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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 July 29

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Monday, July 29 in the Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Prior to the meeting, the board will have a board retreat at 3:00 p.m. The regular meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. with Closed Session immediately following the opening of the meeting. Open Session should begin about 5:30 p.m.

## Municipal Candidate Filings All In for November Election

Municipal candidate filing ended Friday, July 19 at 12 noon. Here are the races and the candidates who have filed for the November 5 Municipal Election:

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

- **Town of Ansonville Mayor** - Joe Estridge, Jr.
- **Town of Ansonville Council** - Phyllis Watkins, Denise Watkins Cannon, Sarah Burns, Jesse Huntley, Kimberly Burr
- **Town of Lilesville Mayor** - Richard Harrington
- **Town of Lilesville Commissioner** - Frank McAllister, Lewis Adams, Juanita Williams, Bernice Bennett, Steve Whitlock, John Lester Montgomery, Peggy Treadaway, Chuck Cook
- **Town of McFarlan Mayor** - Diane Timmons
- **Town of McFarlan Council** - Christopher Harney, Debbie Bryant, Jimmy Grubb, Michael Foster, Gail Whittington, Kim Gainey
- **Town of Morven Mayor** - Tim Watkins, Carolyn Solomon
- **Town of Morven Council** - Theodore Carr, Brandon Smith, Linda (Pill) Hinson, Corintha Lewis Lemon
- **Town of Peachland Mayor** - Richard Allen
- **Town of Peachland Council** - Kenneth Rowell, Jr., Jeffrey Davis, Betty Hast
- **Town of Polkton Mayor** - Cynthia Williams, Minnie Staton
- **Town of Polkton Commissioner** - Sissy Steagall, Jimmy Hildreth, Cindy Heafner, Johnny Faulk
- **Town of Wadesboro Mayor** - Mitchell Huntley, Bill Thacker
- **Town of Wadesboro Council** - Lewis Evans, John Ballard, Amanda Moak, Judy Little, Jo Ann Bennett

### Upcoming dates:

- Friday, July 26** Absentee ballots must be made available for special September election
- Thursday, August 1** Logic and accuracy testing for special September election
- Friday, August 2** Deadline to file challenge to a candidate filing
- Monday, August 5** Voter ID Seminar at Lockhart-Taylor Center, Studio B, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 6** Voter ID Seminar at Lockhart-Taylor Center, Studio B, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 7** Mock Election with state board for special September election
- Thursday, August 8** Precinct officials training (Ansonville, Burnsville, Gullledge, Lilesville), 6 p.m.
- Friday, August 9** Start publishing election notice for special September election
- Tuesday, August 13** Board of Elections meeting, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 13** Precinct officials training (Morven, Peachland, Polkton), 6 p.m.
- Thursday, August 15** Early Voting officials training, 6 p.m.
- Friday, August 16** Voter registration deadline for September 10 General Election
- Tuesday, August 20** Meeting to appoint chief judges and judges of precincts (2 year term). Absentee Board meeting, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 20** Precinct officials training (Wadesboro 1, 2, 3 & White Store), 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 21** One Stop Early Voting begins
- Tuesday, August 27** Absentee Board meeting #2 for special September election
- Monday, September 2** County offices closed for Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 3** Last day to request Absentee ballot by mail for September 10 General Election.
- Tuesday, September 3** Absentee Board meeting #3 for special September election
- Friday, September 6** One Stop Early Voting ends
- Monday, September 9** Pre-election day Absentee Board meeting
- Tuesday, September 10** SPECIAL SEPTEMBER GENERAL ELECTION, precincts open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 16** County canvass for Special September General Election, 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 24** Deadline for candidates to request recount
- Tuesday, October 1** Precinct officials training (Ansonville, Lilesville, Morven, McFarlan), 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 2** Mock Election for the November Municipal Election
- Thursday, October 3** Precinct officials training (Peachland, Polkton, Wadesboro), 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 4** Begin publishing election notice for November Municipal Election
- Sunday, October 6** Absentee Ballots by Mail must be available (if applicable)
- Tuesday, October 8** Regular Board of Elections meeting, 5 p.m.
- Friday, October 8** Early Voting training (if necessary), 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 11** Voter registration deadline for November Election, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 15** Absentee Board meeting #1 (if applicable), 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 16** Absentee & Early Voting begins for Municipal Election (if applicable)
- Tuesday, October 22** Absentee Board meeting #2 (if applicable), 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 29** Last day to request absentee ballot by mail (if applicable)
- Tuesday, October 29** Absentee Board meeting #3 (if applicable), 5 p.m.
- Thursday, October 31** Election Day observer/runner list due by 10 a.m.
- Friday, November 1** Absentee & Early Voting ends for Municipal Election (if applicable)
- Monday, November 4** UOCAVA voter registration & absentee ballot request deadline
- Monday, November 4** Pre-Election Day absentee meeting (if applicable), 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 5** MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY, precincts open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 7** Sample hand to eye count for Municipal Election, 11 a.m.



## Local Athletes Under Training by Weaver Thomas Excel at Competition

Ten members of the Ebony Dragon Competition Team recently won a total of 24 awards, 14 gold medals and 9 silver medals. The team also included a Grand Champion, Denisha Watkins.

The team is pictured above. They are, from left, front row: Deshaun Ingram, Tre' Garth, Noah Covington and Ambria Nivens. Second row: Gerald Jones, Aaliyah Ingram, Denisha Watkins and Sensei Denise Watkins. Back row: Sensei Covington, Jaylen Little and Sensei Weaver Thomas. Not pictured: Darryl Burr and Mikaria Hunt.

## Voters Will Be Asked to Show Photo ID Beginning in 2020

**Photo ID is not required in any election in 2019.**  
**Local information seminars August 5 & 6.**

Beginning in 2020 North Carolina voters will be asked to provide photo identification when voting in-person or absentee-by-mail, with some exceptions. In November 2018, North Carolina voters approved an amendment to the N.C. Constitution to require voters to present photo ID at the polls.

The Anson County Board of Elections will hold two educational seminars about voter photo identification requirements on Monday and Tuesday, August 5 and 6, at 6:30 p.m. both days. The seminars will be held at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, Studio B, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. The seminars are free and open to the public.

Session Law 2018-144 requires each county board of elections to hold at least two voter ID seminars before September 1, 2019. Attendees also will receive information about voting options, including Absentee-By-Mail, One-Stop Early Voting and Election Day voting. Information about provisional voting, the availability of free North Carolina voter ID cards and residency requirements for voting also will be provided.

For more information on the voter ID requirement in North Carolina visit [www.ncsbe.gov/Voter-ID](http://www.ncsbe.gov/Voter-ID).

Questions? Contact the Anson County Board of Elections at 704-994-3223 or via email at [sadams@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:sadams@co.anson.nc.us).

## 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.

## North Carolinians Encouraged to Apply for Environmental Enhancement Grants

**Grants fund projects to improve and protect North Carolina's natural resources**

North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein encourages North Carolinians working to improve and protect North Carolina's natural resources to apply for project grants through the Environmental Enhancement Grant (EEG) program. The EEG program awards grants between \$5,000 and \$500,000 for environmental projects across the state and is accepting proposals until Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019.

"From the mountains to the coast, North Carolina's natural beauty is breathtaking," said Attorney General Josh Stein. "I'm committed to protecting our state's natural resources, and I encourage North Carolinians who are also working to protect the environment to apply for these grants."

The EEG program provides grants to nonprofit organizations, including academic institutions and government entities. Grants are awarded for environmental projects such as obtaining conservation easements, constructing or maintaining wetlands, restoring and protecting surface waters, and conserving and protecting natural areas. Grants must be completed within three years after they are awarded. In past grant cycles, grantees have used the funds to acquire land for preservation, protect eroding streams, and find solutions to prevent stormwater from causing groundwater contamination, flooding, and erosion.

The EEG program was established in 2000 through a 25-year agreement between the Attorney General's Office and Smithfield Foods that included a \$2 million annual provision for environmental projects in North Carolina. The program has awarded more than \$25 million in environmental grants since 2002.

More information on the EEG program can be found here. A voluntary interest meeting will be held July 25, 2019 - email [eeg@ncdoj.gov](mailto:eeg@ncdoj.gov) for more information. Those interested in applying must submit an initial Letter of Intent by Aug. 19, 2019. Full proposals are due by Sept. 24, 2019.

## Class of 1974 45th Reunion is September 21

The Bowman High School Class of 1974 will hold their 45th class reunion on Saturday, September 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. The event will be held at Rolling Hills Country Club, located at 1772 West Roosevelt Blvd in Monroe, with suggested dressy casual attire. There will be a meet & greet, dinner, a cash bar, entertainment, dancing and catching up.

The fees are: \$75 single and \$125 couple (couples must be married or dating). This fee includes facility rental, catered meal, entertainment, t-shirt and 8x10 picture. The fee must be paid in advance by August 23 and is non-refundable. No payments will be accepted at the door. To register and pay please contact Susan Harrington, 3106 Country Club Road, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Even if you cannot come to the reunion, please contact Susan so she can update the directory.

## Dancercise Class Offered at Grace Senior Center

Dancercise, which is exercising while dancing, is being offered at Grace Senior Center. Dancercise is a blend of aerobics and dance moves, something that many people find to be lots of fun. Participants enjoy great music and learn actual dance moves. The class being offered is a beginners class. There is no registration and no charge for the class.

The class is ongoing. So, if you didn't make it to the first class there is still plenty of opportunity to join in later. Each month the schedules will be given out with class dates and times.

The Dancercise class is held on Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

This class is open to anyone who wants to exercise! For more information and to register call Findey Knotts or Eva Diggs at 704-694-6616. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

## Do You Have a Coat or Blanket You Would Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program throughout the year. They distribute coats and blankets to several of the churches and schools in Anson County as well as directly to those people in need. Now that winter is over, do you have a coat or blanket that you can contribute to this cause?

To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

## Storytime Every Tuesday

The Anson County Partnership for Children offers Storytime in the Early Childhood Resource Center each Tuesday at 4 p.m. for children ages 3 to 8.

For more information call 704-694-4036.