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Board of Elections Meeting Rescheduled to March 2

Upcoming dates of note. Municipal Elections to be held in November 2015

Due to the weather, the Anson County Board of Elections will meet on Monday, March 2 at 5 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows: Call to Order; invocation; 2015-16 budget discussions; other matters; adjourn.

For more information contact the Board of Elections. They are located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-3223.

Upcoming dates of note are:

- March 2015 - Date TBA State board training
- March 10 - Regular board meeting, 5 p.m.
- April 14 - Regular board meeting, 5 p.m.
- May 12 - Regular board meeting, 5 p.m.
- June 9 - Regular board meeting, 5 p.m. (Last meeting with current board.)
- July 3-17 - Candidate filing begins at 12 noon, ends 12 noon
- July 21 - Swearing in of board members after election of board chairman and secretary, 12 noon
- August 2015 - Date TBA State board training
- August 18 - Approval/Appointment of chief judges and judges (2 year term), 5 p.m.
- September 3 - Absentee by mail ballots available for November Municipal Election
- October 22 - November 1 - Early voting for Municipal Election
- November 3 - Municipal Election, polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Towns of Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton and Wadesboro
- November 10 - Canvass, 11 a.m.
- December 8 - Regular board meeting, 5 p.m.



Second Snow in Seven Days

Anson County Schools closed last Tuesday, February 18, for their first snow days of the season. And, exactly one week later, Tuesday, February 25, students received another snow day with more snow than ice this time around.

Approximately two inches fell (depending on where you live) Tuesday morning, making it challenging for drivers. More snow was coming down Tuesday after-

noon at press time, with weather reports calling for even more snow.

Typically we saw more sledding than driving, particularly on the back roads and hillsides throughout Anson County.

This black beauty pictured here, Posie Lyon, is the official "Snow Goddess" for The Express, shown here in her 14th year of glory. You can always find pretty Posie frolicking happily through the snow. And just like most kids and kids at heart, she loves it!

By Melanie Lyon

Uwharrie Capital Corp Announces Financial Results

Uwharrie Capital Corp announced financial results for the year ended December 31, 2014. The company reported consolidated total assets of \$518.5 million at December 31, 2014.

Net income for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2014, was \$1.68 million versus \$954 thousand for the same period in 2013, a 76% improvement. For the twelve months, ended December 31, 2014, net income available to common shareholders was \$1.09 million or \$0.15 per share compared to \$151 thousand or \$0.02 per share for December 31, 2013, a 621% improvement. Net income available to common shareholders takes into consideration the payment of dividends on preferred stock issued by the Company.

Contact David Beaver, Chief Financial Officer at 704-991-1266 for further information.

Uwharrie Capital Corp offers a full range of financial solutions through its subsidiaries: Uwharrie Bank, Strategic Investment Group and Strategic Investment Advisors. Additional information on Uwharrie Capital Corp may be found at www.UwharrieCapital-Corp.com or by calling 704-982-4415.

Soul Street Dance Company Coming to Ansonia

They fly through the air with the greatest of ease! On Friday, March 6 catch the excitement of street dance at the Ansonia Theatre. Based out of Houston, Texas, Soul Street Dance Company is one of the most dynamic premier dance companies in existence. Their technical and artistic skills, stage presence and wit allow them to push the performance envelope to an amazing standard of excellence.

These energetic performers demonstrate varied styles and discuss the origins of each dance. From Brazil's Capoeira to New York's break dance and the multi-component form of hip hop, audiences will learn how these styles developed and evolved. Soul Street has the amazing ability to totally engage audiences from ages two to ninety two. A huge

repertoire and outstanding flexibility have earned them the title, "Rock Stars of the Educational Theatre World" and they're working hard to expand these accolades worldwide.

This inspirational group of young men - formerly considered at risk - found focus through dance and now are working professional dancers. In all travels they garner good will by modeling sober, responsible behavior along with open hearts and minds and clean fun that allow them to seamlessly share experience with all cultures. Don't miss this incredible performance!

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Anson County Arts Council or at Lacy's. Call 704-694-4950 to make your reservations or visit www.ansoniatheatre.com.



Free Groceries - Mobile Food Pantry is March 4

The Mobile Food Pantry and CMC Mobile Health Unit will be at Austin Grove Baptist Church in Marshville (5919 Austin Grove Church Road) on Wednesday, March 4, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food. Do not arrive before 9:30 a.m. If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, it will be canceled. If you have not yet done so, bring proof of your income to register. You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

This event is sponsored by Anson Crisis Ministry and local United Methodist, Baptist, Apostolic, and Presbyterian Churches. Interested in volunteering? Call Steve Little, Austin Grove Baptist Church (704) 320-6535 or Rev. Cindy Lunsford (828) 891-2753.

Directions: From the Wendy's in Marshville on Highway 74, continue west on Highway 74 for 2.8 miles, turn right onto Forest Hills School Road, go 1.7 mile and turn right onto Austin Grove Church Road, church is 1/4 mile on left.



Anson County Scouts Donate Over 3,000 Pounds of Food to Crisis Ministry

Anson Crisis Ministry volunteers, from left, Janice Cassidy, Martha Maye, Alonzo Phillips and Gwen Patrick are shown unloading food from the 2015 Annual Scout Food Drive. The Anson County Scouts held their banquet on Tuesday, February 10 and had collected 3,325 lbs. of food for the Anson Crisis Ministry.

Wadesboro Seeking Public Feedback on Street Paving Priority List

In a release from the Town of Wadesboro: The Wadesboro Town Council recognizes the need to improve street conditions. While the need is obvious, the major challenge to improving streets is that no funding is currently dedicated solely to large repaving projects.

Still, the Town believes it's important to develop a plan to ensure that the streets with the greatest need are repaved first when funding is identified in the future. As a result, Town staff have developed a street paving priority list. Please note this list addresses paving and not storm water issues.

The Town is seeking community input on the street paving priority list. Citizens are encouraged to submit feedback in writing at Wadesboro Town Hall located at 124 East Wade Street. Alternatively, citizens may submit feedback to wadesboroclerk@windstream.net.

- Street Paving Priority List
- N. & S. Rutherford Street (Partial - South of Highway 74 to Morgan Street)
 - Ballard Street
 - Prescott Street
 - Graham Street
 - Gamble Street
 - Church Street
 - Cherry Street
 - Cloud Avenue- Shirt Factory Road
 - Sikes Avenue
 - Highland Drive
 - Maple Lane
 - Reddington Street
 - Circle Drive (Dirt Road Off 109 N)
 - Hargrave Street (Partial; Remove Large Tree at Burnsville Intersection)
 - City Pond Park Entrance

A Celebration of School Breakfast

This is an article written by Kelsey Sikes, a graduate student at Winthrop University. It was submitted by Anson Schools Nutrition Program: The School Breakfast program began in 1966. It is federal funded and serves millions of children each day. National School Breakfast Week will be celebrated across the country the first week of March. The goal is to emphasize the importance of a balanced breakfast in education. Students participating in the school breakfast program have shown improved academic achievement and an average of 17.5% higher scores on standardized tests. These students have also shown better attendance records, are less likely to be tardy, and exhibit less behavior problems in the classroom. The 2015 celebration theme is "Make the Grade with School Breakfast." The week will be a great way to highlight the importance of breakfast in the learning process.

Only about half the students participating in the lunch program also come in for breakfast every morning. The school provides a breakfast that meets federal nutrition standards limiting fat, calories, and sodium. This is a great opportunity for students to begin their day with a balanced meal. Hunger is linked with absenteeism, problems paying attention, and behavior problems. In certain areas of North Carolina, one in four children are struggling with hunger.

The National School Breakfast Program is a step towards combatting child hunger. Currently, around 27% of children are food insecure on a regular basis. Children in these homes are vulnerable to poor health and stunted development. When schools are able to provide breakfast, children are assured of their next meal and know it is nutritious. North Carolina is regularly listed within the top ten states for children that come from food insecure homes. Let's use the first week of March to help recognize the importance that school breakfast is to making the grade.

Blood Drive March 3 at Anson High School

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) is holding a Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 3 at Anson High School, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The CBCC's minimum weight requirement for blood donors is 120 pounds.

For blood donations made in March and April, CBCC will make a contribution to the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte to help provide free night stays for out-of-town families with children in the hospital.

ACDVC BBQ Fundraiser is Friday

The Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition will hold their annual Barbecue Fundraiser this Friday, February 27. It will take place at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Funds raised are used to support the ACDVC's important work in the community, and to help promote community awareness against domestic violence and sexual assault.

Barbecue plates cost \$8 and include chopped pork, slaw, baked beans, roll and dessert. Sandwiches cost \$3, a pint of barbecue is \$10 and a quart bag of barbecue is \$20. Eat in, take out, or call or fax for deliveries. Drinks are included for eat-in orders only.

If you call or fax orders in please use an order form. Deliveries will run from 11 a.m. until.

The ACDVC is located at Calvary Episcopal Church, at 304 East Wade Street in Wadesboro. The mailing address is: ACDVC, PO Box 694, Wadesboro, NC 28170. The telephone number is 704-694-4499, Crisis Line is 704-690-0362 and fax is 704-694-4515.

AHS Plays Postponed Due to Weather

Due to school closings and dangerous weather the Anson High School Drama Club canceled their performances this past weekend. They have rescheduled their productions of *Romeo to Go* and *Bad Auditions by Bad Actors*. Both plays will be performed the weekend of April 24th and 25th.

Sign Up at Field Dreams for Spring Season

Sign up now for spring season at Field of Dreams in Polkton through March 8. Spring sports include:

- Tee ball (for ages 4-6) cost is \$50
- Baseball (ages 7-12) cost is \$70
- Softball (ages 7-18) cost is \$70

Two spring sign up days will be held at the Field of Dreams - on Saturday, February 7 and Saturday, February 22, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Or you may sign up online at www.sportsmanager.us/aaya.htm.

Let's play ball!