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Anson Women's League is Hosting a Community Shower For International Teachers Coming to Anson on August 23

The Anson Women's League is hosting a community shower for the 18 certified teachers coming from the Philippines to teach at Anson County Schools. On Wed., August 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, the community is invited to drop off suggested basic household goods from the Amazon Wishlist as a gift to the new teachers moving to Anson.

"Our hope with hosting this shower is not only to provide basic living necessities for these teachers but to make them feel welcomed and comfortable in our country and our local community as a thank you to them for leaving their homes to come to teach our children, said Katie Scarborough, AWL President. "It's a love offering from the citizens of Anson County."

The Amazon Wishlist can be found by using the QR code at right, or from the printed flyers around the community or the posts from the Anson Women's League Facebook page.



The items requested for purchase include pots, pans, baking dishes, dinnerware, glasses, silverware, kitchen utensils, bath towels, etc. These items do not have to be bought from Amazon; similar items can be bought at local businesses.

For those wanting to help but are unable to attend the shower, purchases can be made and shipped to the Anson County Partnership for Children through Amazon.

Anson Women's League provides women the opportunity to lead and serve within Anson County. This organization is involved in many other projects to support Samaritan's Inn, Wadesboro Elementary School, Anson County Partnership for Children, Anson Homes for Hope, Anson County Domestic Violence, and many more.

Anson Women's League meets the second Tuesday of the month from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Welika Fish House in Lilesville.

For more information visit the Anson Women's League Facebook page or email ansonwomen@gmail.com.

Ansonia Theatre Audition Notice!

The Award-Winning Ansonia Theatre will hold auditions for their upcoming performance of *The Sound of Music*. The auditions will take place on Tuesday, September 19 at 6 p.m. Please prepare a song that best showcases your voice. All roles are available.

The Sound of Music play will open on December 1.

The Ansonia Theatre is located at 112 South Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro.

For information call 704-694-4950.

N.C. State Fair Tickets Are on Sale Now at Reduced Prices

The North Carolina State Fair is approaching quickly and it is a great time to start planning your trip and save some money. Advance sales for tickets, wristbands for rides and ride tickets begins NOW!

Advance sales will run through Oct. 12 and admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 6-12. Unlimited ride wristbands are \$30 each and can be purchased online. Wristbands are for one day only and vouchers can be redeemed at the Ride Ticket Plazas once the Fair begins.

This year, ride ticket credits will be placed on a chipped card which will be presented at each ride and will automatically debit the ticket count for that ride. Ride ticket credits will carry over year-to-year. The advance sale price is \$10 for 18 ticket credits.

Other special themed ticket packages offered include:

- Dizzy Pass – One gate admission ticket and one unlimited ride wristband for \$38
- Kegs & Cork Pass – One gate admission ticket, one NC Public House beer + wine ticket for \$17
- State Fair Flyer Package – Two gate admission tickets and two round-trip State Fair Flyer tickets for \$34
- State Fair SkyGazer – One gate admission ticket and one State Fair SkyGazer ticket for \$14

For more information, visit the State Fair website at www.ncstatefair.org.

Kids Expo Invites Participants

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce's Kid Expo will be held on Saturday, August 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event offers kids (grades K-12) an opportunity to create, develop and market a product or service that they are passionate about. Strictly for kids only, adults are not allowed to help sell or market the child's product or service.

The event is not only a showcase for the children, but an opportunity to understand the elements of owning one's own business. The kid vendors will learn and use real life skills such as math, communication, and creative thinking. Development and marketing of their product or service will have an impact on their sales at the event and offer them some insight into what it takes to own their own business.

The public is invited to come browse, shop, and stay for the awards presentation as the Chamber acknowledges Most Original Business Idea, Highest Business Potential and Best Presentation/Creativity in each age group.

A Chamber spokesperson said, "The 2023 Anson County Kids Expo is coming soon! There's still time to register your child or for you or your business to sponsor the event. Contact info@ansoncountychamber.org for more information."

Senior Puzzle Competition Aug. 22

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 and 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.



Second Annual Self-Care Awareness Day Held at Little Park

This is a release from Ella Webster of bettAdogZllc: It was a beautiful sunny day on Friday, August 11 to host the Second Annual Self-Care Awareness Day, held at Little Park in Wadesboro. The event was sponsored by bettAdogZllc and Travis Trucking. The goal of the Self-Care Awareness Day is to bring families and communities together for a fun-filled day of bouncy houses, food, healthcare information, and most of all, community togetherness.

This year we were blessed with donations from: Anson Men Of Action, Mrs. Tabatha Horne, Mrs. Judy Simon, Alpha Pi Chi Sorority Chapter of Wadesboro, Mikalya Bittle, Natacha Melton, Keith Byrd, Shonda Forte, Help'n Hands Foundation, Jessica Carelock, Crissy Sip'Z, Flavaswaterice.com, Sugar Italian Ice and Dessert Bar of Wadesboro, NC, Chef Terry Williams, Proclamation of Victory Ministries, Mad Katz LLC, Mr. and Mrs. W. Terry, and T-Mac DJ'ing services.

The community prayer was led by Pastor Steve Adams (Lyndsey) of Harvest Ministries. He prayed on togetherness and unity as a whole community.

The community involved enjoyed water slides, a concession stand, bookbags filled with school supplies, gift cards from Burger King and Dunkin Donuts of Wadesboro, and the trunk-o-back to school event. The children really enjoyed going to the sponsored vehicle trunks and filling up their bookbags with even more school supplies!



South Piedmont Community College to Launch Construction Management Degree

South Piedmont Community College will launch a degree in Construction Management Technology in January 2024. Applications are now being accepted.

"We've heard from our partners in the industry for some time now that there is a need for a more highly skilled construction workforce to keep pace with the growth in our service area. We are proud to have obtained state approval for this degree and to begin offering it in the spring," said Dr. Mark Little, dean of the School of Applied Science and Technology.

Demand for construction managers is only likely to increase. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects there will be 8 percent growth in the construction management field, equating to 36,400 jobs, through 2031.

South Piedmont's Construction Management Technology program will prepare students to supervise, manage, and inspect construction sites, buildings, and associated facilities. The program includes instruction in site safety, personnel supervision, labor relations, diversity training, construction techniques and documentation, scheduling, resource and cost control, bid strategies, rework prevention, construction insurance and bonding, accident management and investigation, applicable law and regulations, and communication skills.

Students will also learn key knowledge and principles of carpentry, masonry, concrete finishing, electrical work, HVACR, and plumbing. They will graduate prepared to work as construction managers able to plan, coordinate, budget, and supervise construction projects from start to finish.

For more information on the Construction Management Technology program, visit spcc.edu/constructionmanagement.

Anson Mobile Food Market is August 17

The Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on Thursday, August 17, starting at 4 p.m. at Church of God of Prophecy, located at 8477 Highway 52 South, Morven. Attendees can receive free food items as long as supplies last. This is a free initiative, so please stop by and get some healthy food for your family. The event will include blood pressure and blood sugar checks, as well information on healthy eating and lifestyle.

This event is held to assist in the scarcity of fresh, healthy food in the county.

Market on Market in Cheraw is Saturday!

Market on Market will be held this coming Saturday, August 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in downtown Cheraw. The family friendly monthly event features art, produce, food and entertainment on the third Saturday of each month from May through the fall. Local farmers will also have produce and plants available for purchase.

There will be free art activities for kids. Kids can participate in the Corn Shucking and Pea Shelling Contest at 11 a.m. Also, there will be a "Cruise In" featuring cool cars.

Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission by calling 843.537.8420 x 12 for additional information about the Market event.

Army Brass Quintet to Perform at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is excited to announce that the 208th Army Brass Quintet will be providing a musical program at the library on Monday, August 21. The program will be in the Little Theater at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music.

For more information call 704-694-5188.

The N.C. Department of Agriculture Has a Lot of Interesting Career Opportunities Available

Including some that people may not know they have

This is a release from the NC Department of Agriculture: People are sometimes surprised to learn about all the different types of jobs we have at the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, especially in fields they may not associate with agriculture. We have a number of job openings currently and we're always looking for talented people to join the agriculture family.

Hiring workers continues to be challenging, which you have probably noticed when going out to eat or shopping at a store. It seems like help wanted signs are posted just about everywhere, including state government.

At the Department of Agriculture, we have a number of open positions in areas that people may not traditionally think of as being related to agriculture.

- People are always a little surprised we have so many career opportunities for scientific and lab positions.
- We were fortunate to obtain funding to build a state-of-the-art Agricultural Sciences Center in Raleigh where we conduct important tests focused on food safety, animal health and the effectiveness of oil and fuel products.
- We also have an agronomic services lab that processes soil and nematode samples and conducts waste analysis.
- Some of our recent science-focused job postings include a veterinarian, vet tech pathologist, chemistry technician and medical laboratory assistant.
- We also have airplane and helicopter pilots, aircraft mechanics, forest equipment operators and county rangers through the Forest Service.
- There are also jobs for accounting technicians, pesticide inspectors and engineers.
- If computers are more your thing, we have information technology positions and even temporary seasonal positions working at the N.C. State Fair and the Mountain State Fair.

I am proud of the work we do at the department to protect consumers and to promote agriculture and farmers. We have a lot of career employees in the department who are passionate about agriculture. Many people describe the department as a family, and I think that is true. If you or someone you know are looking for a job where you know you can help others, I hope you will consider a career in the department or state government.

You can find departmental job listings on their website at www.ncagr.gov under their Human Resources Division link. Check back often as new job openings are posted regularly.

Partnership for Children Offers Free Car Seat Checks

They also sell car seats and booster seats at deep discounts

Did you know that the Anson County Partnership for Children offers FREE car seat checks? If you are unsure about your child's safety seat or need help installing it, they have nationally certified child passenger safety technicians there to help you.

Just call the Partnership office at 704-694-4036 or stop by at 115 East Morgan Street in Wadesboro for more info.

The Partnership also offers car seats and booster seats at highly discounted rates for Anson County community members.

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