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Municipal Candidate Filing Begins this Friday, July 5

Municipal candidate filing begins this Friday, July 5. Candidates have until the deadline of Friday, July 19 at 12 noon to file.

For more information call the Anson County Board of Elections at 704-994-3223.

Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday, July 4** County offices closed
- Thursday, July 5** Candidate Filing Begins for Municipal Election, 12 p.m.
- Monday, July 8** Regular Board of Elections meeting, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, July 11** One Stop plans due to state board for special September election
- Tuesday, July 16** Deadline to withdraw candidacy, 5 p.m.
- Friday, July 19** Candidate Filing Ends for Municipal Election, 12 p.m.
- Friday, July 26** Absentee ballots must be made available for special September election
- Thursday, August 1** Logic and accuracy testing for special September election
- Friday, August 2** Deadline to file challenge to a candidate filing
- Wednesday, August 7** Mock Election with state board for special September election
- Friday, August 9** Start publishing election notice for special September election
- Tuesday, August 13** Regular Board of Elections meeting, 5 p.m.
- Friday, August 16** Voter registration deadline for September 10 General Election
- Tuesday, August 20** Meeting to appoint chief judges and judges of precincts (2 year term). Absentee Board meeting, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 21** One Stop Early Voting begins
- Tuesday, August 27** Absentee Board meeting #2 for special September election
- Monday, September 2** County offices closed for Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 3** Last day to request Absentee ballot by mail for September 10 General Election.
- Tuesday, September 3** Absentee Board meeting #3 for special September election
- Friday, September 6** One Stop Early Voting ends
- Monday, September 9** Pre-election day Absentee Board meeting
- Tuesday, September 10** Special September General Election



Anson County Schools 2019 Junior Marshals

Congratulations to the 2019 Junior Marshals from Anson High School and Anson County Early College. From Anson County Early College the Junior Marshals are: Thomas Wheeler Buckingham, Yuritsi Miranda Gomez, Gavin Blaise Jones, Brianna Pesce McCollum, Hallie Rebekah Preslar, Julian Carlos Bannister Suriba, Marley Alana Tarlton and Kayli Jade Wilson. From Anson High School they are: Destiny Monique Barrett, JaKira TnetraMynika Brown, Sarah Katherine Burr, Revie Elizabeth Byars, Adam Craig Edwards, Tyler Alan Gathings, Daisyia Mahaghony Hardison, Avery Lynn Harrington, Dalton Lee Hill, Morgan Alexis Horne, Nykaiya Nykhol Leak, Wesley James Lear, Janiah Rachell Lindsey, Garrett Paul Maner, Akela Meredith Martin, Latrece Monique Pratt, Brianna June Roberts, Jordan Savannah Roscoe, Madison Paige Seppelt, Nkajhnuv Vue and Kaeley Brooke Whitlock.

Dates Set for 2019 Anson Ag Expo & Fair

Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 20 - 21, the dates for this year's Anson Ag Expo & Fair. The event's planning committee has started meeting to prepare for traditional and new fall festivities.

The annual 4-H Youth Livestock Show will be hosted by the Anson Cattlemen's Association and be held at Matt and Paulette Hay Barn, located at 2385 Little Creek Road in Ansonville, on August 31.

The Ag Fair will be held at the Extension Center in Wadesboro on Saturday, September 21. Again this year they will be having the Family Fall Fest, held at Circle G Arena on Friday night, September 20, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. The Family Fall Fest will feature fall and agriculture themed relays and competitions for kids, food trucks/vendors, games for small children under the shelter and more. Come out and enjoy an evening of family fun and entertainment.

The 4-H Youth Livestock Show will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Ag Fair will be open to the public on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Wadesboro.

Be on the lookout for more information to come, including schedules, fair book release and much more. Come out and join the fun, and help celebrate agriculture in Anson.

Operation Dry Water Brings Heightened Law Enforcement to N.C. Waters July 5-7

From July 5-7, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's law enforcement division will focus on boating law compliance on the waterways and spread public awareness for "Operation Dry Water," a national campaign that promotes sobriety while boating.

During the annual campaign, enforcement officers will conduct sobriety checkpoints and promote public awareness to deter impaired operation of vessels. In North Carolina, a driver or vessel operator with a blood-alcohol concentration that meets or exceeds .08, or is substantially impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, is subject to arrest.

"Designating a driver is always a great idea, whether it be on the road or on the water," said Lt. Sam Craft. "It's an easy way to be safe and avoid fines and potential jail time over the holiday weekend."

Drinking affects the skills necessary to operate a boat, including:

- Peripheral vision and ability to focus
- Judgment and rational decision-making
- Balance and equilibrium
- Coordination and reaction time

The Commission's Preserve Your Life campaign reminds all boaters to put on a life jacket before entering a vessel. Wearing a life jacket is a simple safety precaution that can prevent tragedy from happening in the event of an accident.

Boating at night typically increases during holiday weekends, so boaters should practice caution and be on high alert due to reduced visibility. Inland lighting rules are in effect and water skiing is prohibited between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. Personal watercraft are prohibited on state waters between sunset and sunrise.

For more information about boating in North Carolina, visit www.ncwildlife.org/boating.

Stride for Pride Tennis Shoe Drive is Accepting Donations

Stride with Pride has begun their 9th annual season of collecting donations of new tennis shoes and/or money used to purchase tennis shoes that will be provided to under privileged youth of all diversities in Anson County. These shoes are given to youth ranging in age from kindergarten to 12th grade, and all sizes are needed.

Stride with Pride is a joint effort of Sheriff Landric Reid and Patti Poulcott of Judy's Tax Service. Through the generous contributions of our community, last year Stride with Pride was able to give over 500 pairs of tennis shoes out. For 2019 the goal is to put a smile on at least the same number of faces. Collections for the upcoming school year will be going on through the first week of August, but you can contribute at any time during the year.

Sheriff Reid said, "Patti Poulcott and I will be working to collect new shoes and monetary donations from area supporters. We hope that you will consider joining us in this important effort to help a child walk the halls of success this new school year."

Patti Poulcott said, "Through your generosity we can help our youth 'Stride with Pride' this coming school year. Collections are going on now. We hope that you will consider joining us to help our local children."

Also, if you are in need of shoes contact Patti Poulcott or Sheriff Reid with size information. Their contact information is below.

If you would like to donate you can contact Sheriff Reid at 704-695-7771 or lreid@co.anson.nc.us, or you can contact Patti Poulcott at 704-694-8386 or ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com.

They will come to you, or you can drop off donations at Judy's Tax Service, located at 102 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. The mailing address is: Judy's Tax Service, Patti Poulcott, 102 S. Rutherford St, Wadesboro, NC 28170.



Stolen Richmond County Rescue Squad Truck Found in Lilesville

Recently purchased truck was stripped of equipment and burned

Investigators are searching for whoever is responsible for the theft and destruction of a truck belonging to the Richmond County Rescue Squad. The specialized crash rescue vehicle was found on Sunday, June 30 in a rural part of Anson County near Lilesville. It had been stripped of the equipment it was outfitted with for emergencies, and set ablaze. The truck, stolen from the squad's station in Rockingham, was totally destroyed.

Other life saving equipment was also stolen from the station.

Richmond County Rescue Squad Chief Scott Waters said the volunteer squad had applied for and received a grant from the state fire marshal that paid for half the cost of the truck, and they held fundraisers for the other half of the cost. He said he hopes insurance will cover the cost of the gear, but was not sure.

The Anson County Sheriff's Office is investigating the truck fire, and Richmond County law enforcement is investigating the theft. Anyone with information is urged to contact law enforcement.

Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market Closed Thursday for July 4th Holiday

The Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market will be closed this Thursday, July 4 for the holiday.

It will be open next Thursday, every Thursday at 4 p.m. on the Town Square through the end of September. All vegetable, fruit, baked goods as well as arts and crafts vendors who wish to participate should contact Uptown Wadesboro at (704) 695-1644 or email uptownwadesboro@windstream.net.

Town of Wadesboro's July 4th Schedule

The Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4 for the Independence Day Holiday. There will be no garbage collection that day. Thursday's garbage collection route will be collected on Friday, July 5. The normal route schedule will resume on Monday, July 8.

If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at (704) 694-5171.

Toys for Tots Accepting Toys and Monetary Donations at Walmart

Toys for Tots will be at Walmart this Friday and Saturday, July 5 and 6 collecting toys and monetary donations. The event will start at 9:00 a.m. each day. Volunteers are needed, so please call Toys for Tots Coordinator Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 if you can help. Everyone is welcome.

All proceeds remain in Anson County to supply toys for the less fortunate.

50+ Club Meeting to Feature Music

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces it's 50+ Club meeting on Monday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. Dr. Leon Smith and David Napier will be the guest performers. Leon will be sharing stories through music, something he does so well, and David will accompany him on the bass. Everyone is invited to join us for this wonderful program of music.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Free Groceries for Eligible Families Today & Sat.

A new shipment of TEFAP foods will be distributed today, Wednesday, July 3 and this coming Saturday, July 6, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, or as long as supplies last, at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC). Please note that neighbors will only be served once monthly with these items as long as they last.

The items are distributed on a first come, first served basis for eligible Anson County citizens.

All participants who plan to pick up food are asked to bring someone to help them if they need help, as BRLC will no longer be able to provide this support.

The US federal income guidelines will be a determining factor for individual's eligibility. The food items will only be available to Ansonians. Individuals who have not registered or received food before from the BRLC Emergency food Pantry must have financial documentation as proof of income to be served. Those families who receive food stamp assistance will automatically qualify. Parents are asked not to bring children due to limited seating space. Neighbors are asked to please park in parking lot behind center.

You can contact BRLC at 704-826-8737 for information, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.