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Anson County Board of Commissioners Meets June 7

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7 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.

Get Tickets Now for Ghost: The Musical, Coming to the Ansonia

Featuring Nathan Jenkins as Sam and Kimberly Smith as Molly

Ghost: The Musical is the next play coming to the Ansonia Theatre, August 5 through 14. *Ghost: the Musical* is a timeless fantasy about the power of love. Longtime couple Sam and Molly are happily in love and living together in Brooklyn. Walking back to their apartment one night, they are mugged at gunpoint, leaving Sam murdered on a dark street. Sam is trapped between this world and the next as a ghost and unable to leave Molly - who he quickly learns is in grave danger. With the help of a storefront psychic named Oda Mae Brown, Sam tries to communicate with Molly in the hope of protecting her. Featuring such popular songs as "With You" and the Righteous Brothers' classic "Unchained Melody," this powerful love story is sure to become a fan favorite! You can purchase tickets now at ansoniateature.com or by calling 704-694-4950.

North Carolina's April Employment Figures Released

The state's seasonally adjusted April 2022 unemployment rate was 3.4 percent, decreasing 0.1 of a percentage point from March's revised rate. The national rate remained unchanged at 3.6 percent. North Carolina's unemployment rate decreased 1.7 percentage points from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 30,263 over the month to 4,883,507 and increased 203,995 over the year. The number of people unemployed decreased 3,917 over the month to 173,348 and decreased 79,156 over the year. Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gauged through the monthly establishment survey, increased 11,300 to 4,729,100 in April. Major industries experiencing increases were Professional & Business Services, 5,500; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 4,200; Financial Activities, 2,800; Manufacturing, 2,200; Other Services, 1,300; Government, 900; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 900; and Information, 300. Major industries experiencing decreases were Construction, 5,900; and Education & Health Services, 900. Mining & Logging employment remained unchanged. Since April 2021, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 185,600 with the Total Private sector increasing by 174,900 and Government increasing by 10,700. Major industries experiencing increases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 52,400; Professional & Business Services, 50,600; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 18,400; Education & Health Services, 14,200; Financial Activities, 14,200; Manufacturing, 13,100; Government, 10,700; Other Services, 6,700; and Information, 5,700. Major industries experiencing decreases were Construction, 200; and Mining & Logging, 200.

Draft 10-Year Transportation Plan is Online for Citizens to Review

A draft of the state's next long-range transportation improvements plan is now available for public review. The State Transportation Improvement Program, or STIP, is the N.C. Department of Transportation's guide that shows how and when transportation projects are expected to be funded over the next 10 years. Projects scheduled in the first five years are generally considered to be committed, while those on the latter half of the schedule are subject to be re-evaluated when the next STIP is developed. People can view the draft 2024-33 document at www.ncdot.gov. There will be upcoming opportunities for the public to comment on the draft in person and online. The draft STIP document is presented as a spreadsheet rather than the PDF from years past. The spreadsheet is more user friendly, allowing people to sort columns to explore projects that interest them. The STIP is typically updated every two years, however, the draft plan was developed under unique circumstances. Material and labor cost escalations led local, regional and state transportation planning partners to recommend and the Board of Transportation to concur with foregoing the usual process for prioritizing projects. Instead, they decided the new STIP should be built from existing projects in the current (2020-29) STIP to the extent that funding allows, while giving planning organizations the opportunity to propose project swaps that meet the needs of their communities. The draft plan still adheres to the Strategic Transportation Investments law since the projects are derived from the 2020-29 STIP, which was developed using the required data-driven process and input from local officials and the public. NCDOT plans to use public input and planning organization requests to produce a revised draft of the STIP by December. Transportation officials are expected to adopt the 2024-33 STIP in summer 2023. More information on the STIP process can be found on the NCDOT webpage: ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/stip/Pages/default.aspx.



Little Miss Las Amigas Pageant

On Saturday, May 14 the Morven Chapter of Las Amigas (MCLA) hosted their annual Little Miss Las Amigas Pageant at Morven Elementary School. The organization's symbol is a pink and orchid shield with the orchid flower and inscription Las Amigas in the center. This year's theme, Orchid Wonderland, was fitting for the occasion. The contestants were Saniya Carey, Tyasia Johnson, Mackenzie Lavine, Navaeh McNeil, Aubri Rose Tillman, Loyalti Starr Robinson and Ja'Noah Williams. Little Miss Mackenzie Lavine was crowned the winner and holds the title of "Little Miss Las Amigas 2022." She was sponsored by Elizabeth Kersey. Little Miss Loyalti Starr Robinson was the first runner-up, sponsored by Marlynn Bennett and Little Miss TyAsia Johnson was the second runner-up, sponsored by Arnette Taylor. Winnie Bennett was awarded outstanding member of the year for 2021-2022 and Dr. Bernice Bennett was awarded the "Friend of Las Amigas." The MCLA awards three scholarships annually to two graduating seniors in Anson County Schools and one student at South Piedmont Community College. MCLA has 15 members: Pat McCoy, Elizabeth Kersey, Winnie Bennett, Beulah Pratt, Johnnie Pettiford, Judy Simon, Joletha Little, Marlynn Bennett, Samantha Douglas, Shunee McRae, Arnette Taylor, Elizabeth Kilgo, Kristen Mims, Devin Pettiford and Quantelya Johnson.

Over \$1.2 Million in Scholarships for Anson Graduates

The Anson County School District held their annual District Scholarship Night for the Class of 2022 on Thursday, May 19. Numerous seniors were recognized with awards. Businesses, community/civic organizations and memorial foundations presented scholarships to students, with awards ranging from a few hundred dollars to a hundred thousand dollars. Over \$1.2 million in scholarship money was given out to our seniors! Anne Hyatt from Anson County Schools said, "We are extremely thankful to all the scholarship providers for making these awards possible. It is their generosity, commitment, and dedication to the Anson County School District that allow events and evenings like this to continue. Congratulations to all seniors who received scholarships!" Scholarship winners are:

- Alpha Pi Chi Sorority: Krystal Gatewood \$500
- Farm Bureau: Krystal Gatewood, Manav Patel, Mallory Sikes, each \$1,000
- NC Retired School Personnel: Mallory Sikes, Gracie Stinson, each \$100
- Women's League: Emily Buchanan, Rebecca Huntley, Emma Steagall, each \$750
- Delta Kappa Gamma: Abigail Gano \$500
- Doris Ross Hinson: Rebecca Huntly, Erin Lookabill, each \$1,000
- Fonnie Powell Dinkins: Quason Alleyne, Ry"Kael Lowery, each \$1,500
- George and Marion Craig Educational Trust: Emily Buchanan, Kayla Carpenter, John Kendall, Erin Lookabill, William Moore, Mallory Sikes, An Tonnu, amount TBD
- Golden Leaf: Stephanie Brown \$14,000
- HOLLA!: Krystal Gatewood, Quason Alleyne, Manav Patel, Mallory Sikes, each \$500
- James H. Evans Memorial Scholarship: Krystal Gatewood \$5,000, Gracie Stinson \$2,000
- Lynn Thomas Grading: Dexter Jones, Gracie Stinson, each \$2,500
- Mary and Millard Kiker: Manav Patel, Gracie Stinson, An Tonnu, each \$4,000
- Las Amigas: Krystal Gatewood, An Tonnu, each \$1,000
- University Women: Krystal Gatewood, Rikki Little, each \$500
- Pee Dee Electric: Haileigh Boone, Mallory Sikes, each \$1,000
- Shaundasia T. Smith Memorial: Gracie Stinson \$1,500
- State Employees Credit Union: Kayla Carpenter, Mallory Sikes, each \$10,000
- Smith and Polk: Krystal Gatewood \$250, Manav Patel and Gracie Stinson, each \$500
- Wadesboro Rotary Club: Emily Buchanan \$500, Rebecca Huntley, Mallory Sikes, each \$1,500, John Kendall, Erin Lookabill, Emma Steagall, Gracie Stinson, each \$1,000
- Wingate University: Mackay Burr, Dimitri Clark, William Smith, Amy Snodgrass, each \$88,000, Richard Martin \$96,000, David Godwin, Carmen Jackson, Trinity Spencer, Emma Steagall, Gracie Stinson, Emma Streater, Hannah Turner, each \$100,000
- Woodmen Life: Rebecca Huntley, Gracie Stinson, each \$500
- Young Professionals: Krystal Gatewood, Mallory Sikes, Gracie Stinson, each \$500

Bach's Lunch to Go is Wednesday, June 15

The Anson County Arts Council will have a delicious lunch, desserts, and drink of your choice waiting for you to pick up during their Bach's Lunch which will be held on Wednesday, June 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Anson County Arts Council. Plates are \$15. Please text your name and the number of plates you want to 704.221.3038. You must have a reservation, the hosts will shop for supplies accordingly. Thank you for supporting the arts! They literally cannot do it without you! The Arts Council is located at 110 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro, next door to the Ansonia Theatre.

Location/Site	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Employees	Positive Cases Students	Positive Cases Employees
Anson Early College High School	0	0	0	0
Anson High School	0	0	1	0
Anson Middle School	0	0	1	0
Ansonville Elementary	0	0	0	0
Lilesville Elementary	0	0	0	0
Morven Elementary	0	0	0	0
Peachland-Polkton Elementary	0	0	1	0
Wadesboro Elementary	0	1	0	0
Wadesboro Primary	0	0	2	1
District Office	N/A	0	N/A	0
Transportation	N/A	0	N/A	0
Maintenance	N/A	0	N/A	0
Child Nutrition/Cafeteria Employees	N/A	0	N/A	0
Total	0	1	5	1
Total Students + Employees	1		6	

*Student Enrollment as of 05/27/22	2,916	# of Employees	513
*Enrollment changes daily		% of Employees Positive	0.19%
% of Students Positive	0.17%	A link to the dashboard is on the Anson County Schools Facebook page.	

Become a Delegate for the NC Youth Leadership Forum

For youth with disabilities, ages 15-30. Become a delegate - make new friends, create change in your area!

Are You ...

- Between the ages of 15 and 30?
- Living with a disability?
- Ready to lead ...
- And have fun in the process?

Applications are still open to be a delegate for the NC Youth Leadership Forum. Taking place July 18-22, this five-day virtual experience is designed for young people to connect with peers to share experiences and accelerate positive change in the community. Apply at nccdd.org, search "delegate." Topics will focus on: Advocacy; Individual Goals; Leadership; Independent Living Skills. This free event is all about self-discovery and learning. The leadership journey involves learning, growing, and setting an example for others to follow. They make it fun, too! It's Your Time! North Carolina needs passionate change-makers like YOU to boost our state and our world. It Starts Here: nccdd.org, search "delegate."

About the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities: The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) works to assure that people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in all areas of community life. Through its Five-Year Plan, the Council identifies and funds innovative projects and initiatives that promote the goals of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) for all North Carolinians. www.nccdd.org