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Anson County's Annual Veterans Day Celebration is Monday



Veterans Day is a time to honor both living and deceased veterans of the armed forces for each and every one of their sacrifices, efforts and selfless dedication to their country. Veterans Day is a date where we shall observe military veterans for all that they have done for us - many of these men and women have visited hostile foreign nations during deployments, been placed in dangerous situations, and

allowed their personal lives to be placed on hold as they served for themselves, their families, and the citizens of their country.

The military men and women who have answered the call to duty and the call of their country deserve our greatest gratitude because they have forgone so much to maintain our freedom. And, as you all know, freedom is definitely not free. These armed forces veterans of past and present have given so much of themselves while receiving so little in return, so it is imperative that we give our heartfelt thanks.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, Veterans Day is the perfect time to show that we care about our vets. All citizens, both young and old, are encouraged to attend Anson County's Annual Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, November 11th. Festivities start at 10 a.m. with a parade. There will be a ceremony at 11 a.m., then from 12 noon until 3 p.m. community activities will take place at Ray Shelton Ball Field.

"We have many special guests joining us this year, such as the Armed Forces Army Ground Ceremonial Band out of Fayetteville who will be in our parade and at the ceremony, the Buffalo Soldiers Horse Calvary out of Greensboro, the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club out of Charlotte, our own Anson High School JROTC Color Guard and Drill Team, and many other entries," said Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward. "Uncle Sam will be present along with the Wendy's Girl and others. Also there will be souvenir pictures for all who are present, food and music. The VA Rural Health Team will be there giving free flu shots and more. We look forward to seeing you all there."

For questions or more information you may contact Ted Ward at (704) 694-4418 or ward@co.anson.nc.us.

Local High Schools to Participate in College Application Week

Anson High School, Anson Early College, Anson New Tech and Anson Academy will participate in the statewide College Application Week sponsored by College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) and the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRO) during November 18 - 22. As part of the CFNC-CACRAO college access initiative, high schools will work with seniors during this week to complete and submit online at least one college application each using the career and college information and planning site, CFNC.org.

The goal of the program is to get more students applying to North Carolina colleges early in their senior year. During this event, students may apply to any of North Carolina's 58 community colleges, 36 independent colleges, and 16 state universities in which they are interested.

Students are encouraged to begin looking at applications for schools they are interested in, as there may be essay questions they need time to work on. Students may start working on applications but should not submit them without assistance from a counselor until the week of November 18-22.

For more information about events at your high school, please contact your school counselor.

As JJ Walker Used to Say...Dy-no-mite!



Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen said that his office had requested assistance from ATF to dispose of a large quantity of old dynamite discovered in a farm barn in the southern part of Anson County. The dynamite was reported to the Sheriff last week and the removal took place on Friday, November 1. Local emergency management coordinated the event with fire and rescue services standing by.

Sheriff Allen said on Friday, "Agents with ATF are actually removing the items now, and it may include both the old dynamite and blasting caps. This project is being done with the full cooperation

of the property owner who actually made the original request when the dynamite was discovered."

Thirty and forty years ago it was not unusual for farmers to use dynamite to remove three stumps in fields and store the dynamite in their barns to be used when needed. This is what happened here.

Allen said, "Over the years I have seen this occur several times."

Officers finished the removal by late Friday afternoon.



Farm Fresh Ventures Offers First Year Report



Thomas Cureton

Thomas Cureton, Manager of the new farmers' coop, Farm Fresh Ventures, which is based in Wadesboro and serves our region, sends us their first year report.

Cureton said, "Farm Fresh Ventures finished our first year with great success. We had 130 subscribers, and packed over 2,000 boxes of fresh produce. During the course of the 18 week season we packed a variety of 37 different items, all grown in Anson and surrounding counties."

"We paid our local growers over \$30,000 - not bad for the first year. The growers who brought produce in on Tuesday morning had a check in the mail to them that same Tuesday afternoon," Cureton added.

Even though the growing season was climatically different from normal growing seasons and tough on the growers, there were only two minor incidences of scheduled produce not being available (due to weather), but they overcame the problems in short order.

"Dustin Adcock (CE Local Food Agent) did an outstanding job of coordinating and juggling between the growers and what they had available, and maintaining the projected cost of the weekly boxes," said Cureton. "All our growers are excited about the program for next year, and we hope to pack between 2 and 3 times as many boxes next year."

Interested? Contact Thomas at tfarris1@windstream.net or google Farm Fresh Ventures NC. You can also call 704-694-2915.

"Active Shooter" Training Held October 25th

A training exercise responding to an "active shooter" incident was conducted on Friday, October 25th at Anson High School. The training was coordinated through Anson County Emergency Management and the Anson County Sheriff's Office, along with the local school system and other law enforcement agencies and emergency responders in the county. Agencies had been attending meetings around the state and participating in smaller, both class and field training throughout the year. This was a culmination of all that.

"This is something we hope never happens, but it does and could happen here. We want to be ready and as well trained as possible. There is a whole lot more than just everyone running to the scene. There is a plan and a process. We used the schools because it can happen there, but the response is the same if it's a private residence or a shopping center," Sheriff Tommy Allen said.

Officers ran through a number of scenarios involving one and two shooters. They practiced taking down shooters, searching rooms and coordinating rescue and recovery once the scene was secure.

Participants included all law enforcement in the county, Anson County Emergency Management, the local fire department, rescue, EMS, the American Red Cross, Anson Community Hospital, Anson County Schools Administrative Staff, and students and faculty at the school.



LES Staff Walks In, Not Out

Here are just a few of the Lilesville Elementary School Staff members who "walked into school" not out on Monday, November 4th. They are on top of the world for public education!

Pictured from left are Sherman Cash, LES Principal Maresa Dutton Phillips, Sammi Williams, Lynn Sheppard, Deborah Gathings, Katie Gaddy, Monica Williamson, Debbie Griffin and Benny Harris.

Ansonia Play *Crimes of the Heart*

The Ansonia's play production, *Crimes of the Heart*, the winner of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize, has one weekend left. Warm hearted, irreverent, zany, and brilliantly imaginative, the play is filled with humanity and humor as it tells the story of three eccentric sisters.

The sisters are Babe (Lilesville's Gina Gilmore Clarke), Lenny (Marshville's Lisa Tarlton), and Meg (Wadesboro's Melody Gilmore Goodwin), and their cousin Chick (Rockingham's Lindsay Melton). Their small Southern town is rocked by scandal when Babe shoots her abusive husband. Humor and pathos abound as the sisters unite with the help of a young lawyer, Barnette (Rockingham's Jeff "Jazzy" Johnson), to keep Babe out of jail. When Meg's high school sweetheart Doc Porter (Lilesville's Jason Clarke) shows up, it brings the past to their doorsteps as the sisters try to overcome their family's painful past.

Directed by Tommy Wooten, who also directed the Ansonia's production of *The Trip to Bountiful* in May, *Crimes of the Heart* will run for six performances:

- Friday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 10 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and all seats are reserved. Tickets are available at Lacy's, the Anson County Arts Council (704-694-4950), and online at www.ansoniateatre.com.

Anson County's hardest working patron of the arts, Catherine Crandell said, "Don't miss this one, folks. It is wonderful!"

The cast of *Crimes of the Heart* is Lisa Tarlton, Lindsay Melton, Jeff Johnson, Gina Clarke, Jason Clarke and Melody Goodwin.

Anson County Schools Athletic Alumni Celebration Invitation is this Friday

On Friday, November 8 Anson County Schools will hold the first Athletic Alumni Celebration at the final home football game of the season. All alumni football players, coaches, band members, cheerleaders, flag girls, majorettes, etc. are encouraged to attend the football game on the night of November 8. Everyone will be recognized and invited to take the field during the halftime show.

Dress in your school colors to represent the era you were part of Anson County Athletics! Come on out and show your support for our current Bearcats.

Advance tickets are available at Lacy's and at Anson High School. Advance tickets are \$6.

Great Cooks - Enter the Chili Cookoff!

What: Uptown Wadesboro 1st Annual Chili Cookoff!
Where: Southern Medley Wine Cellar, Anson County's 1st Winery, located at 118 North Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. When: Sunday, November 10, starting at 2 p.m.

Think your chili is the best? Individuals, businesses and non-profit groups are invited to show off their great cooking skills. This is a great way to come together as a community and gain visibility. All chili will be voted on by the public. The cook/team with the most votes wins a cash prize and bragging rights.

For \$5 each voter will be given tasting cups, 1 spoon, and a voter card. After tasting all chilis, the card will be placed anonymously in the ballot box to ensure the votes cannot be swayed by the cooks.

Cook-Off Rules: Teams must provide a large covered pot (minimum of 3 gallons) of pre-cooked chili, and provide an appropriate method to keep the chili hot, such as a crockpot, sterno, propane grill, or hot plate. Chili must be prepared from scratch, without commercial chili mixes used.

Southern Medley Wine Cellar will provide tables, one team sign, electricity, tasting cups, spoons, napkins, and voting ballots. Only six teams will be permitted to enter. Entry is on a first come basis. The event will be held rain or shine. The event will be cancelled and deposits refunded if a minimum number of cooks do not sign up.

A \$50 Deposit check is required to enter. Your check will be refunded after your participation in the cookoff. If you do not show on the event date, your check will be cashed. Check-In is 12 noon. Teams will need to be ready to serve chili by 1:45 p.m.

For more information contact Southern Medley at 704-994-2389.

Wadesboro Leaf Collection

Fall has arrived and the Town of Wadesboro has started the annual collection of leaves. The town's leaf collection equipment will only pick up leaves and pine straw. Please keep this in mind when putting your leaves out to be picked up. Do not mix any objects such as limbs, bricks, rocks or building debris with the leaves. Town employees can be seriously injured and equipment can be damaged by objects mixed with the leaves. Please place these items in separate piles for collection.

The leaf truck follows the same route the garbage truck follows. Please be patient, as it usually takes approximately two weeks to complete the entire town once. When the leaves really begin to fall it will take even longer to complete the routes.

Remember to have all of your leaves out for pick up before February 1, 2014. Leaf collection will stop on this date.

50+ Club Meets November 12

The Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ Club will meet on Tuesday, November 12 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Steve Hill and the Gospel Strings will be presenting a musical program. The group consists of Hill, Doris Hill, Greg Carpenter, David Napier and Dr. Leon Smith. Come and join them for an awesome program. This program is free and everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Anson Women's League Meets November 12

The Anson Women's League will meet on Tuesday, November 12, from noon to 1 p.m. at Twin Valley Country Club. The program will be presented by Bonnie Morgan, the Community Outreach and Literacy Coordinator with Anson County Partnership for Children. All women are invited.

Lunch is available for \$8. Please RSVP if you wish to have lunch to AWL President Sandra Pliescott by Friday, November 8 at 704-694-7853 or woodsand@carolina.rr.com.

Blood Drive November 18

There will be a Blood Drive on Monday, November 18 at Anson Community Hospital, from 1 to 4 p.m. The minimum weight for blood donors is 120 pounds.

Grace Senior Center Trip to Myrtle Beach

Grace Senior Center is sponsoring a Southern Holiday Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC, scheduled for December 10 and 11. The package includes one night lodging at the Ocean Drive Beach & Golf Resort, one buffet dinner at Bennetts Calabash Seafood Restaurant, a holiday performance at the Alabama Theatre, shopping at Tanger Outlet stores, and motorcoach transportation.

The price is \$160 per person with double occupancy and \$170 for single occupancy. The deadline to pay for the trip is Wednesday, December 4. Call Grace Center at 704-694-6616 to register or for more information.

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