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Board of Elections Adds 25 Hours to Early Voting

After requests for consideration of additional days and times for Early Voting, the Anson County Board of Elections voted unanimously to extend Early Voting hours for the November 2012 General Election. Early Voting will be held at the Charles Riddle Center of the Anson County Board of Education, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Voting Hours have been extended to the following:
 • Thursday, October 18 & Friday October 19 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 • Monday, October 21 - Friday October 26 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 • Saturday, October 27 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 • Saturday, November 3 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In an effort to provide the registered voters the most flexible and convenient opportunity to cast their vote, the Board added an additional 1.5 hours of voting to each weekday of Early Voting, and an additional 3 hours on Saturday, October 27.

In a statement from the Board, Chairman James Paxton shared, "If early voting experiences a heavy turnout, even with the additional 25 hours of voting, the Board reserves the right to extend or add additional days and times if necessary."

For more information please contact the Anson County Board of Elections at 704-994-3223 or Board Chairman James Paxton at 704-695-6317.

Lanesboro Prison has New Administrator



Parsons

Lawrence H. Parsons, Jr. is the new administrator at the Adult Correction Division's Lanesboro Correctional Institution. The N.C. Department of Public Safety prison provides close custody confinement for approximately 860 adult male inmates. It has 405 officers and other staff members.

Parsons was most recently the prison's assistant superintendent for custody and operations, having been promoted to the position in March 2010. He began his career as a correctional officer at the now-closed Union Correctional Center in 1986. As administrator Parsons succeeds Richard Neely, who was named administrator at Piedmont Correctional Institution.

Parsons is also a correctional instructor, providing firearms and self-defense training.

SPCC's Early Childhood Education Program Earns National Accreditation

South Piedmont Community College's Early Childhood Education program has earned national accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Program Director Sharon Little was ecstatic after SPCC President Stan Sidor made the announcement during convocation on Aug. 6. She had not expected to hear anything until late August. "We are beside ourselves," Little said. "It has been a process."

The accreditation, which came with no conditions, is good for seven years. SPCC is one of only 16 community colleges in North Carolina to currently hold NAEYC accreditation.

"For our program, it means we are meeting national standards as far as teacher preparation for early childhood professionals," Little said. "These are the highest standards that any early childhood program could meet. Having accreditation is going to do several things. It opens up opportunities for us to receive more grant funding in other areas that will enhance our program. Now that word is getting out nationally about accreditation...I think students are going to be looking for programs that are accredited. This is just a great opportunity for South Piedmont to be in the forefront of this. It's just been wonderful."



Pictured here from left, SPCC Dean of Applied Science and Technology Maria Lander, Early Childhood Education Program Director Sharon Little, Early Childhood Education Instructor Carilyn Raymond and Smart Start Program Director Trinisha Dean proudly display the certificate signifying accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

As a result of the accreditation, Little has also been selected to be a peer reviewer for NAEYC. After training, next year she will start serving on teams that evaluate other programs around the country. "That's a privilege," she said. "It's just a great thing for us."

The process to gain accreditation was long and difficult. It began in 2008 when SPCC submitted an application and the school was approved to begin a self study. "We began data collection, with programmatic changes that enhanced the program in the way we started teaching in alignment with the standards," Little said, noting that more hands-on learning was added for the students. "Our programs became a little more rigorous because they had to meet the national standards."

The self-study report was completed in September 2011 and within two weeks, Little learned that it had been accepted with no errors. A NAEYC team made a three-day on-site visit in March. "They visited our facilities that we have practicums with, reviewed data collection," Little said. "That's a big part because you have to prove how students are learning, how that all comes together. They interviewed students, advisory committee members, administration, about how the Early Childhood program works with the libraries, how we work with admissions, how all that works together."

Based on all that information, the team made its report. During an exit interview, team members told Little and her staff that there were no concerns, just some recommendations.

Little, faculty member Carilyn Raymond, Smart Start Program Director Trinisha Dean and Dean of Applied Science and Technology Maria Lander did much of the work on the self study and preparation for the site visit. Because of the number of other departments involved in the site visit, however, Little said that "this is, to me, everybody's accreditation because everybody worked so well with us to provide what we needed. I'd like to thank everybody at the college who helped us prepare."

Wadesboro Police Chief Schutz Named as New Police Chief in Forest Grove, Oregon

Wadesboro Police Chief Janie Schutz has been named the new Police Chief in Forest Grove, Oregon. Forest Grove, a city of 21,000, is located 25 miles west of Portland. According to Forest Grove's website Schutz's appointment is conditional upon the results of a screening process and background investigation.

The Forest Grove website went on to say that Schutz began her career as a police officer in Brandon, Wisconsin 24 years ago, and continued her law enforcement career in Marion, North Carolina, ultimately ending up in Wadesboro.

According to an article in the Portland Tribune, Schutz was quoted as saying she "hoped to land the job in Forest Grove in part to shepherd her six children toward one area of the country." She said she hoped to retire after ten years of running an agency like Forest Grove's.

Schutz had also applied for the Police Chief job in League City, Texas (population 83,560). Schutz stopped sending Wadesboro Police Department news releases to The Express Newspaper last summer after a story was published about her department issuing tickets to area citizens for parking their cars facing the wrong direction on neighborhood streets.

Fundraiser for Robinson, Bailey Families

A fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, September 7, at 11 a.m. at CMH Space Flooring Product in Wadesboro. Proceeds will go to the families of Rose Robinson and Cheryl Bailey. Stop by for wonderful marinated chicken sandwiches served with chips and homemade deserts for just \$7 per plate. If your business or group places ten orders, delivery will be available. Advance tickets are available at Rayfields Meat Market, B&B Pest Control and Kim's Kuts.

Rose Robinson and Cheryl Bailey were involved in a horrible auto accident that took place on Sunday, July 15 on Highway 52 near Ansonville. Both women are cosmetologists and are unable to work due to their injuries.

Please help support these area families with your love and care while enjoying a delicious meal. Let's show how Ansonians bond together in times of need. Stop by and enjoy lunch served with a purpose on Friday, September 7. You will surely be glad you did.
 By Melanie Lyon

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Summer Fun Camp



The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center hosted a Summer Fun Camp for youths from the ages of 5-17. This year the Summer Camp was under the direction of Mrs. Lynette Polk and Mary Hammonds along with volunteers. The Summer Camp ran from June 18 through August 4, every day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., which included breakfast and lunch.

Anson County Librarian Kit Brewer and her assistant helped the children develop more accurate and efficient reading skills to help with their development in reading. The Hampton B. Allen Library, through the direction of Kit Brewer, gave awards and gifts for students who read the most books during the Summer Fun Camp. The top winners were Eyanna Polk and Enrique Burns, however all children were given awards for their participation from the library.

The Anson County Health Department visited and provided a workshop which gave insight on the human body image and why it's so important to know how the different body organs work. Mary Hammonds, the menu planner and food prep supervisor, also give the youths of ages 13 to 17 insight on the importance of cleanliness and food preparation during the course of the Summer Fun Camp.



Fair Books Available for Ag Expo & Fair

If you have a green thumb, an artistic eye, or a flair for crafts, now is the time to start planning items to enter into this year's county fair. Set aside a jar of canned goods that turned out better than you planned. Fertilize that favorite plant. Finish up a craft project you have been working on. The Ag Fair portion of the eighth annual Anson Ag Expo and Fair will be held Friday and Saturday, September 21-22 in the Ingram Room of the Lockhart-Taylor Center, SPCC, in Wadesboro.

Back by popular demand, the fair will be on display in the Ingram Room throughout the event. The fair will open to the public starting on Friday night at 6 p.m. through 9 p.m., and again on Saturday from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m.

Fair Rules and Regulations Booklets for 2012 have arrived and are now available at the Cooperative Extension Center at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. The fair book is also available online at <http://anson.ces.ncsu.edu/> and can be downloaded in pdf format, complete with registration forms.

Remember that fair participation is open to youth as well. Age groups available for competition consist of: Pee Wee - 0 to 5 years; Pre-teen - 6 to 12; Teen - 13 to 19; and Adult - 20 and up. Entries in the categories of crafts, canned goods, ag products, photography, art and handicrafts will be welcomed for competition.

Items can also be entered into the "In Memoriam" and "Blast from the Past" categories. Items made by deceased loved ones can be entered in "In Memoriam" while items made prior to 2002 and never shown in a fair can be entered in "Blast from the Past."

Registration for items will be taken on Thursday, September 20, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. Fair judging takes place on Friday morning, then the event displays open to the public that evening.

Last year's county fair showcased 260 entries from 93 fair exhibitors. Participants received ribbons and were awarded a total of \$553 in premium money. This year promises to be attended just as well.

The County Fair is only one component of the annual Anson Ag Expo & Fair. Returning events including the Creative Squash Challenge and Local Foods Bake-Off will be held on Saturday. In addition, new this year will be a Scarecrow Competition. All registration information and guidelines are included in the fair book. Mark your calendars now to enter items and then come out and see who the winners are.

For additional information contact the Anson County Cooperative Extension Service at 704-694-2415. Be on the lookout for more information to come, including a line-up of events for Friday night and Saturday, children's activities, the youth livestock show, lumberjack competition, vendor space for the Expo and much more.

Come out and join the fun. There is something for everyone. Celebrate agriculture in Anson.

Hotdog Fundraiser for Circles of Hope

There will be a hotdog fundraiser on Tuesday, August 21 to help raise funds for the Circles of Hope program. This program works to help those living in poverty right here in Anson County. It will be held at First United Methodist Church in uptown Wadesboro, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may eat in or carry out. Deliveries are also available for orders of 10 plates or more.

Plates consist of 2 hotdogs, chips, dessert and all the fixin's for only \$5. Or for \$6 you get a drink too.

If you are making an order, please call in by August 15 if possible. The telephone number is 704-994-2333.

Medicare Seminar at Grace Senior Center

There will be a "Welcome to Medicare" seminar held at Grace Senior Center on Friday, August 31 at 1 p.m. for those individuals interested in information concerning Medicare. If you are interested please call the center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

Wadesboro Town Council Meeting Rescheduled

The regular Town of Wadesboro Town Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 10 instead of September 3 due to the Labor Day holiday. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room at 5 p.m.

Prostrate Cancer Awareness Workshop

Fathers, brothers, friends, or sons, spread the message to everyone that you will all be informed about Prostate Cancer at Grace Senior Center's upcoming Prostate Cancer Awareness Workshop. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 11, from 3 to 4 p.m.

This workshop will:

- Recommend schedules for all major health tests and screenings.
- Encourage men to be aware of their health and to work on preventive care.
- Help men detect testicular cancer in its early stage, when it's easiest to cure.
- Illustrate how to do a simple once-a-month self-exam.

Please call Grace Senior Center to register and for more information, 704-694-6616.

Anson Senior High Class of 1992

The Anson Senior High School Class of 1992 will hold their reunion on Saturday, August 18 at Twin Valley Country Club. For more information, such as the time of the event, contact Kelly Horne at 704-851-9466.

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