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Rabies Vaccination Clinic is Saturday

You can have your pet vaccinated for only \$5 at Brown Creek Animal Hospital

The Fall Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held this Saturday, October 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Brown Creek Animal Hospital on Highway 74 in Polkton. This is the perfect opportunity for you to vaccinate your pet for only \$5. All dogs, cats and ferrets four months of age and older must have a current rabies vaccination that is administered by a licensed veterinarian. The vaccination clinic is sponsored by Brown Creek Animal Hospital and the Anson County Health Department.

School Board Meeting is Monday, October 26

The Anson County School Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, October 26 at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a Closed session. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to participate.

College Application Week November 2-6

Anson High School, Anson Early College, Anson New Tech and Anson Academy will participate in the statewide College Application Week cosponsored by College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) and the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO) during the week of November 2 through 6. As a part of the CFNC-CACRAO college access initiative, high schools will work with seniors during this week to complete and submit online at least one college application each using the career and college information and planning site, CFNC.org. The goal of the program is to get more students applying to North Carolina colleges early in their senior year. During this event, students may apply to North Carolina community colleges, independent colleges and state universities, many of which will waive their application fees. Students are encouraged to begin looking at applications in CFNC.org for schools they are interested in applying to as there may be essay questions they need time to work on. Students may begin working on applications but should not submit them without assistance from a counselor until the week of November 2 through 6. For more information about events at your school, please contact your school counselor.

Civitan Duck Race Drawings Scheduled for November 7

People Fest Duck Race ticket holders, do not despair! Although the duck races were rained out, drawings for race ticket holders will be held on Saturday, November 7 at the Civitan Scout Hut, located behind BB&T Bank. Time of 1st drawing is 11:30 a.m. The drawing for preliminary heat winners (\$20 prizes) will take place approximately every five minutes until all heats are completed. A final drawing from among the heat winners will determine the Grand Prize winner (\$500). Ticket holders and the public are invited to attend. For information contact Tony at 704-254-6600.

Uwharrie Bank Expanding Into New Markets

Uwharrie Bank is expanding into Mecklenburg County initially with three lines of business: residential mortgage lending, commercial lending and wealth management services. The bank recently hired Charles Myers as President of Uwharrie Bank Mortgage and established a Charlotte office at 141 Providence Road for its residential mortgage operations. Myers is a well-known and respected mortgage banker in the Charlotte market for over 20 years. He was formerly president and owner of Myers Park Mortgage, where he grew the company to nearly a billion dollars in annual mortgage production. "The Charlotte/Mecklenburg market is a natural progression for our company considering the bank's current footprint in Anson, Stanly and Cabarrus counties," said Roger Dick, President & CEO of Uwharrie Capital Corp, parent of Uwharrie Bank. "Uwharrie Bank is extremely community-oriented, and we're building like-minded teams in Charlotte that match our emphasis on personal relationships and high client satisfaction. Charles exemplifies our commitment to making a difference and we are very pleased to have him lead our residential mortgage business." In September 2013, Uwharrie consolidated its three community banks into one and renamed the combined company Uwharrie Bank. "The consolidation allows us to better brand and market our offerings and high-service commitment more efficiently," said Brendan Duffey, Chief Operating Officer of Uwharrie Capital Corp and President of Uwharrie Bank. "We are excited to enter the Charlotte market more directly and are bringing very experienced local lending and wealth management teams to help individuals and businesses find the best advice and products possible for their particular situation. Charlotte presents a great opportunity for us to deepen customer relationships by offering Uwharrie's extensive mix of products, state-of-the-art technology, and services to our existing and new customers." Augmenting existing personnel, Uwharrie Bank will selectively hire key personnel from the region's strong pool of financial services talent in residential mortgage lending, commercial lending and wealth management in continuing its commitment to the central Carolina market through its growth initiatives. Uwharrie Bank has engaged Randy Helton of Helton Advisors, Inc. to assist in its expansion efforts in the Charlotte region. **About Uwharrie Bank** We know to be successful in the future, we must be thoughtful, intentional and strategic in order to improve and sustain ourselves and our communities. Uwharrie Capital Corp is well positioned for the future due to our financial strength, leading positions in many of our products and services delivery, a proven business strategy and a dedicated group of people working together. These are the strengths that have helped us remain profitable in strong and weak economic environments and to achieve our vision and mission of making a difference in the communities we serve.



Anson High Powder Puff Game Held October 7

Article written by AHS journalism student Gage Tarlton: Senior Alexis Cole walked out onto the playing field with a look of intensity and a feeling of determination. Blocking out all of the noise around her, she put her focus on the football and how to get ahold of it as fast as possible. The whistle sounded, marking the beginning of Anson's first Powderpuff Game in years, and within seconds Alexis had scored the first touchdown! "I felt tired and very accomplished. I was happy that I was able to contribute to the team and to the school," she said of scoring. Not only Anson High School participated though. Anson New Tech and the YCC program joined in on the game, which took place on Wednesday, October 7 at the football stadium, marking one of the first times that the three schools had combined together for some friendly fun! Anson High School Principal Chris Stinson hopes that the Powderpuff Game, which is when the girls play football and boys root them on as the cheerleaders, will continue on for years to come due to the tremendous success of this year's match. In the game the underclassmen girls took on the upperclassmen girls. While the upperclassmen emerged victorious, both teams were proud to be involved in such an enjoyable experience that they will be sure to remember when looking back on their high school years.



Anson County Schools Celebrated National School Lunch Week



The Anson County School District School Nutrition Program celebrated National School Lunch Week from October 12-16 with a theme of "School Lunch Snapshot." The week featured school lunch themed activities and games that promoted the importance of healthy eating. At the elementary level, students were surprised with lunch served by their principal or other special guest. The Anson County School Nutrition Program serves an average of 2,590 lunches and 1,695 breakfasts each day. "School lunches are healthier than ever, with more fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and less fat and sodium" said Angela Griffin, School Nutrition Director. "National School Lunch Week is the perfect time to celebrate all of the healthy options we are serving every day in all schools."

It's Barn Blast Time Again!

Tickets for the 10th annual Barn Blast fundraiser are available now at the Anson County Partnership for Children! The 2016 Barn Blast will be held on Friday, January 29, from 5 to 11:30 p.m. in the Ingram Room at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. This fundraising event features dinner, dancing, drinks, silent auctions, a live auction and lots of western themed fun. Reserved tables for 8 are available for \$400 (\$50 per ticket). General admission tickets are \$60 each. After January 1, prices for reserved tables increase to \$480 (\$60 per ticket) and general admission tickets will not be sold. Be sure to purchase your Barn Blast tickets early before they sell out! All profits from the Barn Blast are used in Anson County for the Partnership's many programs for young children. These programs include Dolly Parton's Imagination Library which mails a book each month to over 1,100 children in Anson County and the new ReadyRosie program that provides daily videos that model literacy and math activities. For tickets or more information about the 2016 Barn Blast, please call or come by the Anson County Partnership for Children, located at 117 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. The number is 704 694-4036. www.ansonchildren.org



National Memory Screening Day at Grace Senior Center

National Memory Screening Day is an ongoing national effort to promote early detection of memory problems, including Alzheimer's disease, and to encourage appropriate intervention, including medical treatments, social services and other resources. AFA believes that memory screenings are a significant first step toward early diagnosis. National Memory Screening Day provides free, confidential memory screenings to individuals concerned about memory loss with the objective of early detection and intervention. The event encourages Americans to participate by offering screenings at no charge and in convenient locations in communities across the nation. National Memory Screening Day also provides a valuable opportunity to learn more about healthy lifestyle choices for successful aging. Grace Senior Center will provide free Memory Screening on Wednesday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call to pre-register at (704) 694-6616. Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free Movie at Hampton B. Allen Library

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie for Monday October 26 at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre. When a teenager receives a mysterious letter in the mail, she sets out to find the author. It is a journey that will change her life forever. The movie stars Aley Underwood, Bernie Diamond, Pam Eichner and Stella McComas. It is rated PG. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy this wonderful movie. The movie title is not being released. Special thanks to Home-town Video for supplying the movie and Allen & staff at The Express Newspaper for keeping the public informed of events at the library. For more information call 704-694-5177.

Democratic Party Meet & Greet November 1

The Anson County Democratic Party will host a "Meet & Greet" for all the candidates in the upcoming November Election at Hampton B. Allen Library on Sunday, November 1, beginning at 4 p.m. All candidates, officials and concerned citizens are invited. For more information please contact Vancine Sturdivant, Democratic Party Chair, at 704-848-4412.

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