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Serving Anson County and the Municipalities of Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton and Wadesboro.

Primary Election Information

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 6. The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The elections are:

- **Anson County Sheriff (Democratic Candidates Only):** Mike Smith, Landric Reid, Ricky Little, Josh Beam
- **County Board of Education At Large (Democratic Candidates Only):** Mary Taylor-Moore, Russell Sikes, Joshua Levinn, Marilynn Bennett
- **Board of County Commissioners District 2 (Lilesville Only, Democratic Candidates Only):** Robert Smith, Vancine Sturdivant, George Hodge
- **US Senate**

Democratic Candidates - Will Stewart, Ernest T. Reeves, Kay Hagan

Republican Candidates - Thom Tillis, Jim Snyder, Edward Kryn, Mark Harris, Heather Grant, Alex Lee Bradshaw, Greg Brannon, Ted Alexander

• **NC Supreme Court Associate Justice (Nonpartisan):** Eric Levinson, Robin Hudson, Jeanette Doran

Election Day Polling Places:

- Ansonville Fire and Rescue, 9145 US Highway 52 North
- Burnsville Fire and Rescue, 33 Rescue Road, Polkton
- Gullidge Fire Department, 34 Cheving Road, Wadesboro
- Lilesville Fire Department, 202 West Wall Street in Lilesville
- Morven-McFarlan Fire Department, 242 East Main Street
- Peachland Fire Department, 35 E. Passaic St.
- Polkton (Lanesboro) Fire Department, 61 West Polk Street
- Wadesboro 1 - SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center, Ingram Room, 514 North Washington Street, Wadesboro
- Wadesboro 2 - Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, 305 White Store Rd., Wadesboro
- Wadesboro 3 - Wadesboro Primary School Auditorium, 1542 US Highway 52 South
- White Store Community Building, 5672 Union Church Road, Peachland

Buffer Zone All Election Day polling places and the One-Stop voting location will have signs posted to indicate a 50 foot buffer zone where no electioneering will be allowed.

Absentee by Mail voting is available upon request from the voter, a near relative or legal guardian. Application may be made in person at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, or in writing to the Anson County Board of Elections at PO Box 768, Wadesboro, NC 28170. The deadline to apply for an Absentee by Mail ballot is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

One-Stop Voting (early voting) will begin on Thursday, April 24 and ends on Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m. Vote at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday voting is available on April 26, from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 3, from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration Registration to vote in this election closed on April 11, 2014.

Absentee Meetings The Anson County Board of Elections will meet to approve applications for absentee ballots for the May Primary Election at the Board of Elections office at 5 p.m. on April 29 and May 5. Other business may be transacted by the board at this time. Absentee by Mail ballots will be counted on May 6 at 2 p.m. Results for Absentee Mail and One-Stop voting will be reported after polls close at 7:30 p.m.

The Canvass Day meeting will be held in the Board of Elections Office on Tuesday, November 12 at 11 a.m.

More Information is available at the Anson County Board of Elections, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telephone number is 704-994-3223 or email Steve Adams, Director of Elections, at sadams@co.anson.nc.us.

No Change in Anson County Water and Wastewater Rates for Next Year

The Anson County Board of Commissioners has approved the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Utilities Budget. There is no change in water and wastewater rates for next year. The late payment fee will increase from \$5 to \$10, effective July 1, 2014. Comments or questions should be submitted to Mike Sessions, Director, Anson County Utilities Department, (704) 694-5208.

Over 60 Attendees at Veterans Meeting

Anson County veterans assembled for an interesting program and a delicious meal of homemade chicken and dumplings at the meeting on April 10th.

Mr. William Leak, retired Army National Guard, gave an inspiring speech asking, "Are You Committed?" Entertainment was both light and inspiring as Korean veteran William Tarlton strummed the guitar and sang. AM Vets Post 316 out of Rockingham demonstrated folding of the flag and read what each of the 13 folds represented. The flag then is in the shape of a cocked hat, representing the serviceman. The preferred disposal of a soiled or damaged American flag is a respectful burning, and a demonstration was held in the parking lot.



It was an inspiring informative meeting for the 60 attendees. A flag decorated cake was donated by Katie Poplin Martin that read "We Support Our Veterans & Families." The Veterans Council was formed for this purpose and all veterans are invited to attend the quarterly meetings.

Special April 24 Meeting Called for Wadesboro Town Council

A special meeting of the Wadesboro Town Council has been set for Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m. to discuss the following: pre-budget workshop, health insurance and trash collection. The meeting will be held in the Town of Wadesboro Conference Room. It is open to the public.



Read Across America Celebrated at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School celebrated "Read Across America" on Monday, March 3rd. In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, students and guest readers dressed as characters from Dr. Seuss' most popular books.

The day began with the cafeteria serving green eggs and ham for breakfast. Miss Herold, local NCAE representative/kindergarten teacher, invited guests from around the community to gather in the media center, choose a homeroom class, and choose a Dr. Seuss book to read. Students escorted guests to their homerooms to read Dr. Seuss books to their classes. Then, the characters came to life as the guests who came dressed in costume paraded through the kindergarten-second grade classrooms. Students were excited and thrilled to see these real life Dr. Seuss characters!

Pictured above are Krista Herold and her kindergarten class with Connie Thomas, Tabitha Thomas, Donnie Lewis, Doris Bennett, Kim Griffin, Lisa Davis, and Jeff Davis (costumed guest readers). The joy of reading was the life-long lesson taught on this day!

Godspell Play at Ansonia is a Perfect Event for Your Group

Godspell, the musical based on the gospel according to St. Matthew, is coming to the Ansonia Theatre. There will be six performances - Friday and Saturday nights, May 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees on May 4 and 11 at 3 p.m.

Listen to what some of the cast members have to say:

"After attending a production in Charlotte I was so moved by the story," said Gina Clarke. I cannot wait to introduce it to Anson County." As most of you know, Gina sings at the Cathedral Baptist Church and performs her gospel music all around Anson. Hearing her perform in this musical version of the gospel according to St. Matthews will be a treat.

Amy Stewart, who teaches at Anson New Tech, is performing locally for the first time. She had a recent facebook comment that on Sunday she was studying about the gospel in St. Matthew, and through the week rehearsing and singing the same story...even if with "an accent."

And many of you have heard and enjoyed Steve Lear, who has just come on board to play Judas/John the Baptist. You will not walk out of this production without being uplifted!

The Arts Council welcomes groups - even offering a discount - but hurry if you want your group to sit together. Better yet, make an evening (or Sunday afternoon) by dining at a local restaurant and then enjoying the "theatre." Tickets are on sale now. They are available at the Arts Council, Lacy's, by calling 704-694-4950 or by paypal at www.ansoniatheatre.com.

Youth Night Out at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center invites all children and youth, 5 years old and up to attend their social Youth Night Out event on Friday, April 25. This social will consist of food, games, music and getting to know each other. Dr. Halie Sturdivant, a professor from Greensboro, will be the special guest. Parents and supporters are also welcomed.

The event runs from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is only \$2 per child. If you would like to help support these events with food or financially, please contact BRLC Director Carol Smith at 704-826-8182 or Mary Hammond at 704-826-8659.

BRLC is located on Highway 742 in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

Postal Food Drive is Saturday, May 10

The National Association of Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service will have it's annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 10. For the past 3 years Post Offices in Anson County have collected nonperishable food donations from delivery customers. This year they will continue to do so.

Your support is needed as the timing for the food drive is crucial. Food banks often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

To participate in this day of giving, simply leave nonperishable food in a bag by your mailbox on May 10 and your carrier will do the rest. The Post Office invites you to join in their fight to end hunger.

Beautiful Prom Dresses for Wonderful Girls

Faith-Based Center of Hope supplies prom dresses and shoes to young ladies at the Early College and other seniors in need of prom dresses. Vancine Sturdivant, CEO began this project several years ago when asked by an employee at the high school if she would help a young lady purchase her dress for the prom.

Since then she recruits the assistance of County officials, the county clerk Bonnie Huntley and others to provide dresses for any young lady in need. When asked why she does this each year, she stated "I know how it feels to go without."

"A special thank you goes out to Pastor and Mrs. Michael McLeod, Pastor T. J. Horne, Ester Lindsey and Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Mrs. Hallie Bennett, Bishop Walter Ellerbe and New Parker Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Rosa Little and many others for helping to make this year's drive a success," Sturdivant said. "We have donated over 35 gowns and 12 pairs of shoes for the young ladies this year. If you know anyone in need of a dress or shoes, please contact me at 704-848-4412. We will try and make her dream of a great prom come true."

Pictured here are Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant, Clerk of Superior Court Mark Hammonds, Magistrate Judge Weaver Thomas, Sherrell Horne, Principal Debra Davis and State Trooper Officer Landric Reid.



Ansonville Historical Society Spaghetti Supper

Everyone is invited to enjoy the delicious spaghetti supper on Saturday, April 26 at the Ansonville Fire Department, from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Ansonville Historical Society. Plates are \$7.

Board of Education Monthly Meeting is April 28

The Anson County Board of Education will hold their regular board meeting on Monday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center. Open Session to the public will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Writer's Club Open Mic Event

The Anson County Writers' Club will hold an Open Mic on Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. The public is welcome. For information call Sandy Bruney at 704-694-5211.

Free Movie is Grace Unplugged

Hampton B. Allen Library will present the movie *Grace Unplugged* on Monday, April 28 at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre. This free movie stars AJ Machalka, James Denton and Kevin Pollak. It is suitable for all audiences and has received great reviews. For more information call 704-694-5177.

Lilesville Fire Department Receives Donation from NCEMC

The Lilesville Fire Department recently received a \$5,000 donation from the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation. The money will be used to purchase rescue equipment to help the fire department achieve specialty certifications for the state.

Shawn Fowler, manager of the N.C. EMC's gas plant in Lilesville, presented the check to LFD Fire Chief Marty K. Morton, Jr. Morton said the department is working to achieve Surface & Swift Water and High Angle Rescue certifications. This donation will allow the LFD to purchase equipment necessary for these state certifications.

The chief said the department "greatly appreciates" the donation. "On behalf of the Lilesville Fire Department, I would like to thank NCEMC for their contribution and continued support of our department's visions and goals," Morton said. "This donation allows us to purchase the fire and rescue equipment required to obtain these specialty rescue certifications. This will allow Lilesville Fire Department to better serve the citizens of Lilesville, as well as surrounding areas."

Special Olympics Scheduled for Tuesday, April 29

The Anson County Special Olympics are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 29 at Anson High School in the football stadium. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:30 a.m. The rain date is Thursday, May 1. For more information about the Games, including community volunteer interest, please contact Sylvia Tillman, Coordinator, at 704-694-4417.