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Monday's October School Board Meeting in Different Location

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 29 at Anson High School in the Media Center. The change in location is due to one-stop voting being held at the Board of Education offices. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will immediately go into closed session. Open Session to the public will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Anson County Commissioners Meeting Rescheduled to November 7

Official notice has been given that the date for the regular November meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 7 at 6 p.m. to avoid conflict with the General Election. The meeting will be held in the normal location, the second floor of the Anson County Government Center, located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

SPCC Spring Registration Dates Set for New Students

Registration for college credit courses in the spring semester at South Piedmont Community College will begin Nov. 7 for new students. Registration will be conducted in the libraries on both campuses, Nov. 7-8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Nov. 12-14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A final round of registration will be held Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Jan. 7-8 from 9 p.m. to 6 p.m. Spring classes begin Jan. 9.

Campuses are located at 4209 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe and on U.S. Highway 74 in Polkton.

New students must complete an SPCC application, take their placement tests and complete orientation before registering. For more information, go online to www.spcc.edu or call 704-290-5100 in Union County or 704-272-5300 in Anson County.

More on Nov. 12 Veteran's Celebration

The Anson County Veteran's Council will be leading our community this year in honoring our veterans during Anson County's Veteran's Celebration, Monday, November 12. The parade, beginning at 10 a.m., is being sponsored by Wadesboro Motors, Inc. Some of the parade entries thus far include Buffalo Soldier's horses and covered wagons; from last years parade, the ever impressive yellow motorcycles of the Buffalo Soldiers; church vans and buses carrying their church veterans; souped up lawnmowers for fun; and other military vehicles. The Anson High School JROTC Honor Guard will lead the parade, followed by World War II veterans as the Grand Marshals. The JROTC Drill Team will also be performing in the parade.

The parade will line up on Morven Road and move from Morven Road left onto Morgan Street, right onto Washington, left onto Martin, and left onto Greene. Following the parade the Honor Ceremony will be held at the front entrance of the newly renovated Anson County Court House at 11 a.m.

The first annual "Anson County Veteran of the Year" award will be presented during the ceremony. Nomination forms for this prestigious award are located at Chamber of Commerce, H.W. Little Hardware,



Thomas Knight of Wadesboro Lumber and Barn poses by the storage building that some lucky veteran will win on November 12th.

Wadesboro Lumber and Barns, owned and operated by Dock Donahue, has graciously donated an 8' x 8' storage building for the Grand Prize. A solid oak sewing center, for the veteran's spouse, has also been donated by a local nonprofit organization. You do not need to be present to win.

Anson Schools Community Forum Tuesday 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.

Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting

The Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District will hold their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, October 30 at 10 a.m. in the district office located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call Tina Rowell at 704-694-3516 ext 2.

Fracking Meeting Sunday

Pee Dee W.A.L.L. (Protecting our Water, Air, Land and Lives) will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. this Sunday, October 28 at Hampton B. Allen Library to present set back options to the public in relation to fracking, now that it is legal in North Carolina.

For more information visit www.nccitizensagainstfracking.org.

These are Some Busy Majorettes...Three Performances in 18 Hours Time!



Majorettes by Melanie, a local group of Anson County baton twirlers, found their performance calendar filled last weekend as they performed three community events within an 18-hour timeframe! And the "Twirly Girls," as they are fondly referred to, loved every second of their community involvement.

All seventy girls were on hand for the Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 12, which they have traditionally been involved with since its beginning. For the first time the girls were invited to perform for the Bearcats at their homecoming football game that evening where they were heralded for boosting attendance, morale, and for supporting and promoting October as breast cancer awareness month. They were pretty in the signature color, PINK, as they very excitedly performed their new theme songs, *I'm A Twirly Girl* and *Firework* for the loaded stadium bleachers.

These girls have also become traditional performers at Wadesboro's People Fest, a festival-type celebration uniting our county through arts, games, food and loads of fun. There the girls twirled for an hour before a huge audience. "This is the largest gathering of people I've seen all day," said Todd Thacker, whose booth for Judge Lisa Blue Thacker was just a few feet up the street. Typically these girls do draw large crowds of people who always enjoy watching our local baton twirlers and don't mind saying so with emphasis!

"Your girls really looked sharp." "Your little ones are the cutest!" "We sure did enjoy watching the majorettes." - just a few of the sentiments repeated over and over as Allen and I enjoyed People Fest ourselves later that afternoon, and after our three performances in 18-hours were behind us.

For one job well done I would say, "Girls,

you were great." But for three fun and fabulous performances I say, "You were TOTALLY AWESOME!" Thank you for your hard work girls. Thank you parents for your continued support and cooperation. And lastly, thank you to my staff, a group of ladies I couldn't do without, all former twirly girls who have hearts of gold and don't mind sharing those hearts with so many others, including me. I love you all, past, present and future Majorettes by Melanie!

By Melanie Lyon



The Majorettes by Melanie staff is shown here enjoying the Homecoming game and festivities last Friday. From left, they are Brandis Cheuning, Anne Hyatt, Melody Goodwin, Melanie Lyon, Terrin Williams and Sadie Freeman.

Leadership Anson Applications Now Being Accepted

Applications are now being accepted for the Leadership Anson Class of 2013. The leadership development program, which was implemented in 1997 by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, has graduated 254 participants in 16 years. The program, with assistance from South Piedmont Community College and Hornwood, is designed to develop a commitment to community through leadership. The mission statement is to develop a commitment to community through leadership.

Anyone who is an Anson County resident or who works in Anson County is eligible to participate. The selection of class participants is based upon the applicant's community interests and current involvement, leadership potential, past accomplishments and the willingness to assume expanded leadership responsibilities. Participation will be limited.

The six-month, 11-session program will kick off with an overnight retreat at the Beth Haltiwanger Center in Montgomery County on Jan 11-12, 2013. Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 29, followed by sessions on February 12 and 26; March 12 and 26; April 9, 19 and 30; and May 14 and 28. Graduation will be held on June 11.

An orientation session to prepare participants for the weekend retreat will be held at the Chamber of Commerce office from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 7.

The tuition is \$350, which includes the cost for all materials, lunches, refreshments and contracted presenters. A limited number of Leadership Anson scholarships are available. Scholarship applicants are asked to fill out an application and submit it to the Leadership Anson Oversight Committee. The committee will set up an interview with each scholarship applicant.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, November 16. The Class of 2013 will be announced by early December. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 107 East Wade Street in Wadesboro, SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro, or by calling 704-694-4181.

Veterans Affairs Program to Provide Free Flu Shot, Health Care Registration Information and More this Thursday

The W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center's rural health team will provide free flu shots to eligible Veterans on Thursday, October 25, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. This will take place at the Anson County Veterans Services Office, located in the former Belk building at 111 North Greene Street in Wadesboro. Shots will be available for all veterans currently using VA Health Care and to those veterans possessing a DD-214 and a valid photo ID.

All former and current military members are encouraged to attend. VA staff will also provide health care registration, education and information services to all non-registered veterans and assist in completing enrollment applications, requesting DD Form 214s, and initiating MyHealthVet online services.

Former military members who are not currently enrolled for VA health care benefits will need to bring a copy of their DD Form 214 to attach to their application for VA health care benefits. Veterans who cannot locate their DD Form 214 can request a copy from www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records.

For more information, call 1-800-469-8262, ext. 4958, 4960, 4937 or 4642. VA outreach activities are posted on the events calendar at www.salisbury.va.gov/calendar.asp. For more VA information, visit www.salisbury.va.gov or Facebook at www.facebook.com/VASalisbury.

Come Learn about Boys and Girls Home of NC at Special Civitans Dinner Next Tuesday

Wadesboro Civitans invites everyone to an evening event with dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30 at Welika Lake Fish Camp. There will be a special presentation describing Boys and Girls Home of NC, where the Wadesboro Civitans maintain a cabin for residents.

The cost of this dinner is \$10. Call Yates Almond, President of Wadesboro Civitans, at 704-848-4810 for more information or contact any Civitan member.

The club is eager to meet you and invites you to consider joining the club. You can become active in the varied Civitan community and service projects, many of them designed to help young people.

Rotary BBQ on Election Day

The Wadesboro Rotary Club's annual barbecue will be held on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6 at the National Guard Armory on Anson High School Road. Come by anytime between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and you can eat-in or take out some delicious food. Chicken and pork plates are available for \$8 each. Delivery is available for bulk orders, just contact any Rotary member.

All proceeds will go to support Rotary projects.

Fall Festival in Uptown Wadesboro Sat.

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 pumpkin painting contest, games with prizes, storytelling at 10:45, a hay ride...and trick or treating at uptown businesses! Be sure to enter the costume contest at noon in front of the Court House. Best of all, everything is free!

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

Anson County Highland Games are this Saturday

Anson County Parks and Recreation is sponsoring the Anson County Highland Games this Saturday, October 27. The heavy athletic demonstration will be conducted by Southeastern Highland Athletics Group. The event is free to the public and will be held at Little Park in Wadesboro.

Everyone is invited to come out from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to see the Scottish Heavy Athletics, including stone throw, weight for distance, weight for height, sheaf toss, hammer throw and caber toss.

Wendell Small of Parks and Rec said, "We invite the public to watch the highland athletes participate in the Highland Games here in Anson County. For more information contact me at 704-694-5751."

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