



Anson Middle School Bearcats Continue their Dominance

The Anson Middle School Bearcats continued their dominant season over the last two weeks. First the Bearcats traveled to Ellerbe Middle School and defeated the Wildcats 36-0. Then, this past Wednesday, the Bearcats hosted the Hamlet Red Rams. Anson won that match-up 33-0.

Hamlet marked the fifth straight shut-out for the Bearcats, and also the fifth straight game in which the offense has scored more than 30 points. The Bearcats will look to continue this streak at home today, Wednesday, October 26, as they host Rohan Middle School from Richmond County.

Contributed by JF Harward

Domestic Violence Coalition Candlelight Vigil is Thursday

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) website, Domestic Violence Awareness month was first observed in 1987. The 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 2015 to June 2016, ACDVC assisted 374 victims of domestic violence - 325 were female and 49 were males. The age bracket with the highest incident is 26-40 years old. Domestic violence will impact 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men at some point in their lives. According to the National Center Against Domestic Violence, every nine seconds a woman is assaulted. As of September 28, 2016, there have been 50 domestic violence related deaths in North Carolina alone. 50!

On this Thursday, October 27 at 6 p.m. a candlelight vigil will be held on the front steps of the Anson County Courthouse. The 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 them during this special time of remembrance.

In Anson County we have had two fatalities in just seven months. Our 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, Elнора Sturdivant, Doretha Smith, Deborah Annette Wall Smith, Kim Campbell, Rodney Smith, 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. The 24-hour crisis line number is 704-690-0362.

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