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Veterans Celebrated in Monday Ceremonies

Although the weather was a bit dreary, enthusiasm for and recognition of our military veterans was big and bright during the Veteran's Day Celebration held in Wadesboro on Monday. Spearheaded by Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward, the event was a roaring success.

An entertaining parade led by the Anson High School JROTC was enjoyed by attendees, followed by a ceremony in front of the courthouse. Dale Nelson, a US Navy Vietnam combat veteran and recent candidate for the House of Representatives, was the featured speaker for the event. During the ceremony Ward presented the first Veteran of the Year Award to Charles Boyle. The other nominees were James Tyler Bennett, Milas Cason, John Chandler, Anthony Hall, Jake Hanna and Charles Wilson.

After the ceremony attendees moved to the parking lot of the Ray Shelton Ball Field to enjoy live music, military displays, health resources, prizes, great food...and best of all, fellowship with the veterans!



Led by Cadet Drill Team Commander James Roberts, the Anson High School JROTC Drill Team proudly marches in the 2nd Annual Veteran's Day Parade.

2 Inmates at Lanesboro Correctional Bring Lawsuits Claiming Excessive Force

A convicted murderer and another prisoner convicted of assault with intent to kill have each brought lawsuits against Lanesboro Correctional Institution. The prisoners' lawsuits claim excessive force was used against them during a prison riot in November 2009.

Kevin Brower, who is serving a 45 year sentence for second degree murder, alleges that prison officers cracked his skull with a baton during the riot, then destroyed the surveillance video that captured the event. Lorenzo Ingram, who is serving time for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, alleges that a surveillance video shows an officer striking him in the head repeatedly.

Prison officials have reported that four inmates were charged in the melee, while five staff had to be treated at medical facilities. After the incident Brower pled guilty to two misdemeanor counts of assault on a government official, and to an administrative charge alleging that he assaulted staff. Ingram pled guilty to two misdemeanor counts of assault on a government official.

State prison officials declined to comment on the pending lawsuits. Department of Public Safety spokesman Keith Acree wrote, "Our department has just received these lawsuits and they are under review. The agency typically does not comment on matters that are under litigation."

Entries Invited for Christmas Parade

Plans are underway for the 2012 Christmas Parade. Scheduled for 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, the uptown parade route will remain the same as in previous years - starting on Morven Road for the line-up and concluding at the Ray Shelton Ball Field for breakdown. The parade will move down Washington, Martin and Greene Streets.

A parade is a community's way of expressing holiday greetings. Entries are being accepted by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at any time between now and November 26. Floats, both professionally designed and homemade, are eligible for entry.

For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 or ansonchamber@windstream.net. Parade entry forms can be downloaded from www.ansoncounty.org.

Final Unemployment Extension Program Set to End December 29

In February 2012, Congress extended the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program through the week ending December 29, 2012. The end of the EUC program will affect approximately 75-87,000 North Carolina claimants. Claimants currently on regular unemployment insurance benefits will not experience an interruption in their claim. Only those in the federal EUC extension program will be affected.

Prior authorizations of the EUC program provided for a graduated phase-out of eligibility for claimants receiving benefits on the scheduled expiration date. In this case however, there will be no phase out and their EUC benefits will stop.

"Our focus is on assisting these claimants and working with DES workforce partners to ensure resources are available when these benefits end," said DES Assistant Secretary Dempsey Benton. "DES plans to work with other state and local resources such as county Departments of Social Services (DSS) and the community college system to help those who are affected transition back into the workforce."

DES is currently paying about \$25 million a week in EUC benefits.

For immediate assistance with services available to help unemployed individuals and job seekers, claimants are encouraged to visit their local Employment Service office. Available at 90 locations statewide, these offices offer a wide range of reemployment services, as well as connections to other community resources.

A directory of NC Employment Service offices is available at www.ncesc1.com/locator/locatormain.asp.

Once the EUC program ends, the maximum eligibility available to claimants will be 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits. There will be no other extension programs in place. Please keep in mind that these numbers are reflective only of those in the EUC program as of October 27, 2012 and that those numbers are subject to change between now and the end of the program.

Christmastime Tour of Homes

Make plans now to attend the Uptown Wadesboro, Inc.(UWI) Christmastime Tour of Homes. The tour will be held on Sunday, December 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the fun of viewing various homes and getting into the Christmas spirit.

Tickets are \$10 and go on sale November 19. They are available from Lacy's, Fancy Crafts, the Chamber of Commerce, Buff Monkey Fitness and Wadesboro Town Hall. For more information call Bebe or Cindi at 704-694-5171.

PPES Holds "Say No to Drugs" Basketball Shootout



Peachland-Polkton Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week with a "Say NO to Drugs! Basketball Shoot-Out" on Friday, November 2nd. Twenty-four students competed, and the winners were Savannah Houser and Daniel Gomez. However, we're all winners when we choose to lead a drug-free life and encourage others to do the same.

Pictured here are the participants, from left, front row:

Karmen Cranford, Hallie Preslar, Olivia Tucker, Deon Gray, Revie Byars, Savannah Houser (girl winner), Jala Harrell, ChaDa Love, Ahjiyah Sullivant, Reagan Jackson, Katie Horne and Katie Kiker. Back row: Ray Steagall, John Tomberlin, Adrian Coleman, Dequan Sturdivant, Michael Chambers, Daniel Gomez (boy winner), Alexis Gomez, Dallas Williams, Shihiem Sturdivant, Fuesu Vang and Cameron Lockhart. Not pictured: John Williams.

General Election Results

The unofficial General Election results are in, and among the winners are: Pat McCrory for Governor, Dan Forest for Lt. Governor, and Richard Hudson for US House of Representatives District 8. In races that were more local to Anson County, Gene McLaurin won for Senate District 25, Mark Brody for House of Representative District 55, Ross Streater for County Commissioner District 3, Mike Turner for Board of Education District 1, and Carol Ann Gibson for Board of Education District 7. Lisa Blue Thacker won NC District Court Judge District 20A-Thacker Seat.

The election results are presented here with both Anson County votes and total votes. Depending on the particular races, the "total" vote amount reflects either national, statewide or district totals.

President

- Obama/Biden (Dem) (Anson 6,894 62.16%) (NC Total 2,156,025 48.29%) (National Total est. 62,285,005, electoral 332)
- Romney/Ryan (Rep) (Anson 4,125 37.20%) (NC Total 2,252,645 50.46%) (National Total est. 58,907,640, electoral 206)
- Johnson/Gray (Lib) (Anson 53 0.48%) (NC Total 43,910 0.98%) (National Total est. 1,203,737)
- Write-in (Anson 18 0.16%) (Total 11,860 0.27%)

Straight Party Voters

- Democratic (Dem) (Anson 5,894 80.48%) (NC Total 1,402,994 55.52%)
- Republican (Rep) (Anson 1,392 19.01%) (NC Total 1,099,285 43.50%)
- Libertarian (Lib) (Anson 38 0.52%) (Total 24,748 0.98%)

US House of Representatives District 8

- Larry Kissell (Dem) (Anson 7,288 66.06%) (Total 134,918 45.19%)
- Richard Hudson (Rep) (Anson 3,548 32.16%) (Total 159,256 53.34%)
- Write-in (Anson 197 1.79%) (Total 4,391 1.47%)

NC Governor

- Walter H. Dalton (Dem) (Anson 6,496 58.42%) (Total 1,913,025 43.19%)
- Pat McCrory (Rep) (Anson 4,520 40.65%) (Total 2,422,037 54.68%)
- Barbara Howe (Lib) (Anson 98 0.88%) (Total 93,388 2.11%)
- Write-in (Anson 5 .04%) (Total 1,340 .03%)

NC Lieutenant Governor

- Linda D Coleman (Dem) (Anson 7,329 67.25%) (Total 2,159,999 49.87%)
- Dan Forest (Rep) (Anson 3,569 32.75%) (Total 2,171,102 50.13%)

NC Attorney General

- Roy Cooper (Dem) (Anson 8,702 100%) (Total 2,803,277 100%)

NC Auditor

- Beth A. Wood (Dem) (Anson 7,654 71.37%) (Total 2,278,410 53.68%)
- Debra Goldman (Rep) (Anson 3,071 28.63%) (Total 1,965,627 46.32%)

NC Commissioner of Agriculture

- Walter Smith (Dem) (Anson 7,067 65.12%) (Total 2,005,237 46.72%)
- Steve Troxler (Rep) (Anson 3,786 34.88%) (Total 2,286,479 53.28%)

NC Commissioner of Insurance

- Wayne Goodwin (Dem) (Anson 7,657 70.95%) (Total 2,205,619 51.82%)
- Mike Causey (Rep) (Anson 3,135 29.05%) (Total 2,050,679 48.18%)

NC Commissioner of Labor

- John C. Brooks (Dem) (Anson 7,033 64.99%) (Total 2,000,170 46.70%)
- Cherie Berry (Rep) (Anson 3,789 35.01%) (Total 2,282,659 53.30%)

NC Secretary of State

- Elaine Marshall (Dem) (Anson 7,745 71.42%) (Total 2,309,818 53.75%)
- Ed Goodwin (Rep) (Anson 3,099 28.58%) (Total 1,987,608 46.25%)

NC Superintendent of Public Instruction

- June Atkinson (Dem) (Anson 7,777 72.42%) (Total 2,314,957 54.21%)
- John Tedesco (Rep) (Anson 2,962 27.58%) (Total 1,955,720 45.79%)

NC Treasurer

- Janet Cowell (Dem) (Anson 7,995 73.97%) (Total 2,292,641 53.79%)
- Steve Royal (Rep) (Anson 2,814 26.03%) (Total 1,969,347 46.21%)

NC Senate District 25

- Gene McLaurin (Dem) (Anson 7,822 71.98%) (Total 44,023 52.92%)
- Gene McIntyre (Rep) (Anson 3,045 28.02%) (Total 39,163 47.08%)

NC House of Representatives District 55

- Dale Nelson (Dem) (Anson 7,672 70.63%) (Total 14,403 43.31%)
- Mark Brody (Rep) (Anson 3,191 29.37%) (Total 8,850 56.69%)

Anson Board of Commissioners District 1

- Bobby H. Sikes (DEM) 1,311 100.00%

Anson Board of Commissioners District 3

- Ross Streater (Dem) 1,278 75.89%
- Kevin D. Tucker (Rep) 406 24.11%

Anson Board of Commissioners District 6

- Jarvis T. Woodburn (Dem) 983 100.00%

Anson Board of Commissioners District 7

- Harold C. Smith (Dem) 1,341 100.00%

Anson Board of Commissioners District 2

- Vancine Sturdivant (Dem) 1,320 100.00%

Anson Board of Education District 1

- Mike Turner (Write-in) 485 71.53%
- Daniel Wilson (Write-in) 176 25.96%
- Write-in (miscellaneous) 17 2.51%

Anson Board of Education District 3

- Beulah Pratt (Dem) 1,432 100.00%

Anson Board of Education District 6

- Frank Liles (Dem) 970 100.00%

Anson Board of Education District 7

- Carol Ann Gibson (Write-in) 14 11.97%
- Write-in (miscellaneous) 103 88.03%

Anson County Register of Deeds

- Joanne S. Huntley (Dem) 9,136 100.00%

NC Supreme Court Associate Justice-Newby Seat

- Sam J. Ervin IV (Anson 6,162 66.28%) (Total 1,675,629 48.10%)
- Paul Martin Newby (Anson 3,135 33.72%) (Total ,808,256 51.90%)

NC Court of Appeals Judge-McGee Seat

- Linda McGee (Anson 7,276 78.73%) (Total 2,080,567 61.16%)
- David S. Robinson (Anson 1,966 21.27%) (Total 1,321,371 38.84%)

NC Court of Appeals Judge-Bryant Seat

- Wanda Bryant (Anson 6,978 73.83%) (Total 1,910,569 56.52%)
- Marty McGee (Anson 2,473 26.17%) (Total 1,470,009 43.48%)

NC Court of Appeals Judge-Thigpen Seat

- Chris Dillon (Anson 3,238 34.33%) (Total 1,766,686 52.75%)
- Cressie Thigpen (Anson 6,194 65.67%) (Total 1,582,211 47.25%)

NC District Court Judge District 20A-Thacker Seat

- John R. Nance (Anson 1,842 18.04%) (Total 17,57635.78%)
- Lisa Blue Thacker (Anson 8,368 81.96%) (Total 31,54964.22%)

NC District Court Judge District 20A-Wilson Seat

- Amanda L. (Amy) Wilson (Anson 8,565 100%) (Total 8,886100%)

Circles of Hope Fundraiser, Working to End Poverty in Anson County

The Circles of Hope will be having their annual Spaghetti Fundraiser on Tuesday, November 27, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in uptown Wadesboro. They will be selling plates for \$7 each.

All plates include spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad with your choice of dressing, dinner roll and a homemade dessert. You have the option to dine in, carry out, or have plates delivered to your business or organization. You will have a choice of either tea or lemonade when dining in or carrying out. Bottled water is included with each delivery plate. Call 704-994-2333.

When purchasing tickets, simply fill in your contact information on one portion of the ticket and return it to them for a chance to win \$100 cash. You do not have to be present to win.

Stephen Shytle, the Coordinator of Anson County Circles of Hope, said, "All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Anson County Circles of Hope campaign to end poverty one family at a time. Thanks so much for your support. We look forward to serving you for lunch and dinner."

Anson County Blood Drive Today

There will be a Blood Drive at Anson Community Hospital today, Wednesday, November 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. The minimum weight requirement for blood donors is 120 pounds.

Canvass Meeting at Board of Elections

The Anson County Board of Elections will hold their Canvass Meeting on Friday, November 16 at 11 a.m.

Genealogical Society Meets Saturday

The Anson County Genealogical Society meets this Saturday, November 17 at 2 p.m. in the Historical Society Office, located at 206 East Wade Street in uptown Wadesboro. Steve Bailey will be the guest speaker once again to talk about some of the forgotten history of Ansonville.

Topics will include: the Bethlehem Baptist Church, which was associated with the Bethlehem Cemetery. This church was in existence as far back as the early 1800's; World famous blues musician, Blind Boy Fuller, who was born in 1909 and became famous when he moved to Durham in the 1930's; and the Russian doctor who bought property from Gussie Waddell in the 1930's where the old Anson Tech buildings are located. The doctor helped to deliver many babies in Burnsville and Ansonville during the 1934-36 time period.

For more information about the meeting call 704-475-3877 or email genealogy1959@yahoo.com.

New Beginnings Cancer Support Group

The New Beginnings Cancer Support Group will meet Monday, November 19th at 6 p.m. at the Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro.

For more information please call (704) 694-3988.

Board Meeting

Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District will hold the monthly board meeting on Tuesday, November 27 at 10 a.m. in the district office located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

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