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Inspections, Zoning and Environmental Health Departments Moving their Offices on September 29

The offices of Anson County Inspections/Zoning and Environmental Health will be relocating to 605 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro on Monday, September 29. They are currently located at 107-B Ashe Street in Wadesboro. That building will be repurposed for use as a kitchen for Anson Health & Rehabilitation (formerly known as Lillie Bennett Center). The Moving date will be Monday 9/29/14.

Contact numbers are:
• Inspections and Zoning 704-694-5818 • Environmental Health 704-694-4832

Operation Medicine Drop is Saturday

The Anson County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Wadesboro Police Department and Anson County Safe Kids will hold its ninth "Operation Medicine Drop" this Saturday, September 27th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Anson Station Shopping Center, next to Food Lion. The purpose of this program is to encourage individuals to turn in their old medicines that are no longer needed or out of date and provide a safe and secure method for disposing of them.

The Sheriff's Office conducts an Operation Medicine Drop twice each year. Over the past five years over 100,000 doses of pills, morphine patches, opiate based medicines, syringes, needles, as well as liquid medicines and inhalers have been turned in.

Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen said that this is an easy and safe way for citizens to properly dispose of old, out-of-date or no longer needed medicines. "What we are doing is giving our citizens a chance to clean out their medicine cabinets. Bring the old medicines in, no questions asked and we will see that it is properly disposed of. Please bring your medications in their original containers so we can verify exactly what they are," Sheriff Allen said.

Health officials say flushing or putting medicines in trash ends up in ground water or landfills. Neither are acceptable ways to dispose of unused medications.

Annual overdose deaths from prescription medicines have now surpassed that of all illegal drugs combined.



Celebrate Agriculture this Weekend at Local Events

The annual Youth Livestock Show and Ag Fair are scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27. Both will be held at new locations with a change in times.

Starting on Thursday, fair entries will be received at the Cooperative Extension Center on McLaurin Street, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Judging will take place on Friday. The weekend's festivities kick off at 6 p.m. on Friday at Circle G Arena in Lilesville with the 4-H Youth Livestock Show.

Friday's schedule includes:

- Pee Wee Goat Show Weigh-In, 4 to 5:30 p.m. & Pee Wee Goat Show, 5:45 p.m.
- Youth Goat Show Weigh-In, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- 4-H Youth Goat Show, 6 p.m.

Saturday will include:

- Pee Wee Heifer Show Check-In, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. & Pee Wee Heifer Show, 9:45 a.m.
- Youth Heifer Show Check-In, 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.
- 4-H Youth Heifer Show, 10 a.m.
- 4-H Youth Dairy Heifer Show, immediately following the Heifer Show
- Lamb Weigh-In, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- 4-H Youth Lamb Show, Immediately Following Dairy Show

Food will be offered in the concession area at Circle G by the Eager Beavers 4-H Club. They will be serving hot dogs, drinks and snacks.

Ag Fair viewing will be at the Extension Center in Wadesboro from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Celebrate Anson Agriculture t-shirts are on sale now for youth and adult sizes, \$6 and \$8, and will be on sale during the fair at the Extension office.

Come out and enjoy the fun this weekend. Celebrate agriculture in Anson!

Peachland's Music on the Square Event is Saturday

The Town of Peachland invites everyone to come and enjoy their 8th annual "Music on the Square" which will be held on Saturday, September 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. This free event will feature the Village Green Band, which performs all over North Carolina, along with lots of food vendors, activities for the kids and more.

Among the many vendors are youth and women's groups from local churches and the fire department. A wide variety of beverages and food will be available.

For more information contact Lynn H. Griffin at 704-272-7781.

Discover Anson Bike Ride - New Date & Location!

The Ninth Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, October 11 in Wadesboro which is a new date, location and routes. The ride includes the choice of a 26, 43 and 62-mile route that will take you across the southern half of Anson County that has many Piedmont features of North Carolina's mountain foothills.

Main points of interest along the routes include the "James Bennett" house where Stephen Spielberg filmed *The Color Purple*, the old chimney of the Knox Inn in historic Sneedsborough, Long Pine Church - the oldest deeded Methodist church in NC, a climb up the "Devil's Backbone" near Meltonville Church, and the birthplace of Hugh Hammond Bennett, father of soil conservation in America.

The entry fee is \$40 per rider (\$35 if entered by Friday, Sept. 26). A downloadable registration form is available at www.ansoncounty.org. On the day of the bike ride, registration begins at 8 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. The ride will receive the "green flag" at 9 a.m.

The Discover Anson Bike Ride is being held in conjunction with the Taste of the Pee Dee: Arts, Crafts & Outdoor Living in Uptown Wadesboro that will offer lots of fun activities, food, crafts and more that you and your family can enjoy. Funding for the Bike Ride Postcards and Flyers was provided by Anson County Tourism Development Authority. For more information, call the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704.694.4181 or visit www.ansoncounty.org.

BCSWCD Monthly Board Meeting

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30 at 10 a.m. at the BCSWCD office located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call 704-694-3516.



Anson County Early College Given School Supplies

Faith Based Center of Hope delivered a much appreciated box of school supplies to Anson County Early College. Pictured here, from left, are Juwan Sturdivant, Vancine Sturdivant, Sherrel Horne, Ty Coley, Brooke Phillips, Tubpos Thao and Daquantae Streater.

Arts Council's Evening for the Arts is Coming Up!

The Anson County Arts Council's An Evening for the Arts will bring great music, great food, and wonderful auction items together at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro to raise funds for school and community programs. This event will be held on Saturday, October 4, from 6:30 until 11 p.m.

Plair (pictured below), one of the area's premier dance bands, will provide both background and dance music. The band was a great hit at last year's Art and Soul event. This year Anson native Carl Ratliff's smooth saxophone will be part of the band. Silent and live auctions of artwork and other items will add to the excitement.

All ticket proceeds will help support the following Arts Council programs and events:

- National Children's Theatre performances for Wadesboro Primary and Wadesboro Elementary
- A performance of the community theatre production *The Wizard of Oz* for Lilesville and Peachland/Polkton Elementary at the Ansonia
- An Ansonia performance by Soul Street Dance Co. of modern choreography to music through the ages for Morven and Ansonville Elementary as well as a community performance
- Bright Star Children's Theatre performances at every Anson County public school
- A wreath-decorating project at Anson High School
- A two-day community production and a school performance of *Runaway Turkeyette* by Anson County's Amy Horne and her daughter, McKenzie, based on their recently published children's book
- Sponsorship of the Anson High School Art Honor Society
- A summer 2015 drama workshop for children
- Ansonia presentation of the movie *From Here to Eternity*
- Co-sponsorship of story-telling event "Back Porch Stories"
- Six performances of the community play production *Steel Magnolias*
- Six performances of the community play *The Wizard of Oz*
- Performance of *Sweet Potato Pie's Homegrown Christmas*
- Sentimental Journey with singer Lisa Rock
- Co-sponsorship of Ansonia performances by the Singing Americans of Stanly County
- Co-sponsorship of Tarradiddle Players' performances for children in conjunction with Anson County Partnership for Children
- Christmas in November Art and Crafts sale on November 15. 100% of sales go directly to the artists and craftsmen
- Artists Receptions • Bowling for the Arts
- Bach's Lunches for Summer 2015
- The beautiful ACAC gallery, where local and regional artists exhibit their work

All Arts Council programs are funded solely by membership contributions, fundraisers, donations, and occasional small grants. Enjoy a great night out at An Evening for the Arts as you help the Anson County Arts Council continue to enhance life in our beautiful county.



Tickets for An Evening for the Arts are \$40 each, \$50 at the door, and are available at the Arts Council (704-694-4950), Lacy's in uptown Wadesboro, and from any member of the Arts Council Board of Directors. Enjoy yourself while you make a difference for Anson County. Get your ticket today!

Board of Education Meeting Date Has Changed

The Anson County Board of Education's September 29 regular meeting has been moved to Thursday, October 2. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Closed Session taking place immediately after the opening of the meeting. Open Session to the public will begin around 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located on 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Historical Society Fall Social is Thursday

The Anson County Historical Society invites you to their Fall Social on Thursday, September 25 at 5:30 p.m. It will be held in the garden of the society, located at 206 East Wade Street in Wadesboro.

Free Food - TEFAP Food Pantry this Saturday

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center has received a large shipment of TEFAP food products for free distribution at their Food Pantry. This food is for Anson County citizens in need. These food items will be distributed at BRLC this Saturday, September 27, beginning at 9 a.m.

These food items are distributed monthly by the BRLC. They are available to anyone who qualifies. The US Federal Income Guidelines are one of the determining factors of eligibility. All food stamp recipients automatically qualify. If you are not currently registered with the BRLC Food Pantry, please come early to complete the eligibility application. BRLC does not discriminate for any reason. These food items are for individuals and families.

BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Burnsville Fire Department. For more information call 704-826-8182.

Schools Have Early Release, Parent/Teacher Conferences October 2

All Anson County schools will release early on Thursday, October 2 for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Here is the schedule for that day:

Early Release Schedule

- All elementary schools release at 12:30 p.m.
- All middle and high schools release at 1:30 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences Schedule

- Elementary school conferences 1 to 6 p.m.
- Middle and high school conferences 2 to 7 p.m.

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