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## Anson County Board of Commissioners Meet March 10

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201. The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and search for Anson Commissioners.

## Wadesboro Police Ask for Public's Help in Identifying Larceny Suspect

The Wadesboro Police Department is asking the public's assistance in identifying the person and vehicle in the photo below. He is wanted for questioning in a larceny at the Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro. Anyone with information concerning his identity or this incident is asked to contact the Wadesboro Police Department at 704-694-2167.



## Wadesboro Lions Club and Captain D's Share Night

This Thursday, March 5 the Wadesboro Lions Club will participate with Captain D's Share Night. Support your Wadesboro Lions Club by dining with Captain D's between 5 and 8 p.m.. (Drive-through or dine-in.) 10% of sales during that time will be used to support the Wadesboro Lions Club. All of the proceeds to the Lions Club benefit the blind and visually impaired in Wadesboro and Anson County. If you use Captain D's drive-through, tell the order taker you want to support the Lions Club. This will not add anything to your meal cost, but will allow the Lions to receive a donation from Captain D's. If you dine-in you will have an opportunity, for a small donation, to win a free meal or fries or fish sandwich and several other items. For information about the different projects of the Wadesboro Lions Club please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448. This Share Night is only good at the Wadesboro location.

## Community Input Sought for New Superintendent of Schools

The Anson County Board of Education is respectfully requesting your suggestions regarding the characteristics that citizens of our community would like to see in a new Superintendent of Schools. The following community meetings will be held to enable you to share your thoughts and ideas:

- **Monday, March 9** at 5:30 p.m. at the Anson High School Media Center, located at 96 Anson High School Road in Wadesboro
- **Tuesday, March 10** at 5:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Office / Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro

If you cannot attend either of these community sessions, please visit the school district website at [www.ansoncountyschools.org](http://www.ansoncountyschools.org) and complete the Community and Schools Survey on the homepage. It allows you to voice your opinion without having to leave home. The Board of Education is hopeful that all citizens will take advantage of either opportunity to express their opinions.

## Do You Have Concerns About Falling?

A Matter of Balance class can reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling. The Matter of Balance classes help participants learn to:

- view falls and fear of falling as controllable
- set realistic goals for increasing activity
- change their environment to reduce fall risk factors
- promote exercise to increase strength and balance

The Matter of Balance Class is designed to benefit community-dwelling older adults who:

- are concerned about falls
- have sustained a fall in the past
- restrict activities because of concerns about falling
- are interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength
- are age 60 or older, ambulatory and able to problem-solve

Grace Senior Center is offering A Matter of Balance Managing Concerns About Falls. The class starts Tuesday, March 17 and runs through April 9. Classes will meet twice a week for four weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Grace Senior Center. Call Wanda Talbert or Jennifer Tarlton at (704) 694-6616 to register or for additional information about the class.



## Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Held Military Support Drive

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School recently held a military support drive for basic supplies and personal health care items. This was in response to more of our North Carolina families being impacted with additional troop deployments in the Middle East. Part of the school's character education plan is nurturing appreciation for individuals who sacrifice so much in their roles of service. PPES students collected snacks, toiletries and other necessities that will be needed away from home. The students also wrote letters of appreciation to thank our military members who are currently serving overseas. PPES would like to thank their students, staff and community for helping make this project successful.

## Little Shop of Horrors Opens at the Ansonia March 13

The Award-Winning Ansonia Theatre is preparing for its first musical of the season. The classic *Little Shop of Horrors* opens Friday, March 13, and runs through Sunday, March 22. This hilarious campy 50's style mega hit got its start Off Broadway in 1982 and was soon turned into a hit movie starring Rick Moranis, Steve Martin and Ellen Greene. The show has had several revivals off Broadway, including the current production starring Tammy Blanchard and Jeremy Jordan. The Ansonia is coming fresh off its win from the Metrolina Theatre Association Award for Theatre Company of the Year, and Director Tommy Wooten is eager for audiences to see what the hype is all about. He has assembled an outstanding cast from four surrounding counties. MTA Award winner Jennifer Boswell stars as Audrey, the sweet pretty girl with low self esteem, who works days at Mushnik's Florist along side Seymour, played by Matthew Thompson, and Mushnik, played by Chipper Long. The play takes place in the fictional town of Skid Row where people dream of a better life. When Seymour finds a new breed of Venus Fly Trap after a total eclipse of the sun, which he lovingly names "Audrey 2." Seymour discovers that the plant only grows when fed human blood. His life and those in Skid Row are bound to change forever. The narrators of the show are a trio doo wop girl group played by Kianna Ellerbe, Nekeisha Lindsey and Taniqua Lindsey. The voice of Audrey 2 will be provided by Wooten, while Josh Bricker, Greyson Helms and Donnie Lewis are the puppeteers. Victoria Utley rounds out the cast as a homeless woman. Gail Litaker is Musical Director and Terra Medlock is Choreographer. The show runs Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Get your tickets now at [ansoniatheatre.com](http://ansoniatheatre.com). Information is available at 704-694-4950.

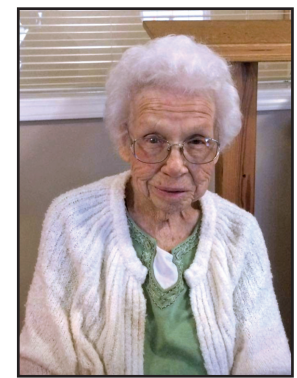
## Early Release for Elementary Schools Only on March 5

**Thursday is elementary schools Parent-Teacher Conference Day**

All of the Anson County elementary schools will have early release this Thursday, March 5 for Parent-Teacher Conference Day. The schools will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. Elementary schools are the only schools with early release on March 5. The Parent-Teacher Conferences will run from 1 to 6 p.m. at elementary schools only. Parents and guardians are urged to join their student's school on this special day. You will have a chance to find out how your child is doing in school, and what you can do to partner with your child's teacher to make sure your child has a successful time this school year.

## Happy 100th Birthday to Mrs. Rena Belle Howell Martin!

A milestone birthday party will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 at Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living for Rena Belle Howell Martin (Mrs. Harding Martin). Mrs. Martin will turn 100 years old. Mrs. Martin was born on March 10, 1920, the daughter of Veda and William Dorsey Howell, the fifth of 5 children. Her siblings are Lois Rorie, Ethel Grace Henry, Anna Padgett and William Howell. She graduated from Wadesboro High School and Licensed Practical Nursing School at the Anson County Hospital. Mrs. Martin was employed at the Anson County Hospital, primarily in the surgery room, until her retirement at age 62. She is a member of First Baptist Church of Wadesboro. She was married to Edward Harding Martin on Saturday, November 12, 1938. He passed away on December 7, 2007. They had five children, Tommy (Sandra), Wayne (Carleen - both deceased), Carolyn (widow of Don Forrester), Barbara Anne (deceased) and Fredrick (Rick). She has three grandchildren, Miguel Martin (Nicki), Derrick Forrester (Kathy) and Todd Forrester (Lori); and a great-grandchild, Carolyn Forrester.



## Republican Party Convention is this Saturday

The Anson County Republican Party is holding their annual Convention this Saturday, March 7 at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Please use the side entrance. Doors open and light refreshments will be served at 10 a.m. The Convention begins at 10:30 a.m. The Republican Party holds monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday at 7 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

## Anson County 4-H Clover Crawl Social is Back!

Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise is pleased to announce that the Clover Crawl is back. The event will be held on Friday, March 13 at Lockhart Taylor Center in Wadesboro, from 6:00 until 11:00 p.m. The Clover Crawl is an adult event, 21 and over. This event will be sure to bring an evening of fun, food, dancing and great socializing. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and drinks will be served. The DJ this year is DJ Dean. Funds raised will be used to support ongoing 4-H youth programs in Anson County. Advanced tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at the Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, Lacy's in uptown Wadesboro, or from committee members and staff. Ticket price at the door will be \$50. Also, tables can be purchased which includes reserved seating for eight for \$400. If you are interested in purchasing a table please call the Extension Office. Tables are selling fast so don't wait, get yours today. 4-H programs annually reach over 1,000 young people in the community. Youth participate in activities and programs such as school enrichment, summer camps, after school programming, community service and other year-round educational programs. Anson 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise also works with adults, volunteer leaders and youth to provide community projects, parenting skills and enhanced leadership abilities. All 4-H programming is available to any youth between ages 5-19. The Clover Crawl fundraiser has been a success in previous years. Organizers are optimistic that there will be an even better response this year. 4-H programs have had much impact on the youth in this county through the years. With the public's help and support, programs can continue to make significant contributions to their future, and the future of our county. If you would like to learn more information about this event, please contact Samuel Cole, 4-H Agent, at 704-694-2915.

## 2020 State of Education Luncheon

Join the Anson County Chamber of Commerce for their 2020 State of Education Luncheon on Friday, March 6, 12 to 1:30 p.m. Hear updates and collaborations from Anson County Schools Superintendent Michael Freeman, South Piedmont Community College's President Dr. Maria Pharr, and Anson County Partnership for Children's Executive Director Caroline Goins. The event will take place at Anson County Schools, 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Please RSVP by visiting [conta.cc/2HyG8s8](http://conta.cc/2HyG8s8). For more information contact Shelby Emrich at 704-694-4181 or [semrich@ansoncountychamber.org](mailto:semrich@ansoncountychamber.org).

## South Wind to Perform for 50+ Club on March 9

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The featured group will be South Wind. Band members are Robbie Griffin, Rick Sullivan, Mark Smith, Don McGinnis, Joe Rape and Brent Collins. Everyone is invited to join in for a program of country and bluegrass music presented by some of the finest musicians and singers. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

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