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October 26 School Board Meeting Will be Live Streamed on YouTube

The Anson County Board of Education will hold their regular board meeting on Monday, October 26. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. with Closed Session, and Open Session to the public will begin at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed through YouTube. The public is invited to watch the meeting by following the Anson County Schools Youtube Channel beginning at 5:30 p.m. To find the channel you can search YouTube for "Anson County Schools." Due to live streaming the meeting, if the public wishes to sign up for public comment they can go to the public comment link on the schools website at www.ansonschools.org to sign up. Public comment sign up will be from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on October 26. Open Session to the public begins at 5:30 p.m. The Anson County Board of Education welcomes comments from parents, students, and the community. The public comment period is open for members of the public to voice compliments, concerns, or complaints about matters of public concern, the performance of school personnel, implementation of board policy, the quality of the education program or school facilities, or other matters. The Public Comment portion of the meeting is for the Board to hear matters of interest or concern from the public; however, obscene or vulgar statements, personal attacks and statements reasonably perceived to be disruptive or imminently threatening to the orderly operation of the meeting shall not be permitted. Comments are limited to three minutes per submission, and a maximum of 30 minutes will be devoted to the public comment portion of the agenda.

Early Voting Schedule for General Election

All Early Voting at the Board of Elections office

One Stop Early Voting for the November 3 General Election runs through October 31. All Early Voting takes place at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. Early Voting takes place Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, October 24 and Saturday, October 31 the hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Sunday, October 25 the hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you don't vote during Early Voting, the General Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. On election day ALL Wadesboro voters will vote at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, in the Ingram Room, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. All other Anson voters go to your regular polling precinct. For more information call Board of Elections at 704-994-3223.

Upcoming Dates

October 27 Absentee Board meeting #3
October 27 LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL
October 29 Election Day observer list due, 10 a.m.
October 31 ONE STOP EARLY VOTING ENDS
November 2 Pre-Election Day absentee meeting, 5 p.m.
November 2 UOCAVA ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE / REGISTRATION DEADLINE
November 3 ELECTION DAY (Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
November 3 CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN DEADLINE
November 3 UOCAVA ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN DEADLINE (ELECTRONIC)
November 6 Sample Hand to Eye / Provisional Count
November 6 Civilian Absentee Ballot - Mail exception deadline, 5 p.m.
November 11 Veterans Day holiday, offices closed
November 12 UOCAVA ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN DEADLINE IF MAILED
November 13 County canvass of Nov. 3 Election, 11 a.m.
November 16 Deadline for county / local contest to request recount, 5 p.m.
November 24 State Board canvass of Nov. 3 Election, 11 a.m.
November 25-27 Thanksgiving holiday, offices closed
December 8 Regular Board of Elections meeting, 5 p.m.
December 24-26 Christmas holiday, offices closed

Virtual Halloween Costume Contest

Anson County is hosting a virtual Halloween costume contest from Saturday, October 24 through Saturday, October 31. "I wanted our children to have a safe way to interact on Halloween and participate in something fun," said Teri Brown, originator of event. Contestants can email pictures to: ansonvirtualcostumecontest@gmail.com, submit through the Anson Virtual Costume Contest Facebook page or attend our drop-in virtual Halloween party on Saturday, October 31, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at us02web.zoom.us/j/87309830185. Please include contestant's name, age, and name of the costume (example: witch) in the email of description submission. The deadline to submit pictures is midnight on October 31. If you submit a picture for the contest but do not want the picture shared on Facebook, please let the committee know in the email submission. This is a family friendly event, and they encourage people of all ages to participate. Prizes will be given for the best costumes in the following categories:

- Young Child (birth to age 4)
- Child (5 to 9 years) old
- Preteen (10 to 12 years old)
- Teen (13 to 18 years old)
- Adult (age 19 and above)
- Couples & Group (3 or more).

There will be a panel of judges from Uptown Wadesboro to select the winners. The contest winners will be announced on Monday, November 2 live at 4:00 p.m. via Facebook. Costumes that are explicit, of a sexual nature, highly offensive, or promote violence will be removed from the Facebook page, and disqualified from the contest.

Thanksgiving Event Cancelled

The Senior Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner at Harmony Community Church that was scheduled for Saturday, November 21 has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The Pastor at Harmony is Rocky Carpenter. It is located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Road in Peachland. The telephone number is 704-272-8193.



Terry said, "I have never looked at this as a one person show. It took everyone who made up the Complete Count Committee to put forth efforts to help spread the word and educate citizens on the importance of the 2020 Census. Our committee was served by the following individuals: County Manager Barron Monroe; Christopher Harrington; Vanesa Tran; Caroline Goins; Shelby Emrich; Desiree Cox; Wanda Talbert; Sherika Staton; Dinikia Savage; Lisa Holt; Nelson Jackson and Carol Smith." Terry continued, "We started work in September of last year and created subcommittees and a strategic plan as to how we would publicize Census. To every elected official, agency, business, organization and foundation that partnered with us on the Census, I thank them. As of today, October 15, our number of self responses (only those who completed the Census by mail, phone or internet) for the county is 52.6%. Ten years ago it was 55.2%. Considering what 2020 dealt us, I am very happy with the outcome of these numbers, despite not having face to face contact and outdoor events like we had planned. I am truly honored for the recognition. It was just a task that was assigned to me." Congratulations on a job well done Mrs. Terry, and thank you!

Roshunda Terry Recognized for Her Census Efforts

Anson County Cooperative Extension Director Roshunda Terry was recognized by the Anson County Board of Commissioners at their October 6 meeting for her hard work and dedication in working on the 2020 Census in Anson County. She received a plaque signed by County Manager Barron Monroe that stated: Certificate of Appreciation "Above & Beyond" presented to Mrs. Roshunda Terry for Outstanding Performance and Productiveness in Anson County. Awarded October 6, 2020. Monroe said, "This year has been a very difficult year to conduct the Census count with COVID-19. We assigned a Complete Count Committee at the beginning of this year, and Mrs Terry has led it remarkably. She has done a great job getting out to the community and finding ways to reach out to people who would normally not be counted." Monroe continued, "Mrs. Terry stepped up a great deal. I asked her to do this and she took ownership of the entire project. Because of that I didn't have to worry about anything. Mrs. Terry has put forth more effort toward this than a normal volunteer would have, and I appreciate the efforts and the time that she put into it. So, I wanted to recognize her with our Above and Beyond Award." Terry continued, "We started work in September of last year and created subcommittees and a strategic plan as to how we would publicize Census. To every elected official, agency, business, organization and foundation that partnered with us on the Census, I thank them. As of today, October 15, our number of self responses (only those who completed the Census by mail, phone or internet) for the county is 52.6%. Ten years ago it was 55.2%. Considering what 2020 dealt us, I am very happy with the outcome of these numbers, despite not having face to face contact and outdoor events like we had planned. I am truly honored for the recognition. It was just a task that was assigned to me." Congratulations on a job well done Mrs. Terry, and thank you!

692 Reported Cases of COVID-19 in Anson County

Health Department encourages mask use to protect yourself and others

As of Monday, October 19 the Anson County Health Department posted that Anson County had 692 reported cases of COVID-19. 34 of those cases were active. At that point they had discharged 658 cases, 650 to baseline health and eight deaths. In a release on October 19 the Health Department stated, "With the number of cases rising in our state, we would like to encourage people to take a part in protecting themselves and others. Remember to wear a mask, keep distance from others, wash your hands often, and download the SLOWCOVID app. Learn more about the free SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification app at covid19.ncdhhs.gov/SlowCOVIDNC. #StayStrongNC. Let's all do our part!" The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) reported statewide as of Monday, October 19 there were 247,172 total cases of COVID-19, with 3,939 deaths, 3,640,086 completed tests and 1,142 currently hospitalized. As of October 13 there were 234,481 total cases of COVID-19, with 3,816 deaths, 3,437,598 completed tests and 1,103 currently hospitalized. On Monday, October 5 there were 219,754 total cases of COVID-19, with 3,637 deaths. 3,188,371 completed tests and 971 currently hospitalized.

Recent history in Anson County: March 31 - 1 case; April 28 - 23 cases; May 26 - 62 cases; June 22 - 107 cases; July 27 - 285 cases; August 3 - 306 cases; August 9 - 328 cases; August 19 - 376 cases, August 26 - 408 cases, September 4 - 461 cases, September 14 - 513 cases, September 21 - 553 cases, September 28 - 605 cases, October 5 - 649 cases, October 12 - 670 cases.

Free Remote Learning Virtual Conference Available for Teachers, Parents on October 28

All North Carolina teachers and parents are invited to attend a free virtual conference on Wednesday, October 28 to help them navigate technology and remote learning. "Teachers, parents and students have adapted to new ways of learning throughout the pandemic, and I admire your resilience, creativity and dedication," Governor Roy Cooper said. "Even as we work to get children back into the classroom safely our schools and families need support for remote learning and this conference is one way we're providing that help." The REAL 2.0 (Remote Education & Learning) Conference will include sessions by experts in fields including education, mental health and technology. The conference is hosted by the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE), a business-led, education nonprofit housed in the Governor's Office. It will build upon the initial REAL Conference attended by more than 1,300 educators in August to learn about best practices for remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Educators from across the state are serving as content advisers for REAL 2.0. Sessions for parents will be available in both English and Spanish, and all sessions will include closed captioning. **For educators**, topics covered will include: navigating asynchronous learning; how to teach students effective study habits, time management and daily routines for virtual learning; tips and timesavers in Canvas; ideas for getting students motivated during virtual learning; Google Classroom and Google Meets tips and tricks; resources for struggling students; addressing the needs of exceptional learners in the regular classroom; video creating and editing tips; and much more. Exceptional student needs will be addressed throughout the sessions. **For parents**, sessions will include: digital literacy; understanding Canvas and Google Classroom; how to support children with autism during remote learning; the college application and FAFSA process; fostering good mental health for parents and their children; and much more. To attend the REAL 2.0 Conference, register at ncstudentconnect.com up until October 28. Recordings of the REAL 2.0 Conference will be available at the same link following the conference and educators can also view the recordings from the first REAL Conference at the same link. REAL 2.0 is the second in a series of four virtual remote learning conferences that will be held through Governor Roy Cooper's NC Student Connect initiative. The STEM Connect Conference will be held on November 17, 2020 for STEM educators to learn best practices for incorporating STEM into the virtual classroom, and the Cultural Arts LIVE Conference will be held on December 15-16, 2020 for arts and humanities educators and their classes.

Churches with Treats! Drive Thru Trick or Treat

Several area churches, along with other Wadesboro organizations are hosting a Drive Thru Candyland Trick or Treat Event on Saturday, October 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. All candy will be prepackaged for safety. No one will exit their vehicle. Social distancing will be practiced. You are invited to drive up and drive thru any of the following locations for free candy. Yes, it is that easy!

- Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Road in Wadesboro
- Harvest Ministries, 1134 East Caswell Street (Hwy 74) in Wadesboro
- North Wadesboro Baptist Church, 1211 North Greene Street in Wadesboro
- Wadesboro Church of God, 809 North Greene Street in Wadesboro
- First United Methodist Church, 118 East Morgan Street in Wadesboro
- First Presbyterian Church, 208 South Greene Street in Wadesboro
- Calvary Episcopal Church, 308 East Wade Street in Wadesboro
- Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 1293 Cedar Creek Road in Wadesboro
- Peachland Baptist Church, 79 Clinton Avenue in Peachland
- Peachland Methodist Church, 19 Allen Street in Peachland
- R.E.V. in uptown Wadesboro
- Awesome Touch Hair Salon in uptown Wadesboro
- Triad Barber School in uptown Wadesboro
- Tite Cutz in uptown Wadesboro
- Treasure Corner in uptown Wadesboro
- Anson Rescue Squad, 208 East Morgan Street in Wadesboro

If your church or organization would like to participate, or if you would like to make a candy or monetary donation, please call Pastor Steve Adams at 704-695-2879.

Safe Kids Anson is Hosting Operation Medicine Drop this Saturday

Safe Kids Anson will host Operation Medicine Drop this Saturday, October 24, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Anson Station, beside Food Lion in Wadesboro. Bring your unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines to be safely disposed. Syringes and needles will not be accepted for collection.

NETworX Anson to Hold Virtual Open House

On Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. NETworX Anson will hold an Open House via Zoom. The organization will provide viewers with thorough information about its mission and goals. Viewers will also be encouraged to begin the registration process for NETworX Anson's upcoming classes in January 2021. The Open House will be a part of the nonprofit's community event series Last Tuesdays. The series is named Last Tuesdays since NETworX Anson's community events will take place on the last Tuesday of the month. "Our board is thrilled to begin welcoming class participants," said Monique Freaney, the Local Advisory Board's Secretary. "We are happy to be able to move forward with our plans despite the pandemic." Participants in the Open House will hear from NETworX Anson's board members about their motivations for working on this project. They will also have the opportunity to ask questions, get an understanding of the curriculum, and learn about the commitment class participants will make. During the event attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a Visa gift card. "We understand that our community is facing a difficult time. Due to this, we would like to bless someone interested in what our initiative has to offer," said Site Coordinator Devin Pettiford. Further information, including the Zoom link, is available on NETworX Anson's Facebook page. For inquiries about attending please contact Devin Pettiford at devintpettiford@gmail.com.

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