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Serving Anson County and the Municipalities of Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton and Wadesboro.

## Board of Education Meeting Scheduled for November 25

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Monday, November 25 in the Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. The regular meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. with Closed Session immediately following the opening of the meeting. Open Session should begin at about 5:30 p.m.

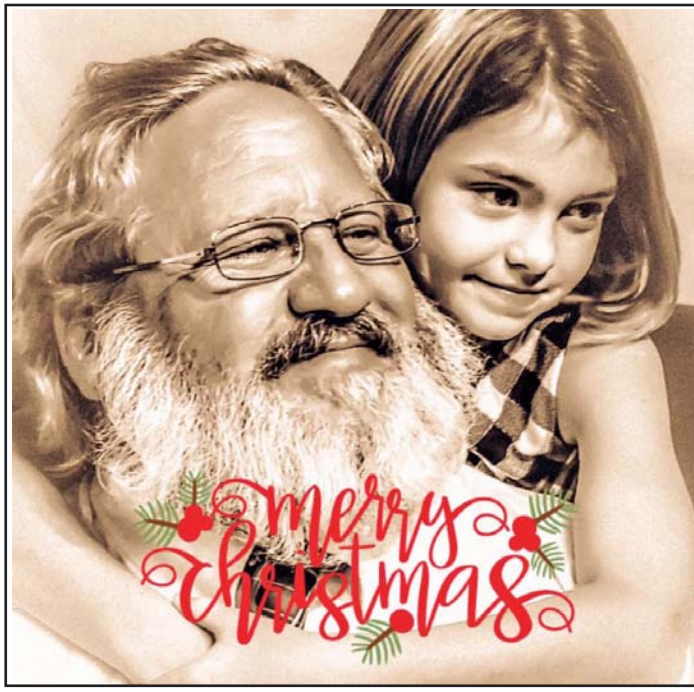
## Official Municipal Election Results

The Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, November 5. Towns in Anson County opted out of holding Early Voting and Absentee Voting for this election.

Here are the races and vote totals, with the winners in bold and number of votes in parenthesis:

- **Town of Ansonville Mayor - Joe Estridge, Jr. (49);** Write-In (5)
- **Town of Ansonville Council (vote for 5) - Denise Watkins Cannon (50); Sarah Burns (47); Jesse Huntley (45); Phyllis Watkins (42); Kimberly Burr (37);** Write-in (1)
- **Town of Lilesville Mayor - Richard Harrington (95);** Write-in (6)
- **Town of Lilesville Commissioner (vote for 5) - Bernice Bennett (86); John Lester Montgomery (81); Lewis Adams (72); Juanita Williams (63); Steven Whitlock (54);** Chuck Cook (48); Peggy Treadaway (47); Frank McAllister (22); Write-in (2)
- **Town of McFarlan Mayor - Diane Timmons (22);** Write-in (1)
- **Town of McFarlan Council (Vote for 5) - Gail Whittington (20); Debbie Bryant (19); Jimmy Grubb (19); Kim Gainey (14); Michael Foster (13);** Christopher Harney (10); Write-in (3)
- **Town of Morven Mayor - Tim Watkins (84);** Carolyn Solomon (45)
- **Town of Morven Council (vote for 2) - Brandon Smith (76); Corinthia Lewis Lemon (56);** Linda (Pill) Hinson (46); Theodore Carr (25)
- **Town of Peachland Mayor - Richard Allen (47);** Write-in (3)
- **Town of Peachland Council (vote for 2) - Betty Hasty (44); Jeffrey Davis (38);** Kenneth Rowell, Jr. (15)
- **Town of Polkton Mayor - Cynthia Williams (54);** Minnie Staton (37)
- **Town of Polkton Commissioner (vote for 5) - Sissy Steagall (60); Jimmy Hildreth (58); Johnny Faulk (54); Cindy Heafner (54);** Write-ins - Russell Goodwin (24); Tammy King (10); Miscellaneous (3)
- **Town of Wadesboro Mayor - Bill Thacker (436);** Mitchell Huntley (63); Write-in (5)
- **Town of Wadesboro Council (vote for 2) - John Ballard (297); Lewis Evans (229);** Jo Ann Bennett (193); Judy Little (129); Amanda Moak (99); Write-in (2)

For more information call the Anson County Board of Elections at 704-994-3223.



Maeley Belk of Marshville, and she will absolutely steal your heart.

The incredible cast comes together from Anson, Union, Stanly, Richmond and Moore counties and also includes Amanda Moss, Mark Traywick, Taniqua Lindsey, Chipper Long, Glenn Caulder, Robert Graves, Donnie Lewis, Megan Sikes Rogers, Cleve Baxley, Karen Johnston, Nekeisha Lindsey, Madeline Leavitt, Gracilee Bricker, Ginger Trexler, Trinity Trexler, Cali Green, Maggie Gibson, David Cunningham, Gracin Pike, Jacob Bennett, Kerrigan Bennett, Keisha Dunlap, Angela Heavener Pike, Beverly Eddins, Lauren Humann, Shelby Belk, Lela Chaney, Greyson Helms and Kennedy Ramseur.

The show runs December 6-15. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Group rates available for parties of 10 or more. Buy online at [ansoniatheatre.com](http://ansoniatheatre.com) or call 704-694-4950.

## Play Miracle on 34th Street Opens at Ansonia December 6

It's Christmastime at the Ansonia Theatre, the 2019 MTA Best Theatre Company award winner. They are hard at work keeping the high standard of quality entertainment with their version of *Miracle on 34th Street*, the heartwarming holiday classic about the power of believing. Tickets sales are already breaking box office records.

Kris Kringle, an old man in a retirement home played by Mike Railton, gets a job working as Santa for Macy's. He quickly unleashes waves of goodwill with Macy's customers and the commercial world of New York City. Kris refers parents to other stores to find the best deal on the toy their child has asked for. Macy's vocational counselor sees Kris as deluded and dangerous and plots to have him committed to Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital. Kris ends up in a court competency hearing fighting for his life. Not only is his freedom at stake, but also the heart of one little girl's belief in Santa and the true meaning of Christmas.

The role of Susan, is played by newcomer

## Wadesboro Christmas Parade is Thursday, December 5

**Entry forms for participants are due November 27**

Plans are in full swing for this year's Wadesboro Christmas Parade.

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. is accepting applications for parade participants, and reminds everyone who wishes to be in the parade to contact them as soon as possible. The parade is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, starting at 4:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Participant entry forms are available at Wadesboro Town Hall or at the REV Center, located at 114 West Wade Street. Vendors must obtain permits from the Town of Wadesboro in order to participate.

Parade entry forms are due on Wednesday, November 27. For more information or to request an entry form, contact Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. at (704) 694-4181 or via email at [uptownwadesboro@windstream.net](mailto:uptownwadesboro@windstream.net).

## Grapevine Wreath Class

Celebrate fall with Anson Extension. Join them to weave your own grapevine wreath from muscadine vines. Use your imagination to decorate with natural and fall themed objects they will supply, then take home your one-of-a-kind masterpiece to showcase over the holidays.

This educational experience is limited to 10 guests per session, ages 15+. Participants are asked to bring their own wire cutters or by-pass pruners, and their imagination!

Preregister in person at the Extension office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, with \$20 cash or check payable to "Anson Extension," to secure a spot in class.

For further information contact Aimee Colf at 704-694-2415.

There are three opportunities to participate before Thanksgiving.

## Health Insurance Open Enrollment on HealthCare.gov

**NC Navigators are your guide to affordable care. Call 1-855-733-3711 (toll-free) or visit [ncnavigator.net](http://ncnavigator.net) to make your free, in-person appointment with an NC Navigator near you. The average plan cost for next year has decreased.**

NC Navigators are here to help North Carolinians enroll in affordable health insurance plans on [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) during the Affordable Care Act's seventh open-enrollment period, which started November 1 and runs through December 15.

Throughout open enrollment, North Carolina consumers can call 1-855-733-3711 (toll-free) or visit [ncnavigator.net](http://ncnavigator.net) to schedule a free, confidential, in-person appointment with a certified NC Navigator in their area.

Consumers can also meet with navigators by attending any of the 80 free enrollment events to be held across the state during open enrollment. All enrollment events are free and open to the public. No registration is required. Check out the events calendar on [ncnavigator.net](http://ncnavigator.net) for the complete list.

NC navigators are trained to help consumers enroll in coverage on the Health Insurance Marketplace at [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov), the online storefront that consumers can visit to browse and enroll in affordable, comprehensive health insurance plans.

NC navigators can help consumers understand the details of the plans available on [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov), complete the enrollment process and determine their eligibility for financial assistance. Last year, nine in 10 North Carolinians who enrolled in coverage on [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) received financial assistance.

"We want consumers to know that financial assistance is still available," Mark Van Arn, director of the Consortium, said. "Most North Carolinians who are enrolled in a HealthCare.gov plan get financial help that lowers the monthly cost of their coverage to less than \$70. Navigators can help consumers determine if they are eligible for financial assistance and, if they are, help them sign up to get it."

North Carolinians who are already enrolled in a HealthCare.gov plan will automatically get re-enrolled in 2019 coverage, but navigators are urging consumers to check back in to see if a more suitable plan is available. The average cost of premiums has decreased to \$68 a month, so consumers might be able to find a plan that offers equivalent or better coverage for cheaper.

## Zimmer Friends Get Together is Friday, Dec. 6

The Zimmer Friends group will hold a get together Papa Joes Restaurant in Wadesboro on Friday, December 6 at starting at 1:30 p.m. They invite all who are interested in attending. This will be an opportunity to meet in the comfortable new restaurant.

For more information call Betty Huneycutt at 704-694-4213.

## Being Storm Ready

**Anson County is a Storm Ready county**

More North Carolina counties have been designated as StormReady by the National Weather Service (NWS), as part of the Service's program to help communities across America mitigate the effects from natural disasters. Twelve more counties joined 74 counties and nine communities in North Carolina already recognized as being StormReady. This year's additional StormReady counties are Halifax, Macon, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Montgomery, Northampton, Perquimans, Rowan, Sampson and Watauga.

According to the NWS, 98% of all presidentially declared disasters are weather-related, leading to around 500 deaths per year and nearly \$15 billion in damage. Since 2016, four large storms in North Carolina have caused major flooding, loss of life and cost billions of dollars. Many people are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Matthew in 2016 as well as Florence and Tropical Storm Michael in 2018. Recently, Hurricane Dorian inundated Ocracoke and damaged other areas along the North Carolina coast. The state has also experienced several rounds of severe weather including winter storms, tornadoes and tropical storms.

It's important that communities become more resilient through preparations that reduce their vulnerability from extreme weather and water events. North Carolina Emergency Management helps to accomplish this by working with community leaders and emergency managers to improve the planning, education and awareness needed to mitigate problem areas while developing the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property.

The StormReady program uses a grassroots approach to encourage counties and communities to proactively improve local hazardous weather operations by:

- Establishing a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
- Offering the public more than one way to receive severe weather warnings, alerts and forecasts
- Creating a system that monitors weather conditions locally
- Promoting the importance of public readiness through community seminars
- Developing a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

In addition to the program's designated communities, StormReady recognizes as Supporters organizations, businesses, facilities and local governments that are engaged in weather safety and preparedness practices but haven't yet achieved the program's requirements. Supporters are endorsed by local emergency management agencies;

You can view the complete list of counties and communities designated as StormReady and Supporters online at [www.weather.gov/stormready/nc-sr](http://www.weather.gov/stormready/nc-sr).

## Free Movie is Unplanned

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie *Unplanned* showing Monday, November 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Little Theatre. *Unplanned* is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. The movie stars Ashley Bratcher, Brooks Ryan, Robia Scott and Jared Lotz. Everyone is invited to come and see the movie.

For information call 704-694-5177.

## Anson County 2040 - Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update Meeting Set for Thursday

Over the next year Anson County will update its comprehensive land use plan. The county will hold a series of open houses in November and December for residents to provide input on what they value about where they live and what they hope for the future. The content and process will be the same at each open house. Light refreshments and activities for children will be provided. Please attend the open house that is most convenient for you.

Each open house will be open to the public from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please plan to drop in any time.

For more information contact Anson County Manager Barron Monroe at [BMonroe@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:BMonroe@co.anson.nc.us).

**Open House Schedule**

- Thursday, November 21 - Morven (South Anson) at HOLLA!, 229 Main Street in Morven.
- Thursday, December 5 - Ansonville (North Anson) at the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, 5770 US Highway 52 North, Wadesboro
- Tuesday, December 10 - Polkton (West Anson) at South Piedmont Community College, L.L. Polk Campus, Raye Community Room, 680 US 74 in Polkton
- Thursday, December 12 - Wadesboro (Central Anson) at South Piedmont Community College, Lockhart-Taylor Center's Ingram Room, 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro

## Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner this Saturday at HMOC

Harvest Ministries Outreach Center and Faith Based Center of Hope invites the community to their annual free Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The event takes place this Saturday, November 23, starting at 12 noon at Harvest Ministries.

The menu includes turkey, chicken, ham, dressing & gravy, string beans, rice, mac & cheese, potato salad, lima beans, cornbread, rolls, desserts, drinks and more! There will be free giveaways of turkeys, blankets, winter coats, clothing, groceries and more!

Harvest Ministries is located at 1134 East Caswell Street (Highway 74) in Wadesboro, behind Pizza Hut.

For a free ride to the event or more information call 704-695-2879 or 704-294-0480.

If you would like to help support this event, monetary donations are needed for the food and giveaways. The sponsors thank you in advance for your support. Call 704-695-2879.

## Grace Senior Center's Christmas Luncheon Set for December 4 & 5

Grace Senior Center's Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Choose what day you would like to come to the Lockhart-Taylor Center for the event, and register by calling Grace Senior Center at (704) 694-6616.