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Town of Wadesboro Seeking Public Opinion on Funding for Construction of New Fire Station

The Wadesboro Town Council has made finding a new home for the Fire Department a top priority. The Fire Department is currently located in a building that, according to a plaque on the exterior wall, underwent its last major renovation in 1963. As part of its adopted action plan, the Wadesboro Town Council is scheduled to make a decision on how to fund a new fire station at the Monday, May 2 Town Council Meeting.

Prior to making a decision, the Town Council is inviting the public to both tour the existing facility and provide feedback on whether a new fire station is needed.

The public is invited to tour the existing facility at 111 North Washington Street anytime between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2. Alternatively, the public can arrange for a facility tour at another time by calling Fire Chief Marc Sessions at (704) 694-2161 (press "6").

The public is invited to share their opinions during a public hearing on the need for a new fire department at the Town Council meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2. The location is Wadesboro Town Hall, located at 124 East Wade Street. Feedback can also be submitted in writing prior to the meeting or by emailing wadesboroclerk@windstream.net.

2016 Wadesboro Christmas Parade Scheduled

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce and Town of Wadesboro are happy to announce the 2016 Wadesboro Christmas Parade is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 1. More information will be published in the future regarding parade details including participant registration. Both the Chamber and the Town are looking forward to a festive and family-friendly event.

Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run is Friday

The 2016 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will be held on Friday, April 29. Participants will line up at Lanesboro Correctional Institution in Polkton at 8:30 a.m. and the run will begin at 9:00 a.m. Walkers will leave Lanesboro Correctional and walk to Highway 74. Runners will pick up the pace along Highway 74 and travel through the town of Wadesboro, with the finish line at Lilesville Elementary School.

Shirts and hats will be available at the Torch Run, or you can order them. Be sure to order early! To order items or for additional information about the Torch Run please call Donna McAllister at 704-694-1690.

Carolinas HealthCare System Mobile Medical Unit Schedule for May

The Carolinas HealthCare System Mobile Medical Unit will visit the locations below in the upcoming days:

- Tuesday, May 3** at IGA, 9am-1pm
- Friday, May 6**, Walmart, 11am-3pm
- Monday, May 9**, 2016 9a-1p - Lilesville Town Hall, 9am-1pm
- Wednesday, May 11** Ansonville Fire Department, 9am-1pm
- Friday, May 13** Peachland Meal Site, 9am-1pm
- Monday, May 16** Glennie Bennett Community Center, 9am-1pm
- Friday, May 20** Dollar General Parking Lot, 9am-1pm
- Monday, May 23** Burnsville Fire Department, 9am-1pm
- Friday, May 27** Grace Senior Center, 9am-1pm

Anson Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers. Would You Like to Help?

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). Please consider volunteering. For more information on helping, call 704-694-4832.

Anson County Animal Shelter is listed on Petfinder.com. This is a searchable national database of pets available for adoption that includes a description and photo. All the animals that are up for adoption are listed and have a picture. Just go to Petfinder.com and search for any Anson County town or zip code.

A rescue from Animal Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win.

And remember, older animals need a home and love too!

Uwharrie Capital Corp to Hold Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Board of Directors Chairman Chester Lowder announces that Uwharrie Capital Corp, parent company of Uwharrie Bank and Uwharrie Investment Advisors will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Tuesday, May 10th, 2016, at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center, 26032 Newt Road, Albemarle, North Carolina. Dinner and fellowship will begin at 4:30 p.m. Shareholders are invited to the business meeting at 6:00 p.m. when items of business, including the election of directors to the Uwharrie Capital Corp Board of Directors and the transaction of any other business which may come before the meeting, will be voted.

All shareholders are invited to attend the Annual Meeting to learn about progress and future plans for Uwharrie Capital Corp and its subsidiaries.

Support Group for Those with Children with Behavioral, Emotion and/or Learning Challenges

Connections Family Support Program hosts a monthly family support group open to parents, grandparents and foster parents. This is a time for those with children who have behavioral, emotional, and/or learning challenges to share their experiences and learn from others.

The group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library in the Pritchett Room. Brunch will be provided at no cost. Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995, or by email at connectionsfp@gmail.com to register. The deadline to register is Friday, May 13.

Anson County's Unemployment Rate at 6.2% in December

The latest information for unemployment rates from the Employment Security Commission are for December 2015. In December the unemployment rate in Anson County was 6.2%. Statewide the unemployment rate for December was 5.3 percent.

Anson's total labor force in December was 10,828. Of that number 10,162 were employed and 666 were unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 70 of North Carolina's counties in December, increased in 21, and remained unchanged in nine. Graham County had the highest unemployment rate at 12.0 percent, while Buncombe County had the lowest at 3.9 percent.

Thirteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases while one increased and one remained unchanged. Among the Metro areas, Rocky Mount at 7.3 percent experienced the highest rate and Asheville had the lowest rate at 4.2 percent. The December not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 5.3 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 81 counties, decreased in 12, and remained unchanged in seven. Fourteen metro areas experienced rate increases over the year while one decreased.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in December by 25,147 to 4,502,869 while those unemployed decreased 10,375 to 249,845. Since December 2014, the number of workers employed statewide increased 140,526, while those unemployed increased 18,167.



Two Historical Photos

Pictured above is the student body at Peachland School in the 1930's. We don't have the exact date, nor know the identities of these students. Note the design on the front of the dress on the young lady pictured third from left in front.

Pictured below is North Rutherford Street in Wadesboro, looking north from Wade Street. This photo was taken in 1910.



Kaytlin Teal Accepted to Attend Teens' Camping Tour of the West

This is a release from Anson County Early College: Anson County Early College is proud to announce that one of our students, Kaytlin Teal, has been accepted to attend **Teens' Camping Tour of the West, Inc (TCTW)**. This program takes teenagers to see the wonders of the West and use the adventure of travel to guide young people down the path of self-discovery.

Through the years TCTW has molded its program to embody six significant principles: love yourself, love others, appreciate nature, realize that you have been given unique gifts, recognize that it is your responsibility to use those gifts to make your corner of the world a better place, all while giving praises to our maker. According to the program website www.tctw.com, "These are the six principles that we hope all participants will come to embrace and practice throughout their lives."

Kaytlin said that a friend of hers had completed the program so she knew it would be fun while also being a great opportunity. Now that she has been accepted she feels, "It is a great honor to have been accepted and I am so excited for this summer!" She is a little nervous as she will not know anyone on the trip, but previous attendees have told her that she will get over that quickly.

She leaves June 18th and will return July 10th. She will start in North Carolina and end her journey in California. Her phone must be left at home, which she actually seems to be alright with. She expects to learn new things about the United States and to make lifelong friends.

One of the goals ACEC holds for its students is to provide them with life experiences, therefore we are beyond proud of Kaytlin for her willingness to try this new opportunity. We look forward to having her share her experiences with us.



Free Groceries! Mobile Food Pantry is May 4

The Mobile Food Pantry and CHS Mobile Health Unit will be at Peachland United Methodist Church, located at 19 Allen Street on Wednesday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food. Do not arrive before 9:30 a.m., but come by 11 a.m. If it is raining the day of or before the delivery call 704-694-2445 to hear if it is cancelled. If you have not yet done so, bring proof of your income to register. You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

This event is sponsored by Anson Crisis Ministry and local United Methodist, Baptist, Apostolic and Presbyterian Churches.

Interested in volunteering? Call Rev. Cindy Lunsford (828) 891-2753.

Retired School Personnel Meeting is May 17

Manzell Spencer, President of the Anson County NC Retired School Personnel, invites all retirees to attend their next meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 10 a.m. in the Pritchett Room at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Plans for an end of year luncheon will be finalized, and the 2016 scholarship recipient will be named. Also, important legislative information will be discussed.

All retirees are urged to come and be a part of helping to make Anson County's local unit one of the best in the state. For more information call Spencer at 704-694-4615.

Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every third Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 1 p.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.