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## April 14-20th is National Telecommunicator Week.

Next week, April 14-20th is National Telecommunicator Week as established by the United States Congress in 1994. Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen encourages everyone to take a moment during this week to remember the dedicated men and women who are at the heartbeat of our communities, who answer the urgent phone calls and dispatch the appropriate emergency personnel. If you know someone employed at the 911 Operations Center or the Wadesboro Police and Fire Department tell them how much you appreciate the great job they do.

It has been said that dispatchers have two constant companions: other dispatchers and stress. They depend on one another and try to ignore the other. They are the unsung heroes of public safety. They all have two things in common. They care about people and they enjoy being the lifeline of society - that steady voice in the storm. Those of you who have scanners understand what this means.

Sheriff Allen said that after taking over the 911 Operations Center in 2008, he has grown to understand this more than ever. "I will say without hesitation that Anson County now has the most qualified, most dedicated and highly trained dispatchers. I would put our operation up against any 911 Center anywhere. I want to again personally thank my 911 Director Holly Mullis and her staff for the outstanding job they continue to do day in and day out, 365 days a year."

"As you go about your daily routine remember: should you find yourself in any kind of emergency situation you can dial 911 and be confident a professional Telecommunicator will answer your call and talk you through your emergency, staying on the line with you as long as necessary and have help on the way at the same time," Allen said.

## Wadesboro Proposes to Add Clock on the Square



Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell is excited about the prospects of placing a clock on the corner of East Wade and Greene Streets, just next to the memorial gazebo. "As you can see in the rendering, the clock is visually appealing and will add to the aesthetics of the uptown area," said Sewell.

For this project to be a go there must be funding, and raising those necessary funds is important to this revitalization effort. Sewell continued, "Just like everything, the street clock is contingent on the Town raising the proper funds, so we're diligently hard at work doing so. We feel that clock could help improve our uptown area. This is one of the many ways we are working toward stimulating economic activity and improving our quality of life here."

The clock is made by the Verdin Company. The company describes such a street post clock like this, "Today, Verdin clocks are focal points and gathering places on golf courses, colleges and universities, town squares and city sidewalks. Since 1842 Verdin clocks have enriched public spaces in some of America's finest communities. They are made in America to the same uncompromising standards."

Sewell said, "I am familiar with Verdin Clocks and know their work is excellent. Their ability to place something new onto our site and yet have it look as if it has been there for years is a wonderful aspect."

This project is in the planning phase as are fundraising efforts.

## Domestic Violence Coalition's Men for Change 2013

In a release from the Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition: Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center is asking the men of Anson County to take a pledge this Father's Day to create a community free from violence for women and children.

ACDVC began the fundraiser on April 3 and will continue through May 27, asking men to take this pledge: "I pledge to seek equality and respect in all my relationships with women. I commit to lead by example, to be a role model to other men and a mentor to our younger generations to create a community and future, free from violence for our women and children."

An insert will be in The Express Newspaper the week before Father's Day, in June 2013, listing the name of each contributor. Individual pledges are \$5. To pledge In Honor or In Memory of someone will cost \$10. Any business that would like to pledge will be asked to donate at least \$25.

We need YOUR help so that every man in our county has the chance to participate. Forbes Jewelers will be donating a piece of men's jewelry to the participant who raises the most money! The proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assaults within Anson County. ACDVC is a nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Tax letters will be mailed after June 16th.

If you would like to be participate in selling pledges, please contact Patricia Scott at 704-694-4499 for details. If you want to make a donation to Men for Change 2013, our mailing address is ACDVC, PO Box 694, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

ACDVC would like to say a special thank you to Eric Forbes from Forbes Jewelers and The Express Newspaper for their generous support and contribution to this fundraiser!

## Library Celebrating National Library Week

In a release from Hampton B. Allen Library: Hampton B. Allen Library will be celebrating National Library Week with libraries across the country April 14-20, and National Bookmobile Day on Wednesday, April 17. We invite you to share in our celebration of continuing to fulfill the needs of Anson County citizens through books in all forms, including ebooks, use of computers, research into family histories/genealogy, and use of space for meetings to young and old.

Many enjoy the wonderful entertainment on the 2nd Monday each month during the 50+ Club. On the 3rd Monday of each month, we bring you talented authors or much anticipated public information sessions during the Brown Bag Book Club. This coming Monday, 4/15, at noon we will welcome author cousins, Nelson Wosu and Renate Moore who own Lady Ren's Nook in Concord. They will be discussing their latest book, "A Frog in Grandma's Cup."

On Tuesday, 4/16 at 5 pm, we will be introducing you to the much touted exercise known as Tai Chi. It has many benefits for all age groups, especially senior citizens. Tai chi, which is actually a self-defense martial art, utilizes slow, rhythmic movements which improve circulation while decreasing stress and blood pressure as well as improving balance and flexibility. Combined with the breathing exercises of Qi Gong, practitioners notice improved lung function as well.

In celebration of National Library week, we will once again forgive fines that are outstanding provided patrons bring in the books or movies during the week. This has always resulted in hundreds of dollars forgiven each year. Many books and movies can not be replaced, so we really need them in order for other patrons to be able to enjoy them. We encourage all those who have items belonging to the library to please take advantage of this time of forgiveness.

## Report from Raleigh

In a release from Rep. Mark Brody: Representative Mark Brody joined colleagues in the North Carolina House this week in working toward improving education in North Carolina. Rep. Brody co-sponsored House Bill 146, titled "Back to Basics," which unanimously passed the full House. The measure amends current education statutes by requiring that North Carolina public instruction curriculums include cursive writing and memorizing multiplication tables. While they remain optional, many schools have dropped these lessons from their curriculum following the implementation of Common Core. The measure would incorporate cursive and multiplication tables back into the curriculum starting in the 2013-2014 school year.

Rep. Brody says, "Back to Basics will provide students with a basic foundation to build their knowledge and communication skills while still incorporating new teaching techniques and the latest technology."

A joint session also confirmed Governor McCrory's nominees to the Board of Education: Rebecca H. Taylor (Pitt County), Dr. Olivia Oxendine (Robeson County), A.L. "Buddy" Collins (Forsyth County), Gregory Alcorn (Rowan County), William Cobey Jr. (Orange County), Marcella Ramirez Savage (Union County). These newest members of the Board of Education will be tasked with helping to fulfill the Governor's and General Assembly's vision of a North Carolina school system that ensures student safety and prepares them for a bright future.

House Bill 435 also passed the House and sets out a formula for assigning a letter grade to North Carolina K-12 schools each year. For elementary and middle schools, the formula uses grade 3-8 student performance and improvement in mathematics and reading. For high schools, the letter grade is determined by a formula that assesses student performance in Algebra, English and Biology, but also uses college or workplace readiness as a factor.

The measures are part of a General Assembly effort this session to improve education with accountability, increased efficiency and improved access to technology.

## 100 Participate in Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department 5K



In a release from the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department: The Ansonville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Inaugural Five Alarm 5k was held Saturday April 6 in Ansonville. This was a Fundraising event to purchase fitness equipment for the fire station. The number one cause in firefighter line of duty deaths are heart related, and Ansonville VFD wants to give their firefighters the best opportunity to stay physically fit.

Two of the Ansonville firefighters actually wore all the gear and airpak, weighing in at over 60 pounds, and ran the entire 5k route! Firefighter/EMT Drew Brewer and Firefighter P. D. Kirby finished out the 3.1 mile course in 46 1/2 minutes!

The foot race was timed by Vac & Dash and had 100 finishers. Coming in at 18.38 minutes was David Somers, He was the First Overall Finisher to cross the finish line. The top three males were David Somers, Jeremy Burr and Samuel Klaus. The top three females were Melissa Whitley, Tiffany McCall and MiRandi Chewning.

Seven Area fire departments were represented, and Brown Creek Baptist Church's Run for God program had over 25 participants in attendance!

Since the 5k was all about getting physically fit, the top three females and top three males each received a kettlebell weight with their rank etched on it! Awards were given out to the top three in each age group from children to age 65+. Chica Bands sponsored the top age division winner in each female age bracket, with a free Chica head band! Door prizes from various businesses were given out to randomly called participants including items from Pee Dee Electric, Second to Nature, Ride Backwards, Road ID and Ansonville VFD! Each participant received a Farm Bureau race goodie bag filled with lots of great goodies from local businesses and companies from across the USA!

A huge shout out to the sponsors who made this event such a Great success! Chief Sponsors were: Four A Loader Work, Anson Bank & Trust, Carolina Title, and Renee Thompson - Farm Bureau. Assistant Chief Sponsors were: Badcock Home Furnishings, Premiere Fibers, Lilesville Fire Dept, BB&T, and Second to Nature Home Medical. Lieutenant Sponsors were: Hyatt Equipment, Martin Brothers, Serve Pro, Russell Sikes, Johnson Insurance Management, Austin Mechanical Services, and API. Firefighter I Sponsors were: Red Hill Baptist Church, Pee Dee Electric, and Backwoods Hog Hunters. Recruit sponsor was Darren Poplin. We also had Product Sponsors from: Road ID, Chica Bands, Monster Energy, Ride Backwards, Second to Nature, Farm Bureau, Anson Chamber, Pee Dee Wildlife, Level 5 Vending, Badcock Home Furnishings, BB& T, Johnson Insurance, Austin Mechanical, Red Hill Baptist Church, Pee Dee Electric and IGA. We also want to thank Anne Hyatt, Melanie Lyon and Toby McClaurin. The course water station was sponsored by Ansonville Baptist Church, and the Anson County Sheriff's Office led the course. The Ansonville VFD thanks all those who helped make this year's event possible and such a great success and plans to make this an Annual event, so if you missed it this year plan to attend next year!



And the winners are...!



Pictured here are some members of the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department.

## Grace Senior Center Senior Health Fair

Seniors are encouraged to come out to the Senior Health Fair at Lockhart-Taylor Center and learn all about local resources that are available in Anson County and surrounding counties that are available for you. On Thursday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grace Senior Center will sponsor this event that is full of information, exhibitors, and even features lunch...all for free!

- FREE to seniors 55 and older.
- FREE Lunch will be served to all who attend.
- FREE to all Exhibitors who attend. (Exhibitors may start to set up at 9:30 a.m.)
- Transportation will be provided only to seniors that attend the nutrition congregate sites.
- Blood Sugar Testing provided.
- Blood Pressure Screening provided.
- Screenings by some Exhibitors.
- and lots more!

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

For more information and to register call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.

## Free Financial Freedom Workshop

In a release from Holla: Did you know that the average man or woman, lives most of their adult life in debt, never saving money, never able to get ahead, and retires with no money saved?

You are invited to hear Derrick M. Brice as he explains why it doesn't have to be that way during a free workshop on, How Money Works - Why the Rich get Richer and the Poor get Poorer. During the workshop you will learn free, simple, common sense, financial concepts, that could be the game changer you've been waiting for to turn your financial life around.

The workshop will be held Saturday May 4, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mary E. Little Community (Holla) Center located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. For more information call 704-851-3144.

## Benefit Breakfast for Donna Helms

This Friday, April 13 plan to come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and fellowship during the benefit breakfast for Donna Helms. It will be held from 6 to 10 a.m. at Oakdale Baptist Church on Highway 218 in Polkton.

## Brown Bag Book Club Meeting

The Brown Bag Book Club will meet at the Hampton B. Allen Library on Monday, April 15 at noon in the Pritchett Room. Everyone is invited to come enjoy a covered dish lunch (please bring your favorite dish and a friend) and author talk. Two authors will present the program, Nelson Wosy, author of LadyRen's Nook and Renate Moore, author of A Frog in Grandma's Cup.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 704-694-5177.

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