Monthly Board Meeting

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30 at 10 a.m. at the BCSWCD office located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call 704-694-3516.

Anson Ag Fair Set for End of September

If you have a green thumb, an artistic eye or a flair for crafts, now is the time to start planning items to enter into this year's county fair. The Anson Ag Fair be held Saturday, September 27 at the Cooperative Extension Center on McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

Registration for all entries will be taken in on Thursday, September 25, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Set aside a jar of canned goods that turned out better than you planned. Spruce up that favorite plant. Finish up a craft project you have been working on.

The fair will be judged on Friday and open to the public for display on Saturday, from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. Fair Rules and Regulations Booklets are available online at the Anson County Cooperative Extension Center website at anson.ces.ncsu.edu. Click on the 2014 Anson Ag Expo & Fair link and the book can be downloaded in pdf format, complete with registration forms.

Remember that fair participation is open to youth as well. Age groups available for competition consist of:
• Pee Wee - 0 to 5 years
• Pre-teen - 6 to 12
• Teen - 13 to 19
• Adult - 20 and up

Entries in the categories of crafts, canned goods, ag products, photography, art and handicrafts will be welcomed for competition.

Items can also be entered into the "In Memoriam" and "Blast from the Past" categories. Items made by deceased loved ones can be entered in "In Memoriam" while items made prior to 2002 and never shown in a fair can be entered in "Blast from the Past."

Last year's county fair showcased 304 entries from 73 fair exhibitors. Participants received ribbons and were awarded a total of $1,031 in premium money. This year promises to be attended just as well.

For additional information contact the Anson County Cooperative Extension Service at 704-694-2415. Be on the lookout for more information to come, including the youth livestock show and Expo events at the Taste of the Pee Dee Festival.

Come out and join the fun. There is something for everyone. Celebrate agriculture in Anson.

Get Started Toward a Career in Real Estate at SPCC

South Piedmont Community College's 80-hour Real Estate pre-licensing course, which begins later this month, meets the educational requirements for the North Carolina Real Estate Broker License and prepares students to pass the real estate broker exam administered by the North Carolina Real Estate Commission (NCREC).

Topics for the class include basic real estate principles and practices, law and contracts, financing, closing, valuation, fair housing, property management, taxation and much more.

The course, taught at SPCC's Center for Technology and Health Education (3509 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe), begins Sept. 30 and will continue through Dec. 5. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The cost is $180 plus an additional $49 for the course textbook.

For more information about the Real Estate course contact Jennifer Joyner-Talbot at (704) 290-5868 or jjoyner-talbot@spcc.edu.

Lunch & Learn Session on Innovation Engineering

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce in association with South Piedmont Community College and other organizations will present a Lunch & Learn session on Tuesday, September 23, from noon to 1:30 p.m. The topic will be Innovation Engineering.

This workshop will present the concepts and benefits of innovation engineering, which support a more successful business growth with new products, new services or new markets by transforming innovation from a random event to a reliable system. Research has shown that less than 10 percent of manufacturing companies have an innovation strategy. Yet those that do use innovation as their strategy to outperform their peers quite substantially.

Learn why innovation allows companies to restart the business lifecycle and is one of the most effective methods for improving profitability. Learn a systematic process to innovate.

This event will take place at SPCC's Monroe campus, located at 4209 Old Charlotte Highway, in the Conference Center, Salon A. The cost is $12. You can reserve a seat by today, September 17, by contacting Todd Morris at 704-290-5220 or tmorris@spcc.edu. Cancellations must be made prior to September 19.

Sheriff-Elect Landric Reid is Guest Speaker at Democratic Party Ball

The Anson County Democratic Party will be hosting an annual Blue and White Celebration this Saturday, September 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. This event will be a celebration of the Democrats' dedication and hard work towards their community service initiative throughout the year. The theme for the banquet is "Making a difference." The honored guest speaker will be Sheriff-Elect Landric Reid.

There will be greetings from various officials and honored guests. Tickets are available at door. For more information, please contact Chair Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or Secretary Garletha Pratt.

Reid was born and raised in Cabarrus County, the youngest of five brothers and sisters. He was educated in the Cabarrus County school system, where he was very involved in sports. In 1984 Reid joined the United States Army, which he credits for changing his life and opening new doors. In 1988 he received an honorable discharge from the Army and joined the NC National Guard. Also in 1988 Reid worked in Research Triangle Park as an agricultural research assistant for Rhone-Poulenc. In 1991 he entered the North Carolina Highway Patrol Academy, which he completed and graduated. In August of 1991 he started his career as a North Carolina State Trooper. Reid met his wife Cassandra while stationed in Warsaw, NC. They were married in 1995.

In February 2014 Reid filed to run for the office of Anson County Sheriff. After winning the May Primary and July Runoff, Reid will be the only name on the November ballot for the Office of Sheriff. Reid said, "I will always be committed to the citizens of Anson County. I will always be available to help the people of Anson County, by volunteering whenever needed."

Mobile Food Pantry Offers Free Groceries to Those in Need

The Mobile Food Pantry will be at Peachland United Methodist Church in Peachland (19 Allen Street) on Wednesday October 1 at 11 a.m. Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry food. Do not arrive before 9:30 a.m. If it is raining the day of of the day before the event, it will be canceled. 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.

This event is sponsored by Anson Crisis Ministry and local United Methodist Churches. Also available onsite will be a mobile health unit from CMH-Anson Hospital to perform basic health screenings, if desired.