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Register Now for Parks and Recreation Basketball

Anson County Parks and Recreation is accepting registrations now for their basketball program. It is open to these age groups: Micro (3-5); Grades K-2nd; 3rd-4th; 5th-6th; and 7th-9th.
 You can register online until December 8 at: anson.recdesk.com.
 For information call 704-994-3025.

HOLLA! Event to Commemorate the 13th Amendment

Khalifah Academy presents Jubilee: A Celebration of Freedom on Wednesday, December 6 at 6 p.m. at the HOLLA! Community Center in Morven. Jubilee commemorates the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution which abolished slavery throughout the nation.
 The HOLLA! Community Center is located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. The telephone number is 704-851-3144.

Shots and Shoes for Seniors!

An event called Shots and Shoes for Seniors will take place at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, December 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Individuals will receive a new pair of shoes, specially designed with seniors' needs in mind. Recipients will receive a Hope Tote drawstring bag with new anti-slip shoes, socks, and two encouraging messages, along with a message of hope from our volunteers.
 Flu vaccines will also be available for all participants. Preregistration is required to receive shoes. To register, please visit Grace Senior Center or call them at 704-694-6616. They look forward to seeing you there!
 Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

Funny, Random & Weird Holidays

- November 30 Thursday - Computer Security Day
- December 1 Friday - Eat a Red Apple Day
- December 2 Saturday - Fritters Day
- December 3 Sunday - Make a Gift Day
- December 4 Monday - Wear Brown Shoes Day
- December 5 Tuesday - Day of the Ninja
- December 6 Wednesday - Put on Your Own Shoes Day
- December 6 Wednesday - Microwave Oven Day

Church

DECEMBER 2
Free Blankets
 For those in need, 11am-2pm, while supplies last, at White Oak Grove Church in Morven.
Christmas Gala
 Sponsored by the Seniors of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Peachland, 6-11pm at Lockhart-Taylor Center. Semi-formal, wear your Christmas colors! Ticket donations (advance): \$30 per couple, \$20 singles, \$25 each at the door. Info & tickets 704-272-7630.

DECEMBER 3
Annual Men's Day Program at Divine Unity H.O.R.M., 6090 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 11am with Deacon Johnny Burns of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville.
DECEMBER 17
Christmas Concert at Divine Unity H.O.R.M., 6090 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 2:30pm.

ONGOING
Addiction Recovery Support group meets every Sunday, 6pm at Harmony Community Church, located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland. 704-272-7410
Weekly Praise & Worship Schedule
 Shiloh Christian Community Church, 1752 Shiloh Church Rd. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays, Sunday School weekly, services start at 10am.

Weekly Praise & Worship Schedule
 Sandy Plains Christian Fellowship Church, 1154 Cason Oldfield Rd. Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays, Sunday School weekly, services start at 9:30 am.

Events

DECEMBER 1
Beekeepers Meeting
 Get together potluck dinner at Extension Office, 501 McLaurin St. in Wadesboro, 6pm. No gifts, but if you have honey bring it for the black jar honey contest at the Anson County Extension Office. Info Facebook page, "Anson Beekeepers Association."
DECEMBER 5
Board of Commissioners Meet 6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. Now there are two regular monthly meetings, with the second December meeting on December 19. Meetings are available online at youtube.com, search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201.
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Anson Schools Sports Update

AHS
Anson High School Track
Monday, November 20 - Anson competed at Piedmont High School. Girls finished 3rd, Boys finished 5th.
Girls' Highlights Pashunce Maxwell 1st shot put, qualified for states; Janiyah Maxwell 2nd 55-meter dash, 3rd 300 meter-dash, 2nd long jump; Janiaya 2nd triple jump, 6th long jump; Trinity Sellers 5th 55 meter-dash; Laynala Mathis 2nd 55-meter dash; Carley Powell 5th, 55-meter hurdles; Kennedy Ramseur 6th, 55-meter hurdles.
4x400 meter relay team 4th Place - Laynala Mathis, Kennedy Ramseur, Lydia Cano-Luna and Rikeya Little, Zeranne Little 4th.
Boys' Highlights Elijah Sellers 3rd 55-meter dash, 4th 300-meter dash; Johntavius Booker 2nd 55-meter hurdles. **4x200 meter relay team 3rd Place** - Kendrick Maye, Judah Harris, Johntavius Booker and Elijah Sellers.

An Endangered Aquatic Species is Given a Second Chance at a Wild Life

After 20 years of living only in captivity, the federally endangered Magnificent Ramshorn has been returned to the wild. On November 17 the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) reintroduced 2,000 of these aquatic snails into a pond on NCWRC Game Lands in Brunswick County.
 "They are a unique part of North Carolina's natural history heritage. The original wild populations died out from degradation of natural habitats and poor water quality," said NCWRC's Inland Fisheries Chief Christian Waters. "It has been a labor of dedication, thoughtful planning, partnerships and support from our Commissioners to make this extremely significant conservation win occur."
 The Magnificent Ramshorn is a large freshwater snail, endemic (found nowhere else in the world) to the lower Cape Fear River basin in North Carolina. The snail is about 1.5 inches long when fully grown, with leopard-like spots on its shell and a rich, maroon-colored body.
 The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) issued the NCWRC a permit in October 2022 for reintroduction projects encompassing 21 aquatic species. The two agencies entered into an agreement allowing the NCWRC to extend assurances to participating nonfederal landowners for the reintroduction of the Magnificent Ramshorn under this permit. The snails made quite a splash by being the first of these 21 species in the state to take advantage of this new tool. In early October, a smaller batch of snails was placed in the pond to document how the animals would respond to their first foray in the wild. Monitoring surveys confirmed the stocking was a success. Staff then moved forward with the November 16 stocking of the additional snails.
 "We are excited about the promising early results, representing a significant step toward species recovery," said Emilia Omerberg, NCWRC Aquatic Snail Biologist. "Initial monitoring indicates the snails have survived and reproduced in the pond, including the first wild hatches since the early 2000s."
 The snails are propagated at NCWRC's Conservation Aquaculture Center in Marion, N.C., and transported across the state to the release site. This project is funded by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and is supported by a suite of partners including the Coastal Plain Conservation Group, USFWS, N.C. State University and the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point.
 "Reintroducing an endangered species requires multi-agency collaboration and public support," said NCWRC Assistant Chief of Inland Fisheries Rachael Hoch. "We have been very fortunate to have strong partnerships in this effort and will continue to seek support from landowners and organizations for the remaining aquatic, priority species in this multi-year effort."
 In mid-October, a second of the 21 imperiled species listed in the permit, the Roanoke Logperch, was successfully stocked in the upper Mayo River through collaboration with a private landowner, Piedmont Land Conservancy and the Mayo River State Park.
 NCWRC biologists will monitor the snails' progress and may add more to the pond at a later date. They are researching potential future locations for stocking as well. The public can follow the progress of Magnificent Ramshorns and learn more about this species by visiting Restoring Aquatic Species in North Carolina (ncwildlife.org/conserving/species/restoring-aquatic-species-to-north-carolina/magnificent-ramshorn).

