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Board of Education Regular Meeting Scheduled for October 29

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, October 29 in the Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the Closed Session. Open Session should begin at about 5:30 p.m.

Board of Elections Absentee Meeting is Tuesday, October 30

The Anson County Board of Elections will hold an Absentee meeting on Tuesday, October 30 at 5 p.m. The agenda for the meeting is:

- Call to Order/Invocation
- Approval of minutes (if applicable)
- Absentee ballots to approve
- Early Voting updates and matters
- Election Day updates and matters
- Upcoming dates
- Questions, comments and other matters

The meeting will take place in the Boardroom at the Board of Elections office, 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

To appear on a meeting agenda you must provide notice in writing by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the next meeting.

During all board meetings, those in attendance are asked to refrain from comments and questions to the board unless they are called upon by the board. At the end of each meeting the board will open the floor for comments and questions.

For more information call 704-994-3223.

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, October 30** Absentee Board Meeting #3 at 5 p.m. Last Day to request an absentee ballot at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, November 3** EARLY VOTING ENDS at 1 p.m.
- Monday, November 5** UOCAVA/OVERSEAS registration/ballot request deadline
- Tuesday, November 6** ELECTION DAY 6:30am-7:30pm Civilian Absentee Ballot Return Deadline at 5 p.m. Begin Counting/Tallying Absentee by Mail and Early Voting Results *cannot release until polls close at 2 p.m.
- Thursday, November 8** Sample Hand to Eye / Provisional Count at 10 a.m.
- Friday, November 16** County Canvass (make November Election official) at 11 a.m.

FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams Reaching Out in Anson County

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) teams are working in Anson County to assist those affected by Hurricane Florence. FEMA will help survivors register for assistance, identify and address immediate and emerging needs, and make referrals to other local, state and voluntary agencies to best meet survivors' needs.

DSA staff can register survivors for disaster assistance, update their records and make referrals to local, state, and voluntary agency partners. During this process, specialists will ask for some personal information including: social security number, annual income and bank information, as well as names of occupants of the impacted property.

Like all FEMA field personnel, team members can be identified easily by their photo identifications and the FEMA logo on their shirts. Residents are encouraged to ask for official identification before providing personal information. FEMA will not be going door to door after sunset.

In addition to the registration opportunity offered by DSA teams, survivors can register for assistance by the following methods:

- Visit DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Call 800-621-3362 (800-462-7585 TTY users) (Multi-lingual operators are available, press 2 for Spanish) to register. The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET, seven days a week.

Halloween Trick or Treat Event

Sheriff Landric Reid would like to invite all trick or treaters out to the Anson County Sheriff's Office parking lot on Wednesday, October 31 where treats will be given out between 6 and 8 p.m. The Sheriff's Office is located at 119 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Sheriff Reid said, "Everyone please come out and participate in this fun filled event. This is a way to give parents and their children a secure opportunity to participate in an enjoyable Halloween festivity, in a safe and well lighted environment."

APPROVED EARLY VOTING PLAN			
*APPROVED ON JULY 17TH, 2018			
FOR NOVEMBER 6TH, 2018 ELECTION			
Day	Open	Close	Total Hours
WEDNESDAY 10/17/20:	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
THURSDAY 10/18/2018	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
FRIDAY 10/19/2018	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
SATURDAY 10/20/2018	7:00 AM	3:00 PM	8
SUNDAY 10/21/2018	CLOSED	CLOSED	0
MONDAY 10/22/2018	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
TUESDAY 10/23/2018	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
WEDNESDAY 10/24/20:	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
THURSDAY 10/25/2018	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
FRIDAY 10/26/2018	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
SATURDAY 10/27/2018	7:00 AM	3:00 PM	8
SUNDAY 10/28/2018	CLOSED	CLOSED	0
MONDAY 10/29/218	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
TUESDAY 10/30/2018	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
WEDNESDAY 10/31/20:	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
THURSDAY 11/01/2018	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
FRIDAY 11/02/2018	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	12
Saturday 11/03/2018	7:00 AM	1:00 PM	6



Anson High School Colorguards Keep it Going On!

These young ladies perform with the Anson High School Band during halftime of the Bearcat football games. Their "Latin Magic" themed show has been a crowd pleaser.

These Colorguard members are, from left: Gabrielle Crowder, Nya Harrington, MaKayla Kirkley, Jakira Brown and Ebony Crawford. They are coached by Kristen Jarrett.

This Friday night the Anson Bearcats travel to West Stanly High School to take on the Colts. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Let's go Cats!

Domestic Violence Month Candelight Vigil Set for Thursday

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the NCADV website, Domestic Violence Awareness month was first observed in 1987. Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center (ACDVC) participates in the Silent Witness program during the month of October to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

During October, life-sized wooden figures will be placed in the county, each one bearing the name of a person who once lived, worked, had friends, family - whose life ended violently at the hands of a partner, spouse, ex-spouse or acquaintance.

Domestic Violence often goes unreported. In Anson County, from July 2017 to June 2018, ACDVC assisted 323 victims of domestic violence; 290 were female and 33 were males. The age bracket with the highest incident is 26-40 years old. According to statistics, one in three women and one in four men have been victims of some form of physical violence by their intimate partner. According to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, every nine seconds a woman is assaulted. From October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 there were 61 domestic violence related deaths in North Carolina alone.

On Thursday, October 25 at 6 p.m. a Candelight Vigil will be held at the front steps of the Anson County Courthouse. ACDVC invites anyone who has a friend or loved one represented here or if you have been or know someone that has been affected by domestic violence to come and join in during this special time of remembrance.

Anson County's known victims include: Argatha H. Clark, Cindy B. McIntyre, Rebecca B. Morrow, Connie Newton, Laura Parker, Mary Polk, Danette Streater, Mary Jane Suess, Linda Kay Walters, Daisy Coleman Melton, Larry Thomas Lindsey, Jennifer Howell, Sherri Feely Marshall, Elnora Sturdivant, Doretha Smith, Rodney Smith, Kim Campbell, Joseph Michael Hall, two unnamed victims and two unborn children.

For more information please contact the staff at Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center at 704-694-4499. Their 24 hour crisis line is 704-690-0362.

Young Professionals Anson Make Donation to Anson Schools

Fall raffle tickets on sale now for three prizes, with proceeds used to support area needs

Young Professionals Anson (YP Anson) recently donated \$1,500 to Anson County Schools from funds raised during their spring raffle.

YP Anson Chair Ashley Scarborough said, "The donation will specifically be allocated towards clothing for students in need. We polled our membership for suggestions of areas to donate the funds, and the largest interest was to help the children in our county. After much thought we decided to donate directly to Anson County Schools."

Superintendent of Anson County Schools Michael Freeman met with members of YP Anson and received the check on Tuesday, October 2. "On behalf of all students attending Anson County Schools I want to thank YP Anson for this generous donation that will be used to meet personal clothing needs of many children."

Freeman continued by saying, "Anson County Schools is very fortunate to have great supporters like YP Anson to support us through volunteering and monetary contributions. Your support makes a difference for many children who need advocates working on their behalf."

Ashley Scarborough said, "Many thanks to all who supported our spring raffle! Because of your contributions YP Anson was able to make an impact in our county."

YP Anson is currently selling \$5 tickets for their fall raffle. There will be three prizes: 1st Prize is a 4'x8' playhouse with shingle roof and open shutter windows; 2nd Prize is a fall quilt handmade by Cynthia Little; and 3rd Prize is a \$200 Visa gift card. Drawings will be held on Tuesday, November 6. All proceeds go to YP Anson and will be used to support local community initiatives. Please contact Ashley Scarborough at ashley@plankroadforestry.com for tickets.

Young Professionals Anson's mission is to provide an environment for individuals between the ages of 21 to 39 to meet and develop both socially and professionally. Their vision is to be an organization that brings young professionals together through the hosting of networking and developmental opportunities that they may be an avenue for attracting and retaining new young professionals to the Anson County area.



UWI Fall Festival is Saturday

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. will hold its Annual Fall Festival this Saturday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Square in uptown Wadesboro. The activities include trick or treating at uptown businesses, games with prizes, storytelling, costume contests for children and pets, a pumpkin decorating contest, and the Anson County Partnership for Children will be providing free books to the children.

Additionally, Uptown Wadesboro will host the movie *Monster House* on the Square starting at 6 p.m. Bring your blankets and chairs to the free event. Popcorn and refreshments will be served.

For further information call Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. at 704-695-1644.

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Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every second Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. There is not cost, but you must be 55 or older to play. For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.