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Schools Offer Fresh Fruits and Veggies as Part of the Farm to School Program

In a release from the Anson County School System: Farm-fresh fruits and vegetables will soon be on the menu for Anson county school district children. Cafeterias system wide will be serving up watermelon, apples, sweet potatoes, collards, strawberries and cabbage, to name a few during the school year.

The school system is participating in the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Farm to School program that works to put locally grown fruits and vegetables into schools. The schools also feature special in-cafeteria promotions highlighting locally grown foods served throughout the year. October is recognized nationally as Farm to School Month.

The Farm to School program has continually grown since its start in 1998, with a \$100,000 increase in sales from 2008 to 2010. The 2010-2011 school year was the biggest for the Farm to School program, with more than \$965,000 in total sales to local schools.

"Our school system has been a longtime supporter of the Farm to School Program and we have been happy with the results," said Angela Griffin, Anson county schools child nutrition director. "Our kids look forward to having North Carolina products on the food line. Strawberries and watermelons are among some of their favorites. Plus, I like knowing we are helping support local farmers."

Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler appreciates the schools' support, too, and sees the program as a positive step in helping fight childhood obesity.

"We are fortunate in this state that farmers produce so many fruits and vegetables, so school kids have plenty of healthy and nutritious choices," Troxler said. "It doesn't get much fresher than being grown in your own state. I am proud we have such strong school partners, and I look forward to topping \$1 million in annual sales from this program soon."

NCDA&CS Food Distribution and Marketing divisions coordinate the Farm to School Program. Food Distribution coordinates deliveries of the commodities from the farms to the school systems, and the Marketing Division works with farmers to fill orders.

For more on the Farm to School Program, contact Heather Barnes, NCDA&CS marketing specialist, at (919) 707-3127 or go to www.ncfarmtoschool.com.

Sheriff's Youth Skeet Shoot is Saturday

Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen reminds the public that the ninth annual Anson County Sheriff's Skeet Shoot is this Saturday, October 22nd at noon at Devil's Rib Hunting Preserve in Peachland. This year will be different from the past years as it will be for youth shooters only. "Last year almost half of our shooters were young kids under the age of 18. So this time we are making it youth only. From early responses we expect to have 25-30 youths, 18 years old and younger shooting," Sheriff Allen said.

There will be three divisions: 14 years old and younger; 15-16 years old; and 17-18 years old. There will also be a Championship Round open to any age shooter 18 and under. There will be no entry fee charges as sponsors have made donations to support the event. Shooters need only to bring their shotguns and shells. All funds left over after expenses will be used for the Sheriff's DARE Program and the Sheriff's Christmas Bicycle Program.

Family, friends and the public are invited. Bring your folding chairs and enjoy the amazing skills of these young shooters. Refreshments will be available. The Devil's Rib Hunting Preserve is located off the Peachland-Polkton Road, about 2 miles east of the Peachland City limits sign.

Anson County NAACP Freedom Fund Scholarship Program

The Anson County NAACP will host its annual Freedom Fund Scholarship Program on Saturday, October 29. The event will begin at 6 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. The program will be dedicated to the opening of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, DC. This year's program will be an exposition of the talent of local youth. It will feature local singers, dancers, etc. and in lieu of a speaker, the winners of an invitational essay contest will present their winning essays throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Deadline for ads is October 22nd. Deadline for essays October 24th.

For further information, contact Donnie Lewis at 704-694-6749, Kishia Dunlap at 704-694-9351 or Leon Gatewood at 704-694-9351.

Matter of Balance Class

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter Of Balance class will be taught at Grace Senior Center beginning October 31st - Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1 until 3 p.m. for four weeks.

Matter of Balance is an award winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. In the class you will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home and exercise to increase strength and balance.

If you are concerned about falls, interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength, anyone who has fallen in the past or anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns, please call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register or for additional information. The class is free.

Event to Honor Vietnam War Veterans

As Veteran's Day approaches, Gum Springs Baptist Church in Lilesville plans another service to honor and to thank our too-often unrecognized Vietnam veterans. Church members feel that is long past time for a public show of recognition and gratitude to the brave men and women who served our country during the Vietnam War, but who were not welcomed home as were service members from previous and more recent wars.

On Sunday, November 13 at their 11 a.m. service, Gum Springs will be having a program to say, "Welcome Home Vietnam Vets, with our heartfelt thanks!" All Vietnam veterans are cordially invited to attend this service dedicated to, and honoring, them. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service. Pictures from the original event held at Gum Springs in 2009 will be on display.

A spokesperson from Gum Springs said, "If you have freedom, thank a vet. If you have a vet, thank God."

Gum Springs Baptist Church is located on Haileys Ferry Road in Lilesville. More information is available at 704-694-7096.

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Terrific Kids



Peachland-Polkton Elementary School is pleased to present their Terrific Kids for the first 9 week period. They are, from left, front: Tyler Tice, Gracie Mills, Caroline Austin, Blake Napier, Dakota Sturdivant, Kirsten Green, River Pearson, Andrew Hill, Aleah Baucom, Mac Brock, Kaniah Crouch, Mayci McCollum, Gracie Stinson, Kendall Overcash, Liyah Williams, Brady Ross and Jayla Sturdivant. Second row: Kristopher Chappell, Derek Carpenter, Carmen Jackson, Gabriel Walker, Laravia Ross, Katie Kiker, Alexis Gomez, Maddie Wright, Hunter Ross, Tabitha Thomas, Peter Thao, Davonna Chambers, Demond Hough, Karmen Cranford, Jacob Taylor, Ovidio Macuixtle, Reagan Jackson, Brianna Roberts and Julian Suriba. Third row: Tyleak Broadway, Ashley Wachtel, Avery Owens, Kayla Harper, John Tomberlin, Caitlin Turner, Dylan McCormick, Theron Bennett, Yuritsi Gomez, Cayleigh Garris, Haillynn McCallum, Jacob Hawks, Airyn Jones, Natalie Griffin, Christian Caudle, Isaiah Melton and Kaitlyn Campbell. Not pictured, AJ Wilson.

Arts Council's November 5th Art Gala and Silent Auction Will Benefit the Ansonia Theatre

Circle Saturday, November 5th, on your calendar. That evening the Anson County Arts Council will hold its main fundraiser of the year at Twin Valley Country Club, from 6 until 10 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Ansonia Theatre.

A variety of art, including original paintings in oil, watercolor, and acrylic, along with woodworking, baskets, birdhouses, handmade and decorative items, jewelry, and gift certificates for both merchandise and services will be available in both the silent and live auctions that night. The Arts Council is still seeking donations, so the list of items will continue to grow.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available in Wadesboro at the Arts Council, the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, Fancy Crafts and Lacy's. Tickets include admission to the event, heavy hors d'oeuvres by Beth Rogers and Kathy Thompson, wine, beer and live entertainment. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

"This is our only major fundraiser of the year, and it's particularly important because proceeds will go entirely toward events at the Ansonia Theatre," said Arts Council treasurer Catherine Crandell. "Running the Ansonia is an expensive proposition. Future ticket sales alone will not cover the costs of programs, so auction proceeds will help enable us to bring quality entertainment to our venue."

The Arts Council is not supported by town, county, state, or federal funds. This all-volunteer organization relies on fundraisers, memberships, donations, and occasional small grants to accomplish all the things they do. Events such as Second Sunday Artists Receptions showcasing the work of local artists and craftsmen, the Art and Soul dinner evening celebrating diversity, Bach's Lunches, internships for Early College and Anson New Tech students, and art programs at both the middle school and high school each week, as well as presentations at the county's elementary schools are just part of what the Anson County Arts Council sponsors.

Come out for a fun evening as you support the Arts Council and the Ansonia Theatre. Buy a ticket to the Silent Auction and Art Gala, and get ready to bid. More information at 704-694-4950.

Anson Middle School Softball Tournament Fundraiser

The Anson Middle School athletic complex is in much needed repair. In addition, several key pieces of equipment are needed. Citizens have joined together to try and make a difference and are spearheading several fundraising events to help this worthy cause. One of those events is quickly approaching so please don't miss this opportunity to help Anson Middle School repair their sports complex.

First up is an adult Coed Softball Tournament scheduled for Saturday, November 12, at the Field of Dreams. Entry fee is \$150 per team, and the deadline for entry is Saturday, November 8.

Tournament rules include: guys hit with opposite hand, balls must be 44 core 375 comp; each team must supply their own balls; no Ultra I or II bats; there must be an even number of guys and girls; the hitting line-up must be staggered (guy, girl, guy, girl); guys walk; girls walk unless the girl chooses to hit; guy pitches - girl catches (or vice versa); ratio of girls and guys must be 3/3 infield and 2/2 outfield; run rule - 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings. There will be a 4-homerun limit for guys, unlimited for girls.

There will be refreshments on hand, prizes, split the pot tickets and a raffle. If you have questions, please contact Johnatha Wright at 704-694-0346 or at play2win10j@yahoo.com.

Also, if you would like to donate your time you could sign up to umpire, to work concessions, sell raffle tickets, etc. If interested, contact Jennifer Thomas Hyatt at 704-694-8916 or at jlthyatt@windstream.net.

Veteran's Day Parade Details

The Veteran's Day Parade is just one of many great activities planned for November 11th. Here are the parade details and route as well as other activities planned for that day:

- 10 a.m. Parade will begin at the Department of Social Services parking lot for line-up. Parade will proceed west on Martin Street pass the post office, continue straight across Greene Street to Rutherford Street where the parade will make a left turn, then proceed south past the Ansonia Theatre, where a reviewing stand will be set up across from the theatre. The parade will end at Ray Shelton Field. The deadline for all parade entries will be no later than November 1st. Call Ted Ward at 704-694-4418 for information.
- 11 a.m. Veteran's Day Ceremony will take place across from the Ansonia Theatre, where the reviewing stand will be.
- 12 noon until 3 p.m. The community fun portion, with music, games and refreshments along with exhibits as well as VA Resources will be at Ray Shelton Field. You are encouraged to bring your own lawn chairs. There will be a 18 by 52 foot tent that will be erected for protection from the elements. There will be many interesting and informative displays on hand. You don't want to miss it. All veterans are encouraged to bring a copy of your discharge papers or DD214 if you want to enroll in the VA Health Care System.
- 7 p.m. The Jazz Guardians will give a free performance at the Ansonia Theatre, with veterans getting first preference for seating.

"I hope to see you there. Come out and help us celebrate our hometown heroes," said Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward.

Anson Veterans Urged to Join Veteran's Day Celebration

In a release from Ted Ward, Anson County Veteran Services Officer: Attention all Military Veterans in Anson County. Please contact the Veteran Service Office at (704) 694-4418 or tward@co.anson.nc.us to let us know if you would like to be a part of the Veteran's Day celebration on November 11th - the parade or ceremony. Please contact us as soon as possible so that we will make the necessary arrangements. Thank you! Ted Ward, Anson County Veteran Services Officer.

FSA Announces Guaranteed Loan Limit Increases

Anson County Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced the lending limit for Guaranteed Loans increased to \$1,214,000, effective October 1. The lending limit increases every year according to an inflation index. The maximum combined guaranteed and direct farm loan indebtedness will also be increased to \$1,514,000.

Anson County producers and farmers are reminded that the one-time loan origination fee charged on FSA guaranteed Farm Ownership and Operating loans will increase. The increase, from 1 percent to 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan, is for loans obligated after October 1.

More information about this loan opportunity, or other assistance to farmers, contact the Anson County Farm Service Agency office at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro or call 704-694-3516, extension 2.

Peachland High School Reunion is this Saturday

The Peachland High School Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, October 22 in the Peachland Baptist Church fellowship hall. Reservation letters will be mailed in September.

For more information please call 704-272-8554.

Free Movie is Forest Warrior

The movie *Forest Warrior*, starring Chuck Norris, will be shown in the Little Theatre at the Hampton B. Allen Library on Monday, October 24 at 10 a.m. This movie is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend - bring a friend, too!

If any additional information is needed, please call 704-694-5177.

School Board Meeting

The October Board of Education meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, October 26 at 4 p.m. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 4 p.m. Open Session to the public will begin at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Mobile Food Pantry Rescheduled to October 26

In a release from Norm Jones: Our mobile pantry last week had to be rescheduled due to weather. The Mobile Food Pantry for October is coming to the Lilesville United Methodist Church on Wednesday, October 26 at 11 a.m.

Please bring bags or carts with you to carry your food. Do not arrive before 9:30 a.m. If it is raining significantly the day of delivery, it will be canceled. If you have not yet done so, you must bring proof of your income. Please note you can no longer pick up food for more than one household, you may only pick up food for yourself.

This event is sponsored by W.A.C.O.M. and local United Methodist Churches.

Trunk or Treat in Ansonville

The Ansonville Community is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 28th in the parking lot beside the Ansonville Elementary School at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

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