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Polkton Fun Day Set for Saturday, September 10

Looking for something fun to do? Come on out to Polkton Fun Day! It will be held on Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's event features something for all ages. For the kids there will be a bounce house and slide combo, a trackless train ride, and a "Tubs of Fun" amusement ride that's sure to excite children of all ages! There is no charge for any these fun things...they are all free! For the adults there are numerous booths offering shopping and information. And, live entertainment! Come hungry...there will be LOTS of food and sweets to choose from! The Town of Polkton hopes each of you will be "making tracks for a fun day at Polkton Fun Day!"

Anson and Chesterfield to "Battle For The Border"

Trophy presented by local nonprofit hospices

The Anson High School Bearcats and Chesterfield Rams will face off on the gridiron for the third annual "Battle For The Border" contest on Friday, September 9. The winning team takes possession of a trophy presented by nonprofit hospices serving the two counties, Anson Community Hospice and Hospice of Chesterfield County.

"I am very proud to be associated with anything that hospice does. I had the honor of hospice helping with the passing of my mom and they were so comforting. I know what they do for the families," Anson Athletic Director Terry Mabry said. "This is a great thing they are doing for our athletes. Chesterfield is a class act and we are excited to continue this rivalry."

Chesterfield Athletic Director Jimmy Weatherford added, "The Chesterfield High Athletic Department and football team are extremely excited about the opportunity to compete against Anson County High for the Battle For The Border trophy. I feel it adds to the game between the two schools

which has been growing over the last several years. We would like to thank Hospice of Chesterfield County and Anson Community Hospice for sponsoring this event for each of our athletic departments."

Anson will be looking to take possession of the trophy for the first time after Chesterfield's dramatic

come from behind victory last year in Wadesboro. The Rams battled back from a 26-7 halftime deficit to defeat the Bearcats 27-26 with only 10 seconds remaining in the game. Chesterfield holds a 4-2 series lead over the past six seasons. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. at Chesterfield High School.

"Hospice of Chesterfield County is pleased to partner with Anson Community Hospice to recognize the student-athletes at Chesterfield and Anson high schools. We look forward to continuing this tradition in the future as a way to also raise awareness about the availability of hospice care and services in our communities," Hospice of Chesterfield County Community Relations/Development Coordinator Cindy Beard said.

Anson Community Hospice David Jenkins Marketing and Communications Director added, "Anson Community Hospice is proud to partner with Hospice of Chesterfield County and support this great football rivalry. Our goal as a non-profit organization is to educate our community on the benefits of hospice services and to provide quality compassionate care to families and patients in their time of need."

Anson Community Hospice, a division of Richmond County Hospice, is a nonprofit "Hometown Hospice" and leader in end of life quality care in our community since 1985. Hospice of Chesterfield County is a community based, nonprofit hospice founded by local churches and concerned citizens that has been providing compassionate care for the terminally ill since 1993. For more information contact Anson Community Hospice at (704) 695-1595 or Hospice of Chesterfield County at (843) 623-9155.



Back to School Event Reaches Hundreds of Anson Children

On Saturday, August 20 nearly 500 people packed into the auditorium of Harvest Ministries for the annual Back to School Event. This year's event saw the partnership of various agencies and groups to make an even larger impact for Anson County and its students.

Prior to the event many volunteers donated school supplies, money and time to ensure every child who attended would receive the materials listed by each school throughout the county. A local merchant allowed event volunteers to set up and collect donations and supplies for two weekends, as well as providing 20 volunteers to help sort and pack the bags for the event.

Community leaders, local elected officials, Anson County School Board members, South Piedmont Community College officials and educators from various Anson County Schools attended the event and encouraged the crowd to have a successful upcoming school year. Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid was also on hand with his free shoe drive giving away hundreds of pairs of shoes to those in need.

Pastor Steve Adams from Harvest Ministries offered words of support and encouragement, telling all the students, "Know your worth and know who you are."

Anson County Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant shared this, "For over 18 years, through God, the support of my husband William Sturdivant and dedicated citizens, Faith Based Center of Hope has supplied youth uniforms and school materials in order to prepare students for an education. Each year the needs get larger, and each year a way is made to accommodate everyone."

Sturdivant added, "Because of the generous, amazing and unconditional love and kindness of Senior Pastor/Founder Tim Adams and Lead Pastor Steve Adams of Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, this has been one of our best years."

Pastor Steve Adams said, "Not only were we able to bless over 700 youth, we also provided school supplies to 90 teachers throughout Anson County. In addition, we will take boxes filled with school supplies and uniforms to every school. We thank God for everyone who donated. Special thanks to everyone who played a part in this year's success."

Sturdivant concluded, "Very special thanks to Wal-Mart of Wadesboro, store manager Wendy Regal, and all the associates for their help and commitment. And, thanks to Anson County Schools, Superintendent Michael Freeman, and the School Bus Garage for bringing the school bus. Thanks to William "Bugga" Sturdivant and Playaz Elite Motorcycle Club for their donations and volunteering each week."

CFNC Financial Aid Workshop for High School Seniors and Parents

The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) will hold a financial aid workshop on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Anson High School. A CFNC representative will present information about applying for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Colleges and universities use this information to determine financial aid packages for students. This year, the FAFSA application for the 2017-2018 school year will become available on October 1st.

Parents will learn more about student and parent loans, work study and how to interpret financial aid award letters received from schools once their student is accepted. Seniors and their parents from Anson High School, Anson Early College, Anson Academy and Anson New Tech are strongly encouraged to attend.

United Way Day of Caring Set for October 15

Volunteers are needed!

Volunteers will show they care throughout Anson County by raking leaves and washing windows during the 12th annual Day of Caring being held Saturday, October 15. The Day of Caring is a community-wide service project that serves as the official kickoff to the Anson County United Way campaign.

"Last year's Day of Caring was comprised of over 200 volunteers making up 18 teams taking on 33 project sites," Ashley Rivers Scarborough, Day of Caring Chair said. "We are hoping to top the number of teams and projects this year."

Typical chores include cutting grass, pruning shrubs, trash pickup, window washing, and cleaning gutters at the homes of elderly and disabled citizens. Other projects include sprucing up non-profit agencies and organizations. Volunteer teams can consist of two to ten people and must pre-register so they can be given an assignment.

Day of Caring volunteers will gather for the 7:30 a.m. kickoff and a continental breakfast at the Wadesboro Town Square. Teams from a variety of businesses, churches and civic organizations will scatter across the county to predetermined sites. First Baptist Church of Wadesboro has partnered with United Way to complete community service projects as well as serve lunch to volunteers.

Anson County raised over 78,000 dollars through United Way of the Central Carolinas, last year. United Way in Anson County funds 9 programs through nine health and human service agencies that serve individuals and families that need a helping hand. They use United Way dollars to help solve the issues these individuals and families face each and every day.

In conjunction with United Way's Day of Caring, canned goods are being collected for families in need. Canned goods will be distributed by Anson Crisis Ministry. Donations can be dropped off at the Crisis Ministry, located at 117 North Rutherford Street in Wadesboro and Grace Senior Center, located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, the week prior to the event. There will also be collection barrels on the Square at the Kickoff on October 15.

If you would like to register to volunteer or request help from volunteers, call or Elizabeth Rizzo at 704-694-2600 or Ashley Rivers Scarborough at 704-848-4121. Team and Project Site Applications are available through the Anson County Chamber of Commerce website: www.ansoncounty.org, the Town of Wadesboro website: www.townofwadesboro.org, and at the Anson County Partnership for Children's office, located at 117 South Greene Street in Wadesboro. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, September 23.

Democratic Party Monthly Meeting is September 13

The Anson County Democratic Party monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at the Hampton B. Allen Library. The Democratic Women will meet at 5 p.m. The regular Democratic Party meeting is at 6 p.m. All concerned citizens are invited. For more information call Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

Free Groceries - Mobile Food Pantry at Mt Beulah Baptist Church Sept. 7

The Mobile Food Pantry provides free groceries to families in need. The next visit will be on Wednesday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, located at 3373 Country Club Road in Wadesboro.

The Mobile Food Pantry is sponsored by the Anson Crisis Ministry along with local United Methodist and Baptist churches.

Are you interested in volunteering? Please call Mt. Beulah Baptist Church at 704-694-3063 or Rev. Cindy Lunsford at 828-891-2753.

Food Pantry Details:

- Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food.
- Do not arrive before 9:30 a.m., but come before 11:00 a.m.
- If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445.
- If you have not yet done so, bring proof of your income to register.
- You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

Adventure at Every Turn Join the Boy Scouts!

Now is the time to join the fun and excitement of America's foremost youth program - Boy Scouts of America. In Anson County three programs are available: Cub Scouts is for grades K-5, Boy Scouts for grades 5-12, and Venture Crews for young men and women ages 14-21.

Sign-up nights for Cub Scouting begin this week and will be held at the following dates/times.

- Ansonville Elementary Wednesday, September 7 at 6pm
- Lilesville Elementary School - Monday, September 12 at 6pm
- Morven Elementary School - Thursday, September 8 at 6pm
- Peachland - Polkton Elementary School - Thursday, September 1 at 6pm
- Wadesboro Primary School - Tuesday, September 13 at 6pm
- Wadesboro Elementary TBA - see signs/posters at school for details

Cub Scouting combines outdoor activities, sports, academics, and more in a fun and exciting program that helps families teach ideals such as honesty, good citizenship and respect.

To find out more, go to www.cncc-bsa.com or www.beascout.org to find units in your area. The Boy Scouts of America is composed of more than 1.27 million volunteers working together for the sole purpose of helping its more than 3 million youth succeed in life. For more information, contact Laura Laney at 704-994-9173.

Wadesboro Town Hall and Garbage Collection Schedule for Labor Day

Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5 or the Labor Day Holiday. There will be no garbage pickup on Monday. Monday and Tuesday collection routes will be picked up on Tuesday, September 6.

Bloodmobile at McLeod Health Cheraw on Sept. 9

There will be a Bloodmobile Blood Drive at McLeod Health in Cheraw on Friday, September 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like to be a blood donor, please call Arielle Williams at 843-320-5509 to make an appointment.

Suicide Intervention Training Session is September 23

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Connections Family Support Program is hosting a free SafeTALK training in Richmond County on Friday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in the fellowship hall with LivingWorks Suicide Intervention Trainer Dana Cea.

The deadline to register is September 20. For more information call 336-817-1525 or email Dana.M.Cea@gmail.com.