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Celebrate Agriculture this Weekend at Ag Expo and Fair

The annual fair, expo, and youth livestock show are scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, at the 2011 Anson Ag Expo and Fair. In addition, a lumberjack competition, special events and activities are also planned.

In anticipation of returning and new opportunities, a crowd is expected, which kicks off at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of SPCC. Starting on Thursday, fair entries will be received in the Ingram Room of the Lockhart-Taylor Center from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Friday's schedule includes:

- Educational Exhibits Registration & Set Up, 5 p.m.
- Youth Creative Squash Challenge Registration, 7-8 p.m.
- Goat Show Weigh-In, 5-6:30 p.m.
- 4-H Youth Goat Show, 7-9 p.m.

Food will be offered by Eager Beavers 4-H Club, VFW 10403, Deep Creek Masonic Lodge 382, Cabbage Branch Ice Cream, and Order of the Eastern Star. Menus include hot dogs, nachos, sausage dogs, hamburgers, homemade ice cream, popcorn, boiled peanuts, pork skins, baked goods and drinks.

Saturday will include:

- Fair Viewing, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Educational Booth Judging, 9 a.m. (open to the public)
- Adult Local Foods Bake-Off Registration, 9-10 a.m.
- Youth Creative Squash Challenge Judging, 10 a.m. (open to the public)
- Adult Local Foods Bake-Off Judging, 11 a.m. (open to the public)
- Youth Scavenger Hunt Registration, 9:30-11:45 a.m.
- Youth Scavenger Hunt Bicycle Drawing, 12 p.m.
- Kiddie Tractor Pull Registration, 10:45 a.m.
- Kiddie Tractor Pull, 11 a.m.
- South Atlantic Woodsmen's Association Lumberjack Competition, 12:30 p.m.
- Heifer Show Check-In 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- 4-H Youth Heifer Show, 10:00 am
- Lamb Weigh-In, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- 4-H Youth Lamb Show, Immediately Following Heifer Show
- Outside vendors will include State Employees' Credit Union along with their "Fat Cat" mascot, the RoboWolves 4-H Club and their robot, car seat check on Saturday morning by the Anson County Partnership for Children, Tractor Supply with coupons and give-aways, the NC Forest Service, and the Cooperative Extension booth which will also serve as registration and an information center.

Inside the Ingram Room, other vendors include the Anson County Beekeepers Association with an observation hive, Simply Herbal selling beeswax crafts, Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District information, Wadesboro Garden Club gardening items and Anson County Board of Elections holding voter pre-registration.

Vendor applications are still being received, so there may be more to offer.

Come out and enjoy the fun this weekend. This year promises something for everybody. Celebrate agriculture in Anson!

Writer's Club Announces 23rd Contest

For the twenty-third consecutive year the Anson County Writer's Club (ACWC) will award over \$400 in prize money to the winners of its annual contests in poetry and prose. The contests have been held annually since 1989.

First, second and third place winners in the adult poetry and adult prose categories will receive \$50, \$30 and \$20 respectively. Youth winners (grades 10-12) will receive \$20, \$15 and \$10 respectively. Grades 3-6 and Grades 7-9 will compete separately in the Children's division. Prizes are \$15, \$10 and \$5 respectively for prose and poetry winners in both categories.

All winners will receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be honored at a reception for friends and family on Sunday, February 26, 2012. Winning entries of the contests will be published in an anthology, *Anson Pathways VIII*, which will be released in 2013.

The adult contests are open to anyone residing in, having resided in, attending school in, or working in Anson County, or members of the ACWC. There is a \$1 entry fee, which is waived for students at any institution of higher learning. There is not entry fee for students. Entries will be accepted from students living in or attending school in Anson County. Rules and entry forms will be provided to all schools.

The deadline for the 2011 contests is 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2011.

A complete copy of the rules and an entry form that must accompany the entry are available at the Hampton B Allen Library, the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, or by writing to ACWC 2011 Contests, PO Box 363, Wadesboro NC 28170. Enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope.

The contest co-chairpersons urge writers to study the contest rules carefully. In past years some excellent entries that might have won were disqualified because the writers did not follow instructions.

For more information call contest co-chairpersons Kaye Ratliff at 704-694-5431 or Randy Tarlton at 704-694-3448.

Morven's 7th Annual October Festival is October 1st

In a release from the Town of Morven: Come one, come all and don't miss the 7th Annual Free Outdoor October Festival. This exciting and thrilling event will be held on Saturday, October 1st from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on downtown Main Street in Morven. There will be BBQ (pork or beef) and chicken from the Morven Volunteer Fire Department, fried chicken, fried fish, Italian Sausage, hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade ice-cream, cakes, pies, collard green cornbread, fat back sandwiches, and shaved ice. "Mmm Good!"

Vendors will have jewelry, homemade crafts, toys, face painting, and a large moon bounce!

Free helpful information from Anson County Educational, Medical, and Community Assistance Programs. Motorcycle shows, karate demonstrations, as well as beautiful horses dancing in the street. Take part in the raffle and great prize giveaways donated by Anson County's finest! The fantastic Gospel Explosion will entertain you with great music from church choirs, praise and mime dancers, step and drill teams, and other talents. The grand finale is Morven's Spectacular Parade in which you can take part in. It's the best parade ever!

For more details call (704) 851-9321 or get information at the Morven Town Hall.

Monthly Luncheon Organized for Retired SPCC Employees

Retired employees of South Piedmont Community College are invited to come out and enjoy a monthly luncheon meeting held on the last Wednesday of each month. The group meets at 11:30 a.m. at the Ladybug Restaurant in Wadesboro. All retirees are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Pat Taylor at 704-272-7143.

Anson High School Class of 1966 Holds Reunion



Fifty members of the Anson High School Class of 1966 recently enjoyed their forty-fifth reunion. The event was held at the Lockhart-Taylor Center on July 23rd.

Pictured are, from left, front row: Mike Morrison, Ernestine Ratliff Brooks, Jewel Hildreth Deese, Dawn Johnson Garris, Gail Henry Hutchinson, Linda McCormick, Janet Howell Tucker, Martha McLester Lemmond, Sarah Poplin Harrington, Nancy Landen Getsinger, Patsy Beachum Gullede. Second row: Tony Hanna, Dallas Ratliff, Martha Allen Goodwin, Sharon Peters Whisnant, Betty Williams Little, Ann Bowers Craddock, Derlene Baker Murphy, Ellen Goodwin

Goodwin, Louise Dutton Carter Tanner, Mary Hildreth Brammer, Becky Baker Beachum, Marie Marks Roberson. Third row: Alvin High (Butch), Ronald Witherspoon (Charlie), David Griffin, Diane Traywick Cape, Linda Kiker Phifer, Rebecca Porter Blalock, Judy Griffin Tucker. Fourth row: Ralph Sikes (green shirt), James Dean, Larry Carpenter, Joe Gullede, Jay Higginbotham, Nathan Hailey, Tommy Bricker, Franklin Ponds, Stancil Raye. Fifth row: Mike McCormick, Monte High, Michael Ingold, Robert Thomas, Ward Horne, Robert Davis, Lanny Thomas, Gary Harrington, Merle Parker, Lonnie Goodwin and Billy McCormick.

WIA Changing Anson County Lives

In a release from the WIA: The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) has changed and continues to help eligible citizens of Anson County change their lives for the better through training at local colleges and other training institutes. If you are found eligible for the program (and there are funds available for the current fiscal year) the following will be covered expenses: tuition, fees, books, and any required supplies.

Some of our recent successes include:

- Lori Burr, RN: Lori was a dislocated worker who lost her previous job due to a shut down. Lori was unemployed for five months and having no luck in finding employment without some kind of credential. With the help of the WIA and her case manager Lori enrolled in and completed the RN program at SPCC in May 2010. She is currently working as a Public Health Nurse at the Anson County Health Department.

- Gary Parker, CDL Driver: Gary was also a dislocated worker. Gary was unemployed for about four months as well and was having no luck finding employment. Gary, with the help of WIA and staff, enrolled in a four week truck driving program with Future Truckers of America. Gary completed his training in September of 2010. Within weeks of his completion he became employed with Pepsi Bottling Company.

As a direct result of the WIA funded training the participants received, they are now self sufficient citizens with steady employment, company benefits and an average pay well above the NC minimum wage.

For more information on the WIA program contact Martha Goodwin, WIA Specialist/Employment Consultant, Anson County Joblink/Employment Security Commission, 116 West Wade Street in Wadesboro. You can call 704-694-6551 or email martha.goodwin@ncesc.gov.

Toys For Tots Comes to Anson County

Toys For Tots, the largest not for profit organization in the United States, will launch a campaign in Anson County. The 2011 Christmas campaign will be conducted by Vancine Sturdivant, Faith-Based Center of Hope CEO, and volunteers. Vancine completed all the training held at The National Conference Center in Leesburg, Virginia.

She stated, "I have Congressman Larry Kissell and Travis Manigan to thank for this great blessing for the families of Anson County. They heard what Faith-Based Center of Hope does each Christmas for the less fortunate and they contacted Toys For Tots and told them about the need in Anson County."

While we continue to face economic challenges, we as concerned citizens can still come together for our youth. Lt. General Pete Osman (pictured at left with Vancine Sturdivant), Toys For Tots CEO, said, "The two main mission objectives of Toys For Tots is to bring the Joy of Christmas to our youth and to bring the message of Hope to the less fortunate."

Everyone is invited to attend the kick-off campaign meeting on Thursday, October 6 at 6 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Please come.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or donate may contact Vancine at 704-848-4412, e-mail Vancine.toysfortots@gmail.com or go to the local website lilesville-nc.toysfortots.org. For the monetary donation to remain in our county, you have to click on "donate to local site."

This is "Child Passenger Safety Week"

On Monday, September 12, Anson County Commissioners proclaimed the week of September 18-24 "Child Passenger Safety Week". As part of Child Passenger Safety Week, Safe Kids Anson County, in collaboration with Anson County Partnership for Children and the Anson County Sheriff's Office, urges parents and caregivers to have their children's car seats checked at one of the scheduled event locations. Certified child passenger safety technicians will be available to inspect car seats and provide free hands-on advice on the following dates:

- Monday, September 19, 2 to 5 p.m. at Kids Express, Morven Road, Wadesboro
- Wednesday, September 21, 2 to 5 p.m. at Ansonville Fire Dept., Hwy 52 North, across from Ansonville Elementary
- Saturday, September 24, 9 a.m. to Noon at the Anson Ag Expo & Fair, Lockhart-Taylor Center, Wadesboro

For more information on child passenger safety or to have a car seat checked by appointment on a different date than listed above, please contact Anson County Partnership for Children at 704-694-4036.

Veteran's Day Parade to be Held November 11

The Anson County Veteran Services Office is striving to make the Anson County Veteran's Day parade a veteran-oriented celebration of all the veterans who have served our country. The parade will be held on November 11 at 10 a.m.

The parade route will begin at the corner of East Martin and North Washington Streets, going west to North Rutherford Street where it will continue south ending in front of the Ansonia Theatre.

For more information or to be in the parade, contact Theodore Ward at (704) 694-4418 or tward@co.anson.nc.us.

SPCC Schedules FREE Computer Skills Courses For Unemployed and Elderly

South Piedmont Community College will offer "Computer Skills for the Workplace and Job Seekers" at the Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center (BRLC). The courses begin the first Tuesday of each month and are part of the Corporate and Continuing Education Division's Human Resources Development curriculum. The instructor is Inez Tillman.

Classes are free to anyone who is currently unemployed, under-employed or has received notice of a layoff. Classes are also free also to those 65 and older. The regular fee is \$65 for those who are employed. The classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-8 p.m. The first class starts October 4.

Call Sandy Huntley at 704-272-5456 for more information and to register or visit the BRLC to complete the registration form.

Older Worker - SHIIP Volunteer Reception

An Older Worker and Seniors Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Volunteer Reception will be held this Friday, September 23, from 2 until 4 p.m. at Grace Senior Center. Those workers who are 55 years of age or older are cordially invited to attend.

Persons interested should call to register at 704-694-6616.

"Music on the Square" in Peachland this Saturday

The Town of Peachland invites everyone to come and enjoy their third annual "Music on the Square" which will be held this Saturday, September 24, from 6 to 10 p.m. This free event will feature The Village Greene Band, which performs all over North Carolina, along with lots of food vendors, activities for the kids and more.

Among the many vendors are youth/women's groups from local churches and the fire department. A wide variety of beverages and food will be available. For more information contact Lynn H. Griffin 704-272-7781.

Military Exhibit at Ansonville Historical Museum

The Ansonville Historical Society is planning to have a military exhibit on November 5th at the Ansonville Historical Museum. If you have any memorabilia such as pictures, uniforms, medals, etc. that you would loan or donate, please call 704-826-8129, 826-8446, or 826-8228.

The deadline for receiving items is October 24th.

Also, the Historical Society will be holding a yard sale, and they are most appreciative of any donations that you can make for the sale.

Storytime at the Library

Every Tuesday the public is invited to enjoy storytime at the Hampton B. Allen Library. The program begins at 10 a.m.

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