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Luke Hyatt Named District Teacher of the Year

This is a release from the Anson County School System: Join us in congratulating Luke Hyatt, a true champion in education from Anson Middle School, for being named the Teacher of the Year for Anson County Schools! With an impressive 24 years of teaching experience under his belt, Luke's dedication to his students and passion for education shine brightly every day.



Luke Hyatt

But that's not all! Luke Hyatt's commitment to excellence has been recognized before - he was named Regional Teacher of the Year in 2006 and competed for the prestigious title of State Teacher of the Year! Let's give a round of applause to Luke Hyatt for his outstanding achievements and for making a lasting impact in the lives of countless students. Let's root for him to go all the way in 2024!



Congratulations to the 2024 Junior Marshals for Scholastic Excellence

Anson County Schools recognized the 2024 Junior Marshals at the graduation ceremony held on Wednesday, May 29. They are pictured above.
Anson County Early College Lidia Cano-Luna, Ava Jo Couture, Isabella Grace Greene, Jamie Rae Howard and Alexandra Nunez-Crespo.
Anson High School Danielle Kayden Bostick, Faith Loree Fincher, Ilda Cortez-Gomez, Candela Lopez Pita, Kendrick Leon Maye and Aidan Ray Purser.

Brown Huntley Named CTE Teacher of the Year

This is a release from the Anson County School System: Please join us in giving a huge round of applause to Brown Huntley, our incredible Auto Mechanics teacher at Anson High School, for being named Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year!



Brown Huntley

With over five years of experience under his belt, Brown has shown unparalleled dedication, passion, and expertise in shaping the future of automotive education. From teaching the ins and outs of engines to instilling invaluable skills in our students, Brown's commitment to excellence knows no bounds. His tireless efforts have not only empowered our students to excel in the classroom, but also prepared them for successful careers in the automotive industry. Congratulations Brown Huntley on this well-deserved recognition! Your impact on our school community and beyond is truly inspiring.

Myra Bricken Named Beginning Teacher of the Year

This is a release from the Anson County School System: Excellence in Education! A huge congratulations to Myra Bricken, an incredible educator at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School, for being named the Beginning Teacher of the Year for Anson County Schools! Myra's passion for teaching and her dedication to her students shine through in everything she does.



Myra Bricken

In her role at Peachland-Polkton Elementary, Myra goes above and beyond to create engaging and nurturing learning environments for her students. Her commitment to their success is truly inspiring, and it's no surprise that she has been recognized for her outstanding efforts. Let's all take a moment to applaud Myra Bricken for her well-deserved achievement and for the positive impact she is making in the lives of children every day.

Runner-Up for Teacher of the Year is Erin Adams

This is a release from the Anson County School System: Let's Celebrate Excellence! Erin Adams, a shining star at Lilesville Elementary School, has been named the Runner-Up for Anson County Schools Teacher of the Year! Erin's dedication to her students and her passion for teaching truly set her apart.



Erin Adams

In her four years as a teacher, Erin has consistently gone above and beyond to create engaging and enriching learning experiences for her students. Her commitment to excellence has not gone unnoticed; previously recognized as the Beginning Teacher of the Year, Erin has also been a runner-up in the NC Center for Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) Beginning Teacher of the Year process. Let's give a big round of applause to Erin Adams for her outstanding achievements and for making a meaningful difference in the lives of her students and the entire school community.

Anson Mobile Food Market is June 20

The next Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on Thursday, June 20, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, located at 1134 East Caswell Street (Highway 74) in Wadesboro, behind Pizza Hut. Food will be given away, including fresh vegetables, fruit and bread (if available). There will be blood pressure and blood sugar checks, along with other healthy living topics and booths.

This free event offers citizens of Anson County six to eight different types of fresh produce monthly. This is a free initiative, so please come and get some produce. Nothing is required for you to receive produce, just come. The event is sponsored by the Anson County Extension and its partners.

This event is to assist in the scarcity of fresh, healthy food in the county. It will also serve as an educational event to offer education on the two targeted areas of the county health assessment which are tobacco use and hypertension. Agencies will be set up offering services and information in those two targeted areas.

Wadesboro Police Announce Arrests in Association with Morven Road Vehicle Break-ins

After countless hours of hard work, the Wadesboro Police Department has identified and charged two juveniles in connection with the recent spree of vehicles broken into in the Morven Road area. More suspects could be charged as this investigation continues. Due to the age of the offenders, no identifying information will be released. Since June 2 seventeen vehicles were reported to have been broken into in the area around Morven Road. In addition to money, credit cards, and various personal property, 5 firearms have been stolen from these vehicles. Wadesboro Police Chief Brandon Cheurning said, "I would like to remind everyone to please keep their vehicles locked, and remove any valuable property, especially firearms."

State Lottery Commission Releases the Month of May Sports Wagering Activity Report

The North Carolina State Lottery Commission has released its sports wagering activity report for May. The report compiles the sports wagering activity for the month of May as submitted by the eight licensed interactive sports wagering operators. Between May 1 and May 31, account holders in North Carolina wagered \$525,548,571 on sports events, including paid wagering revenue and promotional wagering revenue. From those wagers, account holders won \$458,667,635. State law levies an 18 percent tax on the gross wagering revenue generated by sports wagering activity. Gross wagering revenue is a total of amounts received from sports wagers less the amounts paid as winnings before any deductions for expenses, fees, or taxes. In May, the gross wagering revenue was \$63,080,347. The N.C. Department of Revenue is responsible for collecting the tax proceeds from sports wagering revenue. The May activity report is available at: ncgaming.gov/about/reports.

Dedication Ceremony for the Union County Charters of Freedom Setting is this Friday, June 14

The Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Civil Rights Amendments are coming to Union County thanks to the combined efforts of Union County and the City of Monroe, working with Foundation Forward, Inc. of Burke County, NC. These founding documents, known as The Charters of Freedom, are being permanently installed at the Government Center in the Main Street Plaza at 500 North Main Street in Monroe. The Charters of Freedom setting will be dedicated this Friday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend this patriotic event. Union County will be the 58th Charters of Freedom setting permanently placed in communities across the country by Foundation Forward, a 501(c)(3) educational Nonprofit created by Vance and Mary Jo Patterson of Burke County, North Carolina. The inspiration to set up Foundation Forward followed their first visit to the National Archives to see the founding documents. Vance Patterson, Founder - "Seeing something our founding fathers had actually penned, and then seeing their signatures - Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Rutledge, Wilson and the others, I just got goosebumps. And, then when we moved over and saw those first three words of The Constitution, We The People, I actually got a lump in my throat." "It was really an emotional experience," Vance recalled. The Pattersons now work to bring that emotional experience to communities across the country, having completed settings in Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, Missouri, Florida, and as far west as Wasilla, Alaska. Foundation Forward's mission is to install Charters of Freedom settings in easily accessible locations so communities can view these founding documents in a proper setting without having to incur the costs of traveling to Washington, D.C. These settings will provide a hands-on education in American History and Civics. "Imagine if you will school teachers bringing their 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes to their Charters of Freedom first annual field trips to learn a little about our founding fathers, the history surrounding the beginning of our country, and how the government is meant to serve and protect We The People," says Vance in his dedication speech. This local access will also provide a place for citizens to gather, celebrate, honor, and reflect. A Donors Pedestal has been erected next to the Charters of Freedom setting, and a Field of Honor with Legacy Pavers will be installed in front of the U.S. Constitution for Union County citizens to honor loved ones or to recognize active duty military or veterans, first responders, businesses, or organizations. These can be purchased from Foundation Forward for a tax-deductible donation. Visit www.chartersoffreedom.com or call (828) 522-1400. **About Foundation Forward** Foundation Forward, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) educational Nonprofit. For more information visit www.chartersoffreedom.com or call Mike Unruh, Director of Communications and Resources, at (910) 508-3165.

Juneteenth Celebration is Saturday

The Anson County Branch of the NAACP is proud to present this year's Juneteenth Celebration Festival on this Saturday, June 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Anson County Courthouse. Beginning at Greene Street and moving along Wade, Martin, and Morgan Streets. Vendors are welcome. To learn more and register on becoming a vendor visit ansoncountynaacp.org or email NAACP President Sinic Marsh at admin@ansoncountynaacp.org.

Anson County Board of Commissioners Meets June 18

The Anson County Board of Commissioners meets two times per month. The first June meeting was held on Tuesday, June 4. The second meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:00 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.

Chair Exercise Classes Offered

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting chair exercise classes on Thursday, June 13 and Thursday, June 27. The classes begin at 10:00a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room. Everyone is welcome. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.