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Class of 1968 Provides Support for Students, Teachers, Staff, and Entire AMS Community

This is a release from Dr. Josephine Leak Harris: Members of the Historic Bowman Senior High School Class of 1968 established several goals during their planning meetings, prior to (September – December 2018) and following (January – May 2019) their inaugural 50th class reunion last year, to provide ongoing support for Anson Middle School (formerly Bowman Senior High School). These goals included, but were not limited to support AMS in the following areas: volunteering to assist at various school events and activities; being proctors during the End-of-Grade testing; providing funding to AMS' Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO); tutoring and assisting with students' academic support; and, supporting other goals identified by Principal Danielle Blount and her faculty and staff. Even class members who live in other cities and towns across North Carolina, pledged to volunteer hours at the AMS.

Mrs. Cynthia Myles, a member of the Historic Bowman Senior High Class of 1968 and the liaison for class members in working with Anson County Schools/Anson Middle Schools, provided outstanding leadership during the school year (2018-2019) in helping class members meet some of their goals of support. During this school year, this Historic Bowman Sr. High Class of 1968 provided funding to help support the following events at AMS: Sashes for eighth grade students' graduation, Teacher Appreciation Event, additional Eight Grade Graduation needs; and other areas identified by Principal Danielle Blount and AMS' PTO.

As members of the Class of 1968 continues planning for their 52nd Class Reunion on October 24, 2020 (next year), they plan to build upon the goals they have already established to support AMS during the 2019-2020 year, and further expand their support in myriad ways. Once the new AMS is built, members of this historic class will continue to be strong supporters, with hopes of establishing scholarships for students' summer camps; enhancing the media center with new books identified by the school's media specialist; increasing their volunteerism; and, supporting the strategic goals and objectives of AMS at the school and local level.

For more information about the goals and activities of the Historic Bowman Senior High School Class of 1968, please contact Dr. Josephine Leak Harris, Chair of the Class Planning Committee, at 919-619-9032; 919-967-2650; or, at jharr122@ncsu.edu.

Amateur Radio Club Organized

On Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m. the Anson County Amateur Radio Club will be meeting to establish officers and bylaws. The meeting will take place at the Speckled Paw Coffee Shop, located at 114 West Wade Street in Wadesboro. Anyone wishing to find out more information can email Michael Hildreth at wb4wde@yahoo.com.

"What is amateur radio," you ask? According to the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), "Amateur radio (ham radio) is a popular hobby and service that brings people, electronics and communication together. People use ham radio to talk across town, around the world, or even into space, all without the internet or cell phones. It's fun, social, educational, and can be a lifeline during times of need." arrl.com

There are cases reported where "hams," as they are often called, aided in rescue operations during the hurricanes last fall. When flood waters on the coast knocked out cell phone towers and there were no other means of communicating to rescue officials the location or condition of victims, "hams" who were present among the victims fired up their "rigs" to make the call for help. Many operators can work closely with county and state officials to provide emergency preparedness drills and training. In the case where local officials lose their own communications, amateur radio operators can assist in getting back-up communications in place to aid in rescue efforts.

Some operators participate in "contesting" whereby "hams" try to establish contacts across great distances, even around the world. To be a "ham," all amateurs are required to be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These tests are designed to test the operator's ability to comprehend the rules as well as electronics theory, basic and advanced operations, as well as antenna theory based on a "class" of license.

National Night Out, Free Event for the Community

The Anson County Sheriff's Office along with the Wadesboro Police Department is hosting its second annual National Night Out a fun free event for the community. It is set for Tuesday, August 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the parking lot across the street from the Sheriff's Office, at the corner of North Washington and East Wade Streets.

The event will feature many of the activities it did last year: kids games, bounce houses, showcases of police, EMS and fire vehicles, food, a DWI (driving while intoxicated) prevention simulator, a dunking booth, face painting and much more.

National Night Out is an annual program designed to build communities and improve police-community relationships. Millions of people take part in National Night Out events across thousands of communities in the United States according to the National Association of Town Watch, the organization that founded the program in 1984.

Anson Parks & Rec Football

Anson County Parks and Recreation is offering Tackle Football and Flag Football programs. The registration fee is \$30, with a deadline to register of August 9.

- The football programs include:
- Tackle Football Division I - ages 10 & under
 - Tackle Football Division II - ages 12 & under
 - Flag Football 7 on 7 - ages 6 & under
 - Flag Football 11 on 11 - ages 8 & under

For questions and more information call Allen Jackson at 704-694-5751 or email Ajackson@co.anson.nc.us.



Las Amigas Members Attend Annual Conclave

Ten members of the Morven Chapter of Las Amigas traveled to the Hilton at University Place in Charlotte on Wednesday, June 26 to attend the 59th Annual Conclave of the National Organization of Las Amigas. Local members in attendance were Elizabeth Kersey, Joletha Little, Pat McCoy, Arnette Taylor, Shunee McRae, Samantha Douglas, Judy Simon, Beulah Pratt, Winnie Bennett and Marilynn Bennett. While there the organization received several awards.

The theme of the Conclave, "Connecting and Renewing Our Commitment for Greater Service in Our Communities," guided the five day affair. On Thursday members attended workshops on subjects such as Financial Training, Strengthening the Bonds of Sisterhood, Leadership at a Glance, and National Partnership Initiatives. During the Thursday evening Town Hall Meeting of members Elizabeth Kersey, President of the Morven Chapter presided over the introduction of candidates for the annual Queen's Contest. Friday began with a Harambee breakfast, where members showed up in authentic African attire. "Harambee" is a Kenyan word meaning "all pull together," and Senator Joyce Waddell, who represents North Carolina Senate District 40, and who is also a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chapter of Las Amigas, spoke enthusiastically on that subject. Following the breakfast several meetings were held where the business of the national organization was transacted.

On Saturday, June 29 the Dora R. Mason Awards Luncheon convened. During this luncheon several awards were presented to deserving members of the group. The Morven chapter received the following awards: For the first time in its 32 year history, the Morven Chapter brought home the Lorraine Walker Attendance Award for having the most members in attendance. Joletha Little, Morven Chapter Treasurer, received the Runner-up Award for the Dora R. Mason Outstanding Member. Three members were awarded Thirty Year Service Awards: Elizabeth Kersey, Joletha Little and Pat McCoy.

The annual Conclave concluded with the Mary Q. Moore Orchid Ball, where the National Queen is also crowned and all chapters are recognized.

Las Amigas is a national, civic women's organization whose primary goal is to work to enhance the lives of the citizens of their respective communities. The Morven Chapter has been in existence since 1987.

Pictured above are the members of the Morven Chapter of Las Amigas who were in attendance at the Conclave. They are, from left, Joletha Little, Arnette Taylor, Pat McCoy, Elizabeth Kersey, Winnie Bennett, Judy Simon, Samantha Douglas, Marilynn Bennett, Beulah Pratt and Shunee McRae.

NC MedAssist's Health Care Resources Coming to Anson County this Thursday

NC MedAssist is holding a Mobile Free Pharmacy Event in Anson County this Thursday, July 18. The event, which is in collaboration with Atrium Health, is open to any individual or family needing over-the-counter medications. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Participants must be at least 18 years old to receive medicine. No identification is required.

"We are looking forward to bringing the NC MedAssist Mobile Free Pharmacy to Anson County," said Dave Anderson, Vice President and Administrator of Atrium Health Anson. "The Mobile Free Pharmacy event is an opportunity for us to make an impact on the health and wellness of the community. We look forward to helping provide health resources and education to individuals and families in this community."

"NC MedAssist is excited to host a Mobile Free Pharmacy event in Anson County," stated NC MedAssist CEO, Lori Giang. She shared, "Together with our community partners, we are bringing free over-the-counter medications, like Tylenol and Band-Aids, to area residents. No one should ever go without medicine and the Mobile Free Pharmacy Program enables us to reach those who are unaware of our free resources."

The Mobile Free Pharmacy events have served upwards of 800 people in Anson County at times. To ensure the event runs smoothly and that all participants are served by the end, many volunteers are needed. NC MedAssist is partnered with Atrium Health and other safety-net organizations to recruit community members to serve in volunteer roles such as pharmacy consultation, client 'personal shoppers' and sorters. However, the charitable organization is still actively seeking volunteers for the Mobile Free Pharmacy Event.

At the event information will also be available about enrolling in the NC MedAssist Free Pharmacy Program, which mails free prescription medications directly to a patient's home. NC MedAssist's overall goal is to help ease the burden for those in need; it is aiding people who are making the choice between buying food and purchasing life-saving medication. Over the last fiscal year, NC MedAssist distributed over \$63 million in free prescription and over-the-counter medication statewide. Of course, this would not be possible without the numerous, dedicated volunteers.

NC MedAssist is a statewide non-profit pharmacy, founded in 1997. The organization provides free prescription medication to low-income, uninsured North Carolinians. NC MedAssist offers three programs that address the needs of children and adults: the Free Pharmacy Program, the Mobile Free Pharmacy Program, and the Senior Care Program. Learn more about NC MedAssist right now at www.medassist.org. You can also visit their Facebook and Twitter pages, or contact them to find out how you can help.

North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein Opens Petition for Robocall Action

Attorney General Josh Stein today asked North Carolinians who are concerned about robocalls to sign a petition to share their frustrations.

"When I travel around North Carolina, I regularly hear about people's problems with unwanted calls," said Stein. "Hearing from you will help me fight for people's privacy and peace of mind. If you are concerned about robocalls, please sign this petition."

Attorney General Stein is leading a bipartisan coalition of 40 state attorneys general to stop or reduce annoying and harmful robocalls. They are disruptive and can lead to scams and fraud. A better understanding of North Carolinians' concerns will help guide Attorney General Stein's conversations with industry leaders.

The petition is available to sign at ncdoj.gov/robocalls.

BCSWCD Board Meeting

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. at the BCSWCD office, located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call 704-694-3516.

Free Movie is Christopher Robin

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie, *Christopher Robin*, showing on Monday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The movie received an Academy Award nomination for best visual effects at the 91st Academy Awards. It has become the highest grossing film in Disney's Winnie the Pooh franchise. It stars Ewan McGregor and Hayley Atwell. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the film. Any questions call 704-694-5177.

Book Sale at the Hampton B. Allen Library

The library book sale is back! The Friends of the Hampton B. Allen Library are hosting another book sale for an entire week in the downstairs portion of the library. Come by for great deals! The sale starts on Monday, July 22 and runs through Friday, July 26. The sale hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Paperback books are 25¢, hardcover books are 50¢, and magazines are 10¢ each or 12 for \$1. Here's a great deal...purchase a Friends of the Library bag for \$10, and all the books you fill the bag with are free!

For more information call 704-694-5177.

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