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Anson County Board of Commissioners Meets August 15

The Anson County Board of Commissioners now meet two times per month. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15 at 6 p.m. The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201. The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for Anson Commissioners.

Stride with Pride Shoe Drive is Helping Students for the 13th Year

Parents need to contact organizers with needs. Donors asked to please help by August 15.

This is a release from Patti Poulcott of Judy's Tax Service: We want the community to know Stride with Pride is now collecting new tennis shoes and money for the kids in Anson county. With students returning to school in August, these kids need shoes to wear. This is our 13th annual season of collecting and distributing new tennis shoes to the underprivileged youth of all diversities in Anson County. Stride with Pride is being done in memory of the late Sheriff Landric Reid, co-founder of Stride with Pride along with Patti Poulcott. We will offer all sizes, male and female, from kindergarten to 12th grade. Please contact us as soon as possible so we can get the sizes right.

Message to parents Instead of having a large gathering to distribute the shoes as we have done in the past, we plan to give out the shoes door to door. With that in mind, we need to stress the importance of parents contacting us in the next few weeks so that we can buy the shoe sizes that are needed. The quicker you can contact us, the quicker we can get the shoes to the kids. As a reminder, we need you to either email or text Patti Poulcott with the shoe sizes, ages, gender and names of each child, along with your current address and contact phone number. That way we will have all the information to make the purchases and deliveries. If you do not contact us we will not know who needs new shoes. We are collecting through August 15. We will deliver as soon as we get their shoes purchased.

• Patti Poulcott - Email: ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com or text: 704-694-8386

Message to donors We do this because we care about our kids here in our county, and hope that our donors will join with us and help us continue to help our youth. If you would like to make a donation please mail it to:

Shaundasia T Smith Foundation
Stride with Pride Shoe Drive
c/o Judy's Tax Service
102 S Rutherford Street
Wadesboro NC 28170

We continue this charitable effort in memory of Sheriff Landric Reid. If you have any questions please contact Patti Poulcott. • Patti Poulcott - Email: ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com or text: 704-694-8386. Patti Poulcott said, "We hope that you will consider joining us so that we can help our youth 'Stride With Pride' their way to success. Thank you to all the donors for your participation."

Sheriff's Office K9 Landi and Handler Captain Williams Earn Tracking Certification

Anson County Sheriff Scott Howell is proud to announce that K9 Landi and her handler Captain J. T. Williams completed tracking certification with the North Carolina Police Dog Association. on Monday, July 31 in Kinston, North Carolina. Landi is a seven month old Bloodhound donated by the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office. She will be used to track missing and endangered people as well as suspects who have left on foot from their home or from crime scenes. During the month of July Landi was used in several searches where subjects left on foot and their whereabouts were unknown. One of those searches was successful, locating a missing juvenile who had run away from home and was threatening to do harm to herself. Sheriff Howell said, "I believe K9 Landi will be a great tool for the Sheriff's Office as well as a valuable asset to the citizens of Anson County."

Dr. Altheria Patton Featured in Virtual Program at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces a virtual program featuring Dr. Altheria Patton. This will be on the library's Facebook and YouTube pages on Monday, August 14 at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to tune in to learn more about this incredible lady's journey in education. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.



COVID-19 Information

To stay up to date on COVID-19 in North Carolina, visit [covid19.ncdhhs.gov](https://www.covid19.ncdhhs.gov) or text COVIDNC to 898211. Call 2-1-1 (or 888-892-1162) for general questions or for help finding human services resources in your community. For a national perspective, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov. For a world-wide perspective, visit the World Health Organization website at www.who.int.



This is the Last Weekend for Ansonia Play Into the Woods

Director Tommy Wooten has assembled a brilliant cast of actors representing six different counties in the region. Making their Ansonia stage debut are Chuck Wright, Lauren Wilson, Tyler Wills, Kristina Blake, Noel McClanahan, Rodney Vaughn, Trey Lincoln and Lied Metcalf. They are joined by Ansonia veterans Emily Litaker Privette, Jennifer Gilmore, Kimberly Smith, Amanda Traywick, Rachel Kostelnik, Matthew Thompson, Ruth Ann Harris, Robert Graves, Tommy Wooten, Tyson Leavitt, Madeline Leavitt and Paige Mercer. Music Director Gail Litaker leads a wonderful orchestra including Arthur Tomasino, Timothy Beranek, Johnny Almond, Betty Ann Crawford, Abby Floyd and Carson Traywick. Set Design is by Teri Brown and Donald Perkins. The costumes are by Brittany Price with assistance by Betsy Watts and Karen Johnston. Lighting and sound design is by Hailey Hilson. Assistant direction is by Maggie Gibson. The show runs Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Get your tickets online at ansoniatheatre.com.

The Ansonia Theatre's terrific production of *Into the Woods* enters its last weekend this Friday, August 11. Writer James Lapine and composer Stephen Sondheim bring everyone's favorite storybook characters together for a timeless, yet relevant, musical classic. The story follows a Baker and his wife who wish to have a child. The wife, Cinderella, wishes to attend the King's Festival and her husband Jack wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. The characters all encounter each other in the woods and come to find and face the consequences of their wishes.

NC's Developmental Disability Council Prepares Self-Advocates to Influence Social and Systems Change

The Council hosts monthly webinar series for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) has launched the Self-Advocate Discussion Series to prepare, organize and mobilize those with intellectual and/or other developmental disabilities to influence social and systems change. Facilitated by NCCDD Policy Education Coordinator Chris Hendricks and NCCDD self-advocate members, the webinars are hosted on the third Wednesday at 1 p.m. on Zoom. The Self-Advocate Discussion Series emphasizes the value of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities by teaching them skills to build and maintain relationships with NC legislators and decision-makers while bridging connections and creating a network among NC self-advocates. Attendees will develop their personal story to be goal and topic-oriented, and become part of the NCCDD community. The late summer and fall webinar dates and topics are:

- August 16 - Living Setting Choices/Housing Options (Panel)
- September 20 - NCCDD Jean Wolff-Rossi Fund for Participant Involvement:
- October 18 - National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)
- November 15 - Being Grateful • December 20 - Giving as a Self-Advocate

Each session features self-advocate leaders and presenters; engaging presentations; current and important topics; and community event announcements for self-advocates. Learn more about the series, including how to register, at: nccdd.org/initiatives/self-advocate-discussion-series.html.

About the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) works to assure that people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families participate in the design of, and have access to needed community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in all areas of community life. Through its Five-Year Plan, the Council identifies and funds innovative projects and initiatives that promote the goals of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) for all North Carolinians.

Dates Set for 2023 Anson Ag Expo & Fair

Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 22-23, the dates for this year's Anson Ag Expo & Fair. The event's planning committee has started meeting to prepare for traditional and new fall festivities. The annual 4-H Youth Livestock Show will be hosted by the Anson Cattlemen's Association and be held at 2385 Little Creek Road in Ansonville on August 26. The Ag Fair will be held at the Extension Center in Wadesboro on Saturday, September 23. The Family Fall Fest will be on the square in Wadesboro on West Wade Street and Greene Street on Friday night, September 22 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. The Family Fall Fest will feature fall and agriculture themed games and competitions for kids. We will also have face painting, food trucks, games for small children and so much more. Come out and enjoy an evening of family fun and entertainment. The 4-H Youth Livestock Show will begin at 10:00 am. The Ag Fair will be open to the public on Saturday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in Wadesboro. Be on the lookout for more information to come, including schedules, fair book release, and much more. Come out and join the fun, and help us celebrate agriculture in Anson.



Lt. Steven Kelly "Caught in the Act" ... Of Being Kind and Helping a Citizen in Need

Wadesboro Police Department officer Lieutenant Steven Kelly is pictured here helping an elderly citizen who wasn't able to mow their lawn in this heat. Police Chief Thedis Spencer said, "This was no surprise to us because Lt. Kelly always goes above and beyond to help those in need. We are proud to say the Town of Wadesboro is a better place because of Lt. Kelly."

Bowman High School Class of 1973 Reunion Meeting

The Bowman High School Class of 1973 will hold a meeting to plan the 50th class reunion at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 12 at Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro. All classmates are invited to attend. For information contact Brenda S. Rorie at 704-695-5196.

Senior Puzzle Competition at Grace Senior Center

Have fun in a friendly competition at Grace Senior Center's First Annual Senior Puzzle Competition! It will take place on Tuesday, August 22, from 12 to 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place winners. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Please call 704-694-6616. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA.

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