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Early Voting Starts Thursday, Held at Board of Education Offices

Early Voting for the 2012 General Election will be held at the Anson County Schools' Board of Education offices, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro (right across from Wadesboro Elementary School). Early voting runs from October 18 through November 3.

- Here are the details:
- Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, October 27, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Sunday, October 28, 2 to 5 p.m.
 - Saturday, November 3, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Notice of Anson County Schools' 2012-13 School Calendar Change:

Anson County Schools are adjusting the attendance calendar due to a mandate by the State Personnel Commission designating Monday, November 12, as the day to close government agencies to observe Veteran's Day. Therefore, Friday, November 9 will be a regular student attendance day.

Schools will be closed for students and staff on Monday, November 12, 2012. Additionally, report cards will now be released on Tuesday, November 13.

Schools Community Forum #1

Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG)

In a release from Anson County Schools: Public schools in the state of North Carolina are required to identify and support AIG Students through an approved program and services. What is our AIG program? Why do we have these services? How are these students identified and served? Who approves and regulates this program?

Join us on Tuesday, October 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center as School Superintendent Dr. Firm discusses this program at length and answers your questions.

Wadesboro Police Department's Shop with a Cop Christmas Program

In a release from Sgt. K. M. Ray of the Wadesboro Police Department: The Season of Giving is just around the corner. Christmas trees with twinkling lights will shine, and the thought of Santa will be on every child's mind. The Wadesboro Police Department would love to help Santa this year! So it is with great joy that I get to inform you that the Wadesboro Police Department will once again host the program, Shop with a Cop! We would like to bring happiness to as many children as possible this year. And we need your help in order to fulfill as many dreams as we can.

Shop with a Cop is a program designed especially for children. On a special day this December, children will get a chance to ride in a police patrol vehicle, enjoy a good meal, go to a local store, and pick out what will make them happy this season. They will do so with an assigned Officer of the Wadesboro Police Department and an associate of the store.

Each child receives a dollar amount that they can spend, however, the dollar amount depends greatly on you. All donations will go to the children selected. The number of children selected will be divided into the dollar amount donated. This will ensure an equal amount for all.

The Wadesboro Police Department is asking for your help. No amount is too great or too small. We understand that it has been a hard year for most. Please reach into your hearts and help us spread the joy of Christmas this year. We will be accepting donations for children 15 years old and under until December 4.

You can also donate an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots at the Wadesboro Police Department.

For further information, please feel free to contact Sgt. Ray or Sgt. Cannon at the Wadesboro Police Department at 704-694-2167.

Please mail all donations to: Wadesboro PD, Attn: Shop with a Cop, P.O. Box 697, Wadesboro, NC 28170. Make checks payable to: Town of Wadesboro (memo: Shop with a Cop). Or feel free to drop a donation off at the Police Department.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Happy Holidays from all of us to all of you! "If we do not care, we cannot be helped. If we do care, we cannot be stopped!"

Bike Ride Benefit for Shop with a Cop

All motorcyclists and their passengers are invited to join in the fun with the Wadesboro Police Department's Motorcycle Ride Benefit this Saturday, October 20. All proceeds raised from the ride will go towards the Shop with a Cop program that buys Christmas gifts for less fortunate children in Anson County.

Participants will have a chance to win the 50/50 drawing, lunch will be provided to entrants, and lots of fun will be had by all.

The registration fee is \$20 per bike. All riders will meet at the Wadesboro Police Department parking lot for registration from 10 to 11 a.m. If you have any questions please call Major Spencer at 704-475-2695 or Sgt. Cannon at 704-475-2997.

Open House at Rotary Planetarium

The public is invited to an open house at the Rotary Planetarium and Science Center in Wadesboro from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 18. The open house, commemorating the Wadesboro Rotary Club's 20th anniversary in Rotary International District 7680, will feature an upgraded animal habitat and the show "Night Sky" in the Morton Planetarium. The open house follows a noon visit to the Wadesboro Rotary Club by District Gov. Chris Jones. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The planetarium is named for the late Henry "Punky" Morton, a devoted Rotarian and an ardent supporter of the science center.

The Rotary Planetarium and Science Center, established in 2003 as the Wadesboro Rotary Club's Centennial Project, provides hands-on science learning to students in the Anson County Schools and other nearby school systems. The Wadesboro Rotary Club has invested over \$200,000 in the center, which operates in collaboration with the public schools. The center includes several interactive learning systems appropriate for students in grades K-12 as well as adults interested in science.

The Morton Planetarium is at the heart of the center and features a state-of-the-art Starlab projector, domed display ceiling, and seating for up to 30 visitors.

The center also features several NASA exhibits, and includes an extensive display depicting the work of Wadesboro native John Kiker, a NASA engineer.

Rotary Planetarium Summer Camps a Real Blast!



The Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium and Science Center held its annual three week session of Science Summer Camps during the month of August. Participants enjoyed trips and interesting classroom work projects. They are pictured here at the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill, NC. Read more about their activities on page 6.

ACDVC Introduces First Responding Team for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims



ACDVC has hired more Crisis Intervention Advocates in the last year to cover Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault calls 24 hours seven days a week. ACDVC would not be able to do this without the cooperation of the Anson County Sheriff's Office and the Wadesboro City Police Department.

When officers or deputies go on a domestic or sexual assault call they will call for an advocate to meet them either at the magistrate's office or the hospital. It is very rare we go on alone, but it has happened on occasion only if it is safe to do so. With this partnership we offer victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with every resource available to them in Anson County. And, we as advocates are able to be there right after the violence has happened.

Victims will know they are not alone. We work very closely with the Sheriff's Department and Wadesboro City Police on domestic violence and sexual assault cases. ACDVC offers a 24 hour crisis line for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault (704-690-0362). During 2011-2012 ACDVC responded to 306 domestic violence calls and 14 sexual assault calls. So if you think domestic violence and sexual assault is not a problem here in Anson County the numbers do not lie.

ACDVC is a non-profit agency that depends on the community's support for donations. If you would like to donate to ACDVC you may send it to Anson County Domestic Violence, PO Box 694, Wadesboro, NC 28170. Or give us a call 704-694-4499. Please check out our new website at www.acdvc.org.

Pictured here from left are Sgt. Little, Lee Anne Watson, Patricia Scott, Karen Baucom, Rosetta Morton, Kimberly Liles, and Officer Clark.

In a release from the ACDVC: The Anson County Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center (ACDVC) would like to introduce their First Responding Team. ACDVC has had a first responding team for six years. Anson County is the only agency in North Carolina that offers this service to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault victims.

Anson High School HOSA Blood Drive is This Friday!

Anson High School's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) will be sponsoring a Blood Drive this Friday, October 19, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Anson High School gymnasium. Community Blood Services of the Carolinas will be collecting. They encourage students as well as community members to come out and give the gift of life.

Mrs. Karen Osborne and Ms. Emily Jarman are HOSA Co-Advisors. Both would like you to know that if you come from the community, you will be moved to the front of the line in case you have to return to work, etc.

The Anson High School HOSA blood drive needs your support. Come out and donate this Friday, October 19! By Melanie Lyon

Benefit Breakfast October 20

There will be a Benefit Breakfast Fundraiser for David and Sharon Underwood on Saturday, October 20. The event will start at 6 a.m. at Oakdale Baptist Church, located on Highway 218 in Polkton. You may eat in or carry out.

Come out, enjoy great food and fellowship and help out during this benefit.

Anti Bullying Seminar October 20

Beyond the Block, Inc. will present *That's That ISH I Don't Like*, an anti-bullying seminar for middle & high school students on Saturday, October 20th, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Little Theatre at Hampton B. Allen Library.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/BeyondTheBlockInc.

Fall Festival in Wadesboro October 27

The annual Fall Festival in uptown Wadesboro will take place on Saturday, October 27, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Bring the kids to this family friendly event that is taking place in and around the town square. Among the events happening are a costume contest, a pumpkin painting contest, games with prizes, storytelling, a hay ride...and trick or treating at local businesses! Best of all, everything is free!

For more details call 704-695-1644. This event is sponsored by Uptown Wadesboro, Inc.

Veteran of the Year Award

The annual Veteran's Day celebration this year will be highlighted for the first time by the 2012 Veteran of the Year Award. The Anson County Veteran's Council is pleased to announce this new award and looks forward to making this an annual event.

Nominees must be an Anson County resident. Nominations must be made by an Anson County resident or an Anson County veteran's organization. The nominee's community service and work on behalf of veterans' causes must have been done on a volunteer basis. Nominees do not have to be an active member of an Anson County veteran's organization, but nominations must contain proof of military service.

If you or your group nominate someone for Veteran of the Year you will be asked to speak on their behalf at a meeting on Wednesday, November 7 at 6 p.m.

Forms for this award may be found at Wadesboro Chamber of Commerce, H.W. Little Hardware, Wadesboro City Hall, and the Veteran Services Office. All nominations for the 2012 Veteran of the Year Award must be submitted to the committee no later than October 31. You may mail the form to PO Box 797, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or return it to the Veteran Services Office, located in the former Belk building. Forms may also be faxed to 704-694-2445, but you should call ahead first.

The winner of this award will be announced at 2 p.m. on November 12 during the Veteran's Day event at the Ray Shelton Ball Field.

Beautiful Weather, Great People...a Perfect Day!

People Fest was held Saturday, and what a gorgeous day of fun it was. Lots of people came out for the vendors, the great entertainment and, of course, the delicious food. The day was capped off by music at Ray Shelton Ball Field provided by White Chocolate, and an awesome fireworks display. Thank you to everyone involved in making this event such a success.



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