

### Remember to Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries

We moved our clocks back an hour for Daylight Standard Time this past weekend, and that is always a good reminder to replace your smoke detector batteries. If you didn't do it during the weekend, please replace them today. Twice a year battery replacement helps ensure that your smoke detectors are in good working order. You and your family deserve no less! Also, the National Fire Protection Association recommends that smoke detector alarms be replaced every 10 years.

### Writers' Club Annual Contests in Prose and Poetry

The Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC) is now accepting submissions for its annual contests in prose and poetry. The ACWC will award over \$400 in prize money to the winners in adult, youth, and children's categories. Deadline is December 2, 2024. 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 that is waived for students at any institution of higher learning. There is no entry fee for students in grades 3-12. Rules and entry forms will be provided to all Anson County schools. Home-schooled students are also invited to enter. There are three ways to enter. 1) Submissions in Word can be emailed to: [info@ansoncountywritersclub.org](mailto:info@ansoncountywritersclub.org) with "contest" in the subject line; 2) mailed to Anson County Writers' Club, 2024 Contests, Box 363, Wadesboro, NC, 28170; or 3) dropped off at the Hampton B. Allen Library. A complete copy of the rules and an entry form that must accompany each entry are available at the H.B. Allen Library or by writing to ACWC 2022 Contests, P.O. Box 363, Wadesboro, N.C., 28170 (enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope). Rules and entry forms are on the ACWC website at [www.ansoncountywritersclub.org](http://www.ansoncountywritersclub.org). Failure to follow the rules may result in an entry being disqualified. First, second and third place winners in the adult prose and adult poetry categories will receive \$50, \$30 and \$20, respectively. Youth winners (grades 9-12) will receive \$20, \$15 and \$10, respectively. Grades 3-6 and Grades 7-8 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 23, 2025. The ACWC held its first contests in 1989, and has since published 11 anthologies of the winning entries. Anson Pathways XI is available for purchase at the Anson County Arts Council or from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). (choose "books" and then "Anson Pathways"). Anson Pathways XII will be published in 2025.



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### The Health Department Offers Sick Visit Appointments

Did you know that the Anson County Health Department offers sick visit appointments for those over 21 for the following: cold; flu; sore throat; seasonal allergies; urinary tract infections (UTI); earache; upset stomach; acute bronchitis; pink eye; minor abrasions, burns & bruises; sunburn; insect bites & stings; suture removal; and blood pressure check (nurse). Some same day appointments are available. Primary health insurance is accepted as in-network is BCBS, Cigna, United Healthcare, Medcost, Aetna, Multiplan, Ambetter, Medicare, Wellcare Medicare, Amerihealth Next, NC Medicaid, NC Medicaid Prepaid Health Plans (Healthy Blue, Amerihealth Caritas, Wellcare-Medicaid, Carolinas Complete Health, United Healthcare Medicaid). Affordable options are available for those who do not have insurance, or do not have one of the primary plans listed above. To make an appointment or learn more call 704-694-5188. The Health Department is located at 110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro. The website is: [www.co.anson.nc.us/164/Health-Department](http://www.co.anson.nc.us/164/Health-Department), and you can find them on Facebook.

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**Anson County salutes all who have served and continue to serve.**

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**THANK YOU VETERANS**

*Join us for a celebration, lunch, and fellowship to honor all who have served.*

**Who:** Anson County Veterans and Guests  
**What:** Lunch, Fellowship, Door Prizes  
**When:** November 11, 2024 at 11 am  
**Where:** North Wadesboro Baptist Church  
1211 N. Greene St, Wadesboro

Contact Courtney @ 704-465-0086 with questions



### Morven Elementary School Cowgirls...Looking Good!

The Halloween spirit was in full force at Morven Elementary School last week. These cowgirls pictured above showed up ready to rustle up some learnin'! October 31 was Halloween Book Character Day at MES. Students dressed up as their favorite book characters, and they enjoyed a day of fun and excitement, with a trunk or treat, a visit from the Morven Fire Department and other organizations, and the conclusion of Red Ribbon Week.

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