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Board of Elections Meets October 23

The Anson County Board of Elections will hold an Absentee meeting on Tuesday, October 23 at 5 p.m. The agenda for the meeting is:

- Call to Order/Invocation
- Approval of minutes (if applicable)
- Absentee ballots to approve
- Early Voting updates and matters
- Election Day updates and matters
- Upcoming dates
- Questions, comments and other matters

The meeting will take place in the Boardroom at the Board of Elections office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

To appear on a meeting agenda you must provide notice in writing by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the next meeting. During all board meetings, those in attendance are asked to refrain from comments and questions to the board unless they are called upon by the board. At the end of each meeting the board will open the floor for comments and questions. For more information call 704-994-3223.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, October 17 EARLY VOTING BEGINS 7 a.m.

Tuesday, October 23 Absentee Board Meeting #2 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 30 Absentee Board Meeting #3 at 5 p.m. Last Day to request an absentee ballot at 5 p.m.

Saturday, November 3 EARLY VOTING ENDS at 1 p.m.

Monday, November 5 UOCAVA/OVERSEAS registration/ballot request deadline

Tuesday, November 6 ELECTION DAY (6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) Civilian Absentee Ballot Return Deadline at 5 p.m. Begin Counting/Tallying Absentee by Mail and Early Voting Results *cannot release until polls close* at 2 p.m.

Thursday, November 8 Sample Hand to Eye / Provisional Count at 10 a.m.

Friday, November 16 County Canvass (makes November Election official) at 11 a.m.

Domestic Violence Month Candlelight Vigil Set for October 25

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the NCADV website, Domestic Violence Awareness month was first observed in 1987. Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center (ACDVC) participates in the Silent Witness program during the month of October to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

During October, life-sized wooden figures will be placed in the county, each one bearing the name of a person who once lived, worked, had friends, family - whose life ended violently at the hands of a partner, spouse, ex-spouse or acquaintance.

Domestic Violence often goes unreported. In Anson County, from July 2017 to June 2018, ACDVC assisted 323 victims of domestic violence; 290 were female and 33 were males. The age bracket with the highest incident is 26-40 years old. According to statistics, one in three women and one in four men have been victims of some form of physical violence by their intimate partner. According to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, every nine seconds a woman is assaulted. From October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 there were 61 domestic violence related deaths in North Carolina alone.

On Thursday, October 25 at 6 p.m. a Candlelight Vigil will be held at the front steps of the Anson County Courthouse. ACDVC invites anyone who has a friend or loved one represented here or if you have been or know someone that has been affected by domestic violence to come and join in during this special time of remembrance.

Anson County's known victims include: Argatha H. Clark, Cindy B. McIntyre, Rebecca B. Morrow, Connie Newton, Laura Parker, Mary Polk, Danette Streater, Mary Jane Suess, Linda Kay Walters, Daisy Coleman Melton, Larry Thomas Lindsey, Jennifer Howell, Sherri Feely Marshall, Elnora Sturdivant, Doretha Smith, Rodney Smith, Kim Campbell, Joseph Michael Hall, two unnamed victims and two unborn children.

For more information please contact the staff at Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center at 704-694-4499. Their 24 hour crisis line is 704-690-0362.

Last Weekend for Our Town Play

Ansonia Theatre's Pulitzer Prize winning play *Our Town*, written by Thornton Wilder begins its last weekend this Friday. This drama tells the story of a fictional small town called Grover's Corners located in New Hampshire in the early 1900's, and follows its citizens over the course of 12 years. The play's central plot revolves around two families: the Webbs and the Gibbs, and the love story that unfolds between two of their children, Emily and George.

This classic show has been lauded by many to be the great American play. If you think you're familiar with *Our Town*, chances are you read it in sixth or seventh grade, at an age where you couldn't fully appreciate how enriching a piece it is. Revisit these characters and you will be mesmerized by its subversive power, warmed by its wisdom and shattered by its ending.

The Ansonia's production is directed by Tommy Wooten and features a cast from four different counties. The role of the Stage Manager, who narrates the show, is played by stage veteran Robert Graves. The Gibbs family is led by Chip Long, Carolyn Munn, Carson Traywick and Mia Franco. The Webb family is played by Glenn Caulder, Teri Brown, Amanda Moss and Tyson Leavitt. The rest of the townsfolk are portrayed by Mike Phillips, Cheryl Carpenter Stewart, Douglas Kleeves, Caden Clarke, Ann Crescitelli, Isaac Clarke, Sarah Kalish, Alex Hill and Tommy Wooten.

This weekend's Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 3 p.m. Get your tickets today before the performances sell out! Also, season tickets are on sale now. Call the Anson County Arts Council at 704-694-4950 or visit ansoniatheatre.com.

Brown Creek Soil & Water Board Meeting

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District will hold their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m. at the BCSWCD office, located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call 704-694-3516.



Homecoming Celebrated at Bearcats Game Last Friday

The Anson Bearcats celebrated Homecoming 2018 this past Friday night by crowning their king and queen and prince and princesses. The Royal Court includes Alyssa Simon and Dexter Jones (above right) representing the freshman class, Jamia Bennett and Gavin Smith (above center) representing the sophomore class, and Kaeley and Dillon Whitlock (above left) representing the junior class. The Homecoming Queen and King are Jada Wall and Timothy Marshall, pictured at right. Congratulations to each of you!

Halloween Trick or Treat at the Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Landric Reid would like to invite all trick or treaters out to the Anson County Sheriff's Office parking lot on Wednesday, October 31 where treats will be given out between 6 and 8 p.m. The Sheriff's Office is located at 119 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Sheriff Reid said, "Everyone please come out and participate in this fun filled event. This is a way to give parents and their children a secure opportunity to participate in an enjoyable Halloween festivity, in a safe and well lighted environment."



Medicare Open Enrollment is Now Underway. Deadline to Make Changes is December 7.

The Medicare enrollment period is now open and runs for the next seven weeks. Each year during the Open Enrollment Period, Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to compare and evaluate their current plan and make changes as necessary. By comparing plans during the Open Enrollment Period, Medicare beneficiaries can save money and ensure their 2019 plan is best suited to meet their needs.

The Open Enrollment Period began October 15, and all changes must be made by December 7 to ensure coverage begins without interruption January 1, 2019.

"Now is the time to enroll, keep or change your Medicare coverage," North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey said. "The process is easy. We have customer service reps standing by to help walk you through the process. Call us now at 855-408-1212."

Commissioner Causey also noted that comparing Part D plans annually is necessary to make sure you get the best coverage for your prescription needs. The staff from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, is ready to help seniors with all their Medicare enrollment questions. They're available over the phone or in-person in all 100 counties in North Carolina.

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. In addition to helping Medicare beneficiaries compare and enroll in plans during the Open Enrollment Period, SHIIP counselors can help people find out if they are eligible for Medicare cost savings programs.

Here are some of the ways to review and compare plans available for 2019:

- Get one-on-one help from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, by calling 1-855-408-1212, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beneficiaries can also request in-person assistance in their home county.
- Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare current coverage and enroll in a new plan if changes are needed.
- Review the Medicare & You handbook, which was mailed to beneficiaries in September.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to find out more about coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

For more information about SHIIP and the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, call 1-855-408-1212 or visit www.ncshiip.com.

State Employee Retiree Workshop at Grace Senior Center Today

Grace Senior Center wants to remind all State Employee Retirees the 2019 Open Enrollment started on September 29 and runs through Wednesday, October 31.

There will be a State Employee Retiree Workshop on Wednesday, October 17, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Grace Senior Center.

Please call and register at (704) 694-6616.

Anson High School Class of 2003 Reunion is Saturday

The Anson High School Class of 2003 will have their 15th Reunion this Saturday, October 20 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

For more information about the reunion please contact OnJerya Smith at 704-475-1776 or ansonhsco2003@gmail.com, or join the Facebook group at AHS Class of 2003.

Free Movie is Dirty Dancing

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie on Monday, October 22 is *Dirty Dancing*. It will screen at 10:00 a.m. in the Little Theatre.

Baby (Jennifer Grey) is one listless summer away from the Peace Corps. Hoping to enjoy her youth while it lasts, she's disappointed when her summer plans deposit her at a sleepy resort in the Catskills with her parents. Her luck turns around, however, when the resort's dance instructor, Johnny (Patrick Swayze), enlists Baby as his new partner, and the two fall in love. Baby's father forbids her from seeing Johnny, but she's determined to help him perform the last big dance of the summer. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this timeless movie.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Burnsville Fire & Rescue Helipad Dedication Ceremony

Burnsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue will be hosting a Helipad Dedication Ceremony this Saturday, October 20, beginning at 11 a.m.

Carson Sikes headed up the development of this helipad as part of his requirements to obtain his Eagle Scout credentials. This ceremony will be a chance for the members of the community to view the helipad, see its features, and to learn more about this great asset for Burnsville. It will also be a chance to honor those who have worked and donated to make this possible.

Weather and schedules permitting, a visit from the MedCenter Air helicopter is scheduled as well.

Please come out and join everyone in commemoration of this special occasion! Light refreshments will be provided following the ceremony.

Wadesboro Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 1

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. (UWI) and the Town of Wadesboro are proud to announce that they will host the 2018 Wadesboro Christmas Parade. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, starting at 2:00 p.m.

The parade route will remain the same - starting on Morven Road and proceeding up Washington, Martin and Greene Streets, ending at the Ray Shelton ball field.

Participant entry forms are available at Wadesboro Town Hall or the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, and are being accepted through Tuesday, November, 27. For more information or to request an entry form contact Uptown Wadesboro at (704) 695-1644 or email to uptownwadesboro@windstream.net.

Toys for Tots Motorcycle Ride is November 17

All motorcyclists are invited to participate in the upcoming Toys for Tots fundraiser motorcycle ride. It takes place on Saturday, November 17, with registration at 10 a.m. There will be great food, a split the pot prize and door prize tickets. And, of course, there will be a good ride too! This event is open to non riders too.

The event will take place at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, behind Pizza Hut in Wadesboro. Registration is from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost to participate is \$10 for single riders, \$15 for two up. And, don't forget to bring a toy!

For more information call Vancine Sturdivant at 704-294-0480. The event is sponsored by Playaz Elite, William "Bugga" Sturdivant 910-206-3427.