

The Anson County Writers' Club meets on the fourth Sunday of each month, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, except in July and December. All meetings are open to the public. New members of all ages are welcome.

For more information call Sandy Bruney at 704-694-5211 or email sandybruney@gmail.com.

Free USDA foods will be distributed today, Wednesday, October 24 and Saturday, October 27, from 9 to 11 a.m., or as long as supplies last, at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC). Please note that neighbors will only be served once monthly with these items as long as they last.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food Distribution Division provide these food items through the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina in Charlotte.

The US federal income guidelines will be a determining factor for individual's eligibility. The food items will only be available to Ansonians. Individuals who have not registered or received food before from the BRLC Emergency food Pantry must have financial documentation as proof of income to be served. Those families who receive food stamp assistance will automatically qualify. Parents are asked not to bring children due to limited seating space. Neighbors are asked to please park in parking lot behind center.

The USDA prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees and applicants on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political belief, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or if all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. Not all prohibited bases will apply to all program and activities.

You can contact BRLC at 704-826-8737 for information, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

Disaster Food Benefit Offered October 22-30

Anson County has been declared a disaster county by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. These declarations authorize the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services to administer the Disaster Food and Nutrition benefits program.

Residents in Anson County will be able to apply for help buying food through the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or "D-SNAP." Eligible households will receive a one-time benefit on a special debit card (called an EBT card) to help buy food. The exact amount will depend on household size, but a family of one would receive \$192, a family of four would receive \$640 and larger families would receive more.

This program is designed to authorize food stamp benefits for eligible households that are not currently receiving food and nutrition benefits and have experienced a loss as a result of Hurricane Florence. Residents may qualify for assistance for a one-month period if their home was damaged or destroyed or they have disaster related expenses, or they lost income or had food loss because of a power outage or household flooding resulting from Hurricane Florence. Eligibility is based on available income and resources.

Residents currently receiving food stamp benefits, including those who requested replacement benefits, are not eligible for this disaster program.

Applications for Disaster Food and Nutrition benefits will be taken at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, located at 1134 East Caswell Street in Wadesboro (behind Pizza Hut) on the following days/times: Monday through Friday, October 22 to 26, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday October 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday October 29 and 30, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. No applications will be taken on Sunday. People can also dial 2-1-1 for information on application sites.

Individuals will be asked to provide verification of identity. This will not have to be picture identification; any document that shows their name, such as a utility or other bill, will be accepted.

The NC Department of Health and Human Services is encouraging people to complete their application ahead of time and bring it with them by downloading the form in English or in Spanish at www.ncdhs.gov. People who may have a disability or are physically unable to go in-person to apply for help can find information at www.ncdhs.gov.

Because long lines and wait times are possible, individuals are encouraged to bring medications and other necessary items. Due to limited space, individuals are encouraged to limit the number of people accompanying them and to consider arranging child care if possible. Residents should come prepared for inclement weather while waiting outdoors as limited outdoor shelter is available for those waiting in line.

Due to the possibility of large numbers of applicants, neighboring businesses should expect heavy traffic in the area.

Free Groceries for Families in Need on November 8

For families in need, free groceries will be available. The Mobile Food Pantry and CHS Mobile Health Unit will be at Austin Grove Baptist Church, located at 5919 Austin Grove Road in Marshville, on Thursday November 8. Please arrive and register between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The food distribution begins upon the truck arrival, usually between 9 to 9:30 a.m.

• Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food. • Arrive between 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to be sure you can receive food. • If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445. • You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

Interested in volunteering for the Mobile Food Pantry? Email tschumpert@wncuccmc.net. The goal of the Mobile Food Pantry is to feed the hungry and serve those in need.

If you are in need before or after the distribution of food date, please contact Anson Crisis Ministry at (704) 694-2445 or Union County Crisis Assistance at (704) 225-0440.

Do You Need a Coat or Blanket? Would You Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They distribute coats to those in need as well as to schools in Anson County.

Blankets for the elderly are also available.

Gumbys on Highway 74 in Lilesville is a drop off site for donations, or a pick up point for those who need a coat. Just call to schedule it.

To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

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11am.....VETERANS DAY CEREMONY
12 noon-until COMMUNITY FUN
with Music, Refreshments & Games
- VA RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE -

Any Questions? Contact Ted Ward
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