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To Kill a Mockingbird Coming to the Ansonia for Two Weekends



Director Tommy Wooten has announced the upcoming production of the play *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Ansonia Theatre. The play, adapted by Christopher Sergel, will play for two weekends, October 13

to 22. On Fridays and Saturdays the curtain rises at 7:30 p.m., and on Sundays at 3 p.m.

The cast includes Atticus played by Jason Clarke, Scout by Charley Williamson, Jem (dark hair) played by Caden Clarke and Dill (in glasses) played by Isaac Clarke, all pictured above.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ansoniateatre.com or call 704-694-4950.

Board of Elections Meeting is October 3

Testing of machines for upcoming Municipal Election

The Anson County Board of Elections has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 3 at 10 a.m. for the logic and accuracy testing of voting machines for the upcoming Municipal Elections that will be held on Tuesday, November 7.

- The agenda for the meeting is:
- Call to order and invocation
 - Explanation of logic and accuracy testing
 - The testing and results
 - Questions and answers

According to statute 163-33.2. Chairman and county board to examine voting machines. Prior to each primary and general election the chairman and members of the county board of elections, in counties where voting machines are used, shall test vote, in a reasonable number of combinations, no less than ten percent (10%) of all voting machines programmed for each primary or election, such machines to be selected at random by the board after programming has been completed, and further, the board shall record the serial numbers of the machines test voted in the official minutes of the board. In the alternative, the board may cause the test voting required herein to be performed by persons qualified to program and test voting equipment.

Other upcoming dates of note are:

- October 3 - Precinct Officials Training at the Board of Elections Office, 6:30 p.m.
- October 5 - Mock Election with state
- October 10 - Regular Board Meeting at 5 p.m.
- October 12 - Mandatory laptop training at Board of Elections office
- **Friday, October 13 at 5 p.m. - Voter Registration Deadline for November Election**
- October 14 - One Stop Observer list due, 10 a.m.

The Board of Elections office is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-3223.



Ansonville Elementary Holds Annual Summer Reading Challenge

All students in grades first through sixth were recently rewarded for reading books over their summer break. Ansonville Elementary School decided a few years back to hold their first Summer Reading Challenge in an effort to keep students reading year 'round. Studies show that reading daily during summer break is the most important activity to prevent summer learning loss, especially for younger children.

Students were required to read ten books and write ten book reports summarizing each book. AES had nearly 50 students participate in this Summer Reading Challenge. These students were also able to visit the AES Media Center several Wednesdays throughout summer break to check out new books.

As a reward for their hard work, students were able to enjoy ice cream sundaes, a slip-n-slide, a dunking booth, and a visit from the local fire department. The students enjoyed this afternoon of water fun, especially dunking a few staff members and running under the fire truck hose.



Local Youth Team to Offer Free Football this Fall

The deadline to register is this Saturday!

The Youth of Anson County will have an awesome opportunity this fall to suit up and play travel football...for free! First year youth program, Anson Wolfpack, is offering free tackle football for local youth ages 7 through 12. Anson Wolfpack participated in spring football and is excited about their fall season.

"We're excited to remove the number one obstacle stopping many of our youth from playing football, which is cost," says Johnta Harrison, President of the Anson Wolfpack organization. "Our goal is to change the normality of our local youth by keeping them busy in sports and being mentored by local leaders."

The Anson Wolfpack is a nonprofit organization that plays North Carolina AAU football in the Southern Football Conference based out of Charlotte. The team has three age groups: 8 & under; 10 & under; and 12 & under. Each age group will compete against teams in and around the Charlotte area from September through November.

Practice days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. "Our mission is to make our players better students, better citizens and better athletes, all while showcasing the talents of the youth of Anson County. In addition, on the football field our goal is winning the state championship then competing in Florida for a national championship," added Harrison.

All interested parents can contact Harrison at 704-465-5155. The deadline to register is this Saturday, September 30.

Anson Democratic Party "Blue & White" Gala is Saturday

The Anson County Democratic Party will host their 9th annual "Blue & White" Gala on Saturday, September 30, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. The theme for the banquet is "Tomorrow's Victories Begin with Me," emphasizing the Democratic Party has the power to achieve victories in the upcoming elections through voting.

The guest speaker is Professor Gene Nichol, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professor Nichol is a Boyd Tinsley Distinguished Professor at the university. He was director of the UNC Poverty Center from 2008 to 2015 when it was closed by the Board of Governors for publishing articles critical of the governor and General Assembly. Since 2015 his research has been supported by the N.C. Poverty Research Fund. Nichol was president of the College of William & Mary (2005-2008), law dean at the University of Colorado (1988-1995), and dean at UNC from 1999-2005.

Nichol is author of *Federal Courts* (West, 2015, with Marshall & Wells) and *Seeing the Invisible: Putting a Face on Poverty in North Carolina* (2015). He has published articles in the Harvard, Yale, Chicago, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Duke, California, and Virginia law reviews. He has been a political columnist for the Rocky Mountain News and hosted a public affairs television show, Culture Wars, for KBDI in Denver. He's been an op-ed columnist for the Raleigh News & Observer for fifteen years, and writes frequently for The Progressive Populist. He's also executive producer of the documentary, *A Generation of Change: Bill Friday, Terry Sanford and North Carolina* (UNC-TV, 2016).

In May 2017 Professor Nichol was guest speaker at the 9th District convention held in Richmond County. Anson County Democratic Party Chair Vancine Sturdivant invited him to speak at the "Blue & White" Gala and he graciously accepted. All concerned citizens are welcomed.

For more information please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704 848-4412 or Priscilla Little at 704 695-7770.



Gene Nichol

Shop with a Cop Motorcycle Ride is Saturday

Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer has announced that the annual Shop with a Cop Motorcycle Ride will be held this Saturday, September 30. This ride raises funds that are used to help provide Christmas gifts for less fortunate kids in Anson County.

Registration will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the new Wadesboro Police Department, located at 212 South Rutherford Street. The cost is \$15 for single riders, \$20 for double riders. Lunch will be served.

For more information contact Chief Thedis Spencer at 704-475-2695 or Sgt. Cannon at 704-465-8705.

Would You Like to Participate in Anson Veterans Day Events?

Anyone who would like to participate in the Veteran's Day Celebration is asked to please meet at the Anson County Government Center, Commissioners' Board Room, located at 101 South Greene Street in Wadesboro, on Thursday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m.

For more information contact Denise Cannon at DCannon@co.anson.nc.us.

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Put Life Back Into Your Life. Consider a Living Healthy Workshop.

Are you an adult dealing with an ongoing health condition? If you have conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, overweight, chronic pain or anxiety, the Living Healthy Workshop can help you take charge of your life. You don't have to stop doing the things you love to do. The key to getting the most out of life is learning to manage your symptoms. No matter your situation, the Living Healthy workshop can assist you in taking control.

Come to the Grace Senior Center and get the support and tools you need to self manage your condition. Everyone will work together to find practical ways to deal with pain, fatigue and frustration, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, understand new treatment choices, and learn better ways to talk with your doctor and family about your health.

Join their 2 1/2-hour Living Healthy Workshop, held each week for six weeks. Learn from trained leaders who are dealing with health conditions themselves. Set your own goals and make a step-by-step plan to improve your health...and your life.

Classes will be held every Wednesday, starting October 11 and running through November 15. Classes will be held at the Grace Senior Center from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Sign up now. Spaces are limited. To register or get more information please call Rita Short at 704-694-6217.

Free Flu Shots and Health Screenings this Saturday

The Health Ministry of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church invites everyone to a Health Fair this Saturday, September 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The church is partnering with the Wingate University School of Pharmacy Students and Walgreens to bring free flu shots and health screenings to our community.

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church is located at 612 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro.

Peachland's 'Music on the Square' is Sat.

The Town of Peachland invites everyone to come and enjoy their 11th annual 'Music on the Square' which will be held this Saturday, September 30, from 3 to 10 p.m. This free event will feature two bands: Stone Holler from 3 to 6 p.m. and the Delmonicos from 7 to 10 p.m. Also there will be 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 call Lynn H. Griffin at 704-272-7781.