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Anson County Board of Commissioners Meet August 6

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6 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.

Pool-Paw-Ty Open House at Anson Animal Shelter this Saturday

You are invited to a Pool-Paw-Ty! Everyone is urged to come and visit the Anson County Animal Shelter this Saturday, August 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for an Open House. Guests can come meet the staff, tour the facility, and see all the improvements, such as the new play yard for the animals.

Shelter Director Maureen Lett said, "We are selling hotdogs, and the King of Pops will be here selling popsicles for both people and dogs! We would love for the community to come see our facility...and maybe adopt a pet too!"

There will be a raffle for a bench for \$5 a ticket, or 3 tickets for \$10. Indie Studios will be on hand for arts and crafts.

The Anson Animal Shelter is located at 7257 Highway 74 West in Polkton, at the entrance to the Field of Dreams. The telephone number is 704-994-2738.

Come help raise money for great paws...and a great cause!

Anson Elections Director Steve Adams Earns Highest Professional Achievement Certification



Steve Adams, Elections Director for Anson County, will be designated as a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator CERA, the highest professional achievement, in a ceremony conducted by the Election Center at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando, FL at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20.

CERA designation is achieved only through a multi-year course of study taught by the Auburn University MPA faculty, Auburn, Alabama and conducted by the Election Center's Professional Education Program. The intent of the program is to professionalize the management of voter registration and elections administration in promoting and preserving public trust in the democratic process.

"This is the highest designation available to elections and voter registration officials," said Tim Mattice, director of the Center. This graduating class of 96 election professionals totals 1,206 election officials and election vendors who have achieved the CERA status. This is an outstanding accomplishment."

"Anson County is indeed fortunate to have Steve Adams as one of the top designated professionals in America. Obtaining and maintaining CERA status means that Steve Adams has committed to a career-long process of continuing education to improve the electoral process in Anson County and the nation," he stated.

The Professional Education Program is sponsored by the Election Center, a nonprofit association of voter registrars and elections administrators throughout America and the U.S Territories. Its membership is comprised of township, city, county and state elections officials and other election related organizations. The Center's primary purpose is to promote and support continuous improvement in the administration of elections and voter registration through research, professional education, conferences, networking and consulting. Professional Education Program participants receive continuing education credit from Auburn University as well as professional training credits from the Election Center.

Adams has been employed with the Board of Elections since 2008, having been appointed Director of Elections by the NC State Board in July 2012. In addition to being CERA Nationally Certified, Adams also received his NC State Elections Certification in 2009. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He also is the Pastor of Harvest Ministries Church in Wadesboro, and is heavily and actively involved in various community projects, outreaches and partnerships with other agencies to enhance the quality of life in Anson County. Adams coaches basketball at Anson High School, as well as serves as Team Chaplain for the Anson High School Bearcat football team. He lives in Wadesboro, and has one daughter, Lacey.

In regards to achieving the recognition, Adams shared, "Serving as the Elections Director in Anson County is one of the highlights of my professional career, and to achieve this certification only adds to the hard work and commitment our office and board members have to ensure the best elections processes are implemented in Anson County. I want to thank my current and past board members, and county commissioners who supported and advocated so this could be accomplished."

The Barn Quilt Mural Project at Grace Senior Center August 9

Come join the fun at Grace Senior Center to be part of "The Barn Quilt Mural Project." The event will be held on Friday, August 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. Seniors can contribute by coming to help paint a tile to be included in this project. Once the tile is completed, those who helped will be able to sign the tile.

This is free, and all materials are provided. To sign up call Mary Jones at (704) 694-6616.



Top Ladies of Distinction Hold Retreat for Top Teens of America

This is a release from TLOD: The Sandy Pines North Carolina Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction (TTA), sponsored by Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD) held its first annual retreat on Saturday, July 13 at the Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lilesville. The retreat provided training and workshops that offered the teens an opportunity to develop leadership skills; network with each other; and learn more about TTA operations to prepare them to become

future leaders of tomorrow. Also, Mrs. Mary K. Woods, RN,MSN provided a human trafficking presentation. The Sandy Pines North Carolina Chapter TTA received a certificate of recognition for their participation with the March of Dimes Foundation at the TLOD 41st Syn-Lod Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on July 2.

In 1964 the eight TLOD founders' primary aim was to help alleviate the moral and social problems engulfing the youth in their communities. They did this via a youth organization. In 1968 the name of Top Teens of America was adopted, and in 1969 they organized the first National Top Teens of America convention. The purpose of TTA, youth ages 13-18, is to train teens in eight specific areas: M.O.M.E.N.T.U.M. (Mission, Ownership, Mental Toughness, Empowerment, Networking, Teamwork, Unity, and Mentoring).

TTA encourages high academic scholarship, leadership abilities, and the development of pride in self, home, and community as evidenced in their work with senior citizens, the community beautification, and community partnerships.

Ansonia Theatre to Present the Play Gypsy

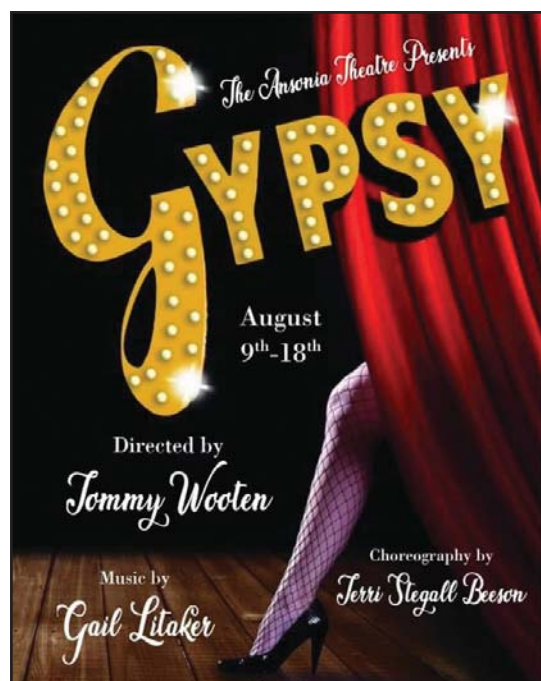
The Ansonia Theatre is hard at work rehearsing the biggest production to ever hit its stage. The musical *Gypsy*, considered by many to be the greatest American musical of all time, tells the story of Rose Havoc and her obsession to make her two young daughters, June and Louise, stars on the Vaudeville circuit in the 1920's. Madame Rose is the ultimate stage mother, willing do whatever it takes to get her kids up and out of the doldrum life that she herself lived as a child.

Based loosely on the real life memoirs of burlesque star Gypsy Rose Lee (Louise), the show follows her path as a child performer with her domineering mother and her younger, more talented sister (film star June Havoc). Rose dreams of an act for the kids and hits the road picking up several other child performers to form the traveling troupe "Baby June and Her Newsboys." She soon meets up with a former agent named Herbie and quickly convinces him to represent their act. They then tour all over the country for the next 10 years looking for their big break.

"Mama Rose" is widely known as the most challenging role for a woman in musical theatre, and stepping up to the plate at the Ansonia is Terra Medlock in what can only be called an astounding performance. Medlock, a veteran of the Ansonia, shines like never before. Young June and Louise are played by child stage veterans Madeline Leavitt and Summer Hardison, while older June and Louise are played to perfection by Kimberly Smith and Jennifer Boswell. Director Tommy Wooten is playing the role of Rose's love interest and agent Herbie. The rest of the brilliant cast, from five different counties, includes Matthew Thompson, Paige Mercer, Amanda Moss, Charley Williamson, Rocky Moore, Beverly Eddins, Ayla Perkins, Kianna Ellerbe, Cheryl Carpenter Stewart, Karen Johnston, Scout Perkins, Tyson Leavitt, David Cunningham, Kerrigan Bennett, Mark Traywick, Teri Brown, Robert Graves, Glenn Caulder, Chip Long, Donnie Lewis and Nekeisha Lindsey.

The wonderful script was written by Arthur Laurents, and the score, written by Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim, includes classic songs "Together Wherever We Go," "Let Me Entertain You," "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Gotta Have a Gimmick" and many more. Musical direction is by Gail Litaker, choreography is by Terri Stegall Beeson, costumes are by Brittany Price and set design is by Mike Phillips.

This legendary show is great for the whole family and promises to be the most lavish show the Ansonia stage has ever seen. The show runs August 9-18, at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets can be purchased online at ansoniatheatre.com or by calling 704-694-4950. Group rates are available for parties of 10 or more.



Savannah Houser Creates Majorette Program at UNCC, Earns Scholarship

Worked with Band Director to develop major addition to UNCC Band curriculum

Savannah Houser has been named the first ever Feature Twirler for the University of North Carolina-Charlotte Pride of Niner Nation Marching Band for the upcoming football season! UNCC's 49er football season kicks off on August 29 against Gardner Webb.

Savannah, who was a top student throughout her time in Anson schools, has received a scholarship as the new Feature Twirler, and will begin band camp August 8.

Savannah has twirled for 15 years with Majorettes by Melanie (now called MBM Twirly Girls) and the Anson County School System. She graduated from Anson High School this past June. Upon deciding to attend UNCC, Savannah was disappointed that the university did not have a majorette program. But, she didn't let that stop her. Majorette submitted an audition via video, which incorporated some of her most memorable performances from her years as an Anson High School Majorette and Feature Twirler, as well as performances during her time with the MBM Twirly Girls, where she has been a student and teacher for most of her life. After that, Savannah worked to create a majorette program at the university with UNCC Band Director Shayna Stahl and other school officials. Savannah expressed her gratitude to Ms. Stahl for her willingness to institute the majorette program.

Melanie Lyon of MBM Twirly Girls said, "As an incoming freshman, Savannah has already demonstrated to UNCC her resourcefulness and collaboration skills in taking an idea and making it happen. We would like to congratulate Savannah on her accomplishments, and we wish her all the best with new adventures at UNCC."

Savannah is the daughter of Donna Houser and PJ Houser of Wadesboro.



National Night Out, Free Event for the Community

The Anson County Sheriff's Office along with the Wadesboro Police Department is hosting its second annual National Night Out a fun free event for the community. It is set for Tuesday, August 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the parking lot across the street from the Sheriff's Office, at the corner of North Washington and East Wade Streets.

The event will feature many of the activities it did last year: kids games, bounce houses, showcases of police, EMS and fire vehicles, food, a DWI (driving while intoxicated) prevention simulator, a dunking booth, face painting and much more.

National Night Out is an annual program designed to build communities and improve police-community relationships. Millions of people take part in National Night Out events across thousands of communities in the United States according to the National Association of Town Watch, the organization that founded the program in 1984.



Senior Citizen Prom is Rescheduled to August 13

Come and enjoy the Fabulous Fifties Senior Citizen Prom, to celebrate Older Americans Month. Come dressed in your fifties best...and eat, dance and have fun! All Anson County seniors are invited to join in the fun on Tuesday, August 13 for the Grace Senior Center Senior Citizen Prom. It will take place at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event is free, free, free!!! Call Mary Jones to register by Friday, August 9 at 704-694-6616.

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