

Anson County Democratic Party Banquet, September 14th

The Anson County Democratic Party will host their 4th Blue and White Gala at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro on Friday, September 14th. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a Meet & Greet of candidates and elected politicians. The guest speaker for the evening will be Richmond County Mayor Gene McLaurin. Senator Bill Purcell will also be in attendance.

For more information or to purchase tickets (\$20 each), please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

Chesterfield Genealogy Meeting

The Chesterfield District Chapter, SCGS will meet on Sunday, August 12 at 3 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Chesterfield Visitors Center (Old Court House) located at 100 Main Street in Chesterfield. The guest speaker will be The Mint Hill Prospector, George McDonald. The topic for the meeting is *Gold Prospecting: A Little History and How To*.

The meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to come and also to use their research library. The library is open each Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Two Attend 4-H Citizenship Conference

An Anson County 4-H member, Aaliyah Escalera, attended 4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus, which was held in Raleigh, North Carolina. She returned home from three days in which more than 200 youth and adults representing over 75 4-H programs across the state gathered to exchange ideas, gain knowledge and learn through hands on experiences about the different levels and branches of government.

Escalera and Anson County 4-H Agent Roshunda Blount represented Anson County at the June 11-13 conference. Through various conference sessions and facilitated discussions, delegates participated in budget simulation sessions and learned how to be active in the area of citizenship. Delegates also worked with their county 4-H Agent to develop an action plan based on a local need in their community to implement upon returning home from the conference.

The highlight of the conference was the Legislative Breakfast where delegates had a chance to meet and have photos taken with their elected officials. Following the breakfast, delegates traveled to the Legislative Building in Raleigh to meet with their elected officials and their staff.

The 4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus is sponsored by North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives - Touchstone Energy. North Carolina 4-H is Cooperative Extension's youth development program.

For more information on this event or other 4-H programs, please contact Roshunda Blount, 4-H Agent in Anson County at 704-694-2915.

Shankia Coppadge Graduates from Navy Recruit Training



Airman ABF Shankia E. Coppadge joined the US Navy in August 2011, and Coppadge for duty on April 10, 2012. She completed Navy Basic Training and graduated from the Recruit Training Command Center, Division 930 on June 8, 2012, in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Shankia is presently attending the Naval Air Technical Training Command in Pensacola, Florida and plans to graduate on July 27. She will be stationed on the USS Kearsage in Norfolk, Virginia.

Shankia graduated from Anson High School in June 2008. She attended the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, graduating on December 10, 2011. She received her BA degrees in Criminal Justice and Sociology.

She is the daughter of Cheryl Cason-Coppadge and sister of Kim Marshall of Morven.

Night Hunting of Feral Swine, Coyotes Allowed on Private Lands Starting August 1

Temporary rules that allow hunting coyotes and feral swine at night with a light on private lands will go into effect Aug. 1. Night hunting is one means of controlling localized populations of coyotes and feral swine, both of which are non-native to North Carolina and destructive to the landscape, livestock and domestic animals.

The feral swine rule will supersede the Commission previously required to hunt swine at night. These rules do not grant access to any property. Landholders must grant permission for anyone to enter private property lawfully.

There is no authorization for night hunting feral swine and coyotes on public lands at this time.

The NC Rules Review Commission approved these temporary rules July 19. They were approved by the Wildlife Commission at its meeting July 12. The temporary rules will remain in effect for up to 270 days during which time the Wildlife Commission will continue to pursue permanent rules.

The new regulations are year-round, seven days a week. Hunting on Sundays is allowed only on private lands and only with archery equipment.

UWI T-shirts are Available Now

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. has put together a t-shirt design that includes the new Uptown Wadesboro Logo and the Town of Wadesboro Seal, which was initially created by noted local sign painter and Express Newspaper columnist Mr. Ed McBride.

The shirt design and idea was a brainstorm project of Jamie Crider as a fundraiser for UWI for 2012. These shirts are available for sale for \$15 at Buff Monkey Fitness Company, the Wadesboro Town Hall and the Anson County Chamber of Commerce. They will also be available at both the Farmer's Market on the Square on Thursday and the Summer Jams.

More information about Uptown Wadesboro is available at www.uptown-wadesboro.com.

Win a Laptop! Four to be Given Away

If you are a rising senior in high school or a freshman in college and you do not have a computer in your home, you have the opportunity to win a refurbished laptop computer. To enter you must submit an essay on the topic: *Why is Technology an Important Tool in My Education?*

Please submit your essay to Sarah Burns by Saturday, July 28 at PO Box 276, Ansonville NC 28007. Essays will be carefully read, and the top four will be chosen and notified by Friday, August 3rd. Along with your essay, please include a cover sheet with your contact information. If you are chosen, to obtain your laptop you must pay a \$50 setup fee.

Spaghetti Fundraiser

The Grace Senior Center Annual Christmas Fundraiser will be held on Friday, October 5, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the center to help raise funds for the annual Christmas dinner given to Anson county citizens. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea (if you eat in)...all for only \$6 per plate. They offer deliveries for orders of five plates or more.

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