be returned by the close of polls on election day (7:30 PM), or the covered voter shall submit the ballot for mailing, electronic transmission, or other authorized means of delivery not later than 12:01 A.M., at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the date of the election and the County Board receives the ballot the last business day before the County Canvass. This meeting will be held Monday March 12th at 5:00 pm.