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Board of Education Meeting Scheduled for Monday, April 29

Please note changes in meeting times

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 29 in the Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. with Open Session followed by Closed Session, and reconvening to Open Session by 5:30 p.m.

Wadesboro Town Council Meeting

The Town of Wadesboro Town Council will hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 2 at 5:00 p.m. at the Wadesboro Fire Department's training room to discuss the following:

- 2019-2020 Budget.
- Any other business to come before the council

Chamber of Commerce Kids Expo

Applicationis to participate available starting Friday

The Anson County Kids Expo will be held on Saturday, August 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is the Chamber of Commerce's new event that focuses on the next generation of entrepreneurs and business owners. The event offers kids (grades K-12) an opportunity to create, develop and market a product or service that they are passionate about.

Strictly for kids only, adults are not allowed to help sell or market the child's product or service. The event is not only a showcase for the children, but an opportunity to understand the elements of owning one's own business. The kid vendors will learn and use real life skills such as math, communication and creative thinking. Development and marketing of their product or service will have an impact on their sales at the event and offer them some insight into what it takes to own their own business.

Browse, shop and stay for the awards presentation as the Chamber acknowledge Most Original Business Idea, Highest Business Potential and Best Presentation & Creativity in each age group.

Winners will receive prizes, as well as the opportunity to promote their business through the Anson County Chamber.

This event will be held on East Wade Street, between Washington Street and Lee Avenue. If your child will need help with set-up materials such as a tent, table, chairs - please contact the Chamber office. They want every child interested in participating to be afforded this opportunity. Please let them know how they can help so your child can apply!

Applications will be vetted through a committee of Anson County Chamber business members. Approvals will be emailed. Applications will be available on Friday, April 26.

South Piedmont Community College is the Presenting Sponsor. Community sponsorships are available now. For more information contact Shelby Emrich at semrich@ansoncountychamber.org or 704-694-4181.



Anson County Schools Wins Industrial League Basketball Tournament

The Anson County Parks & Recreation Men's Industrial League concluded their inaugural season with Walmart (pictured below) as the regular season champions and Anson County Schools (above) as the tournament champions. In the tournament Triangle Brick finished as runner up, Cobb lost in the first round to Anson County Schools, and Walmart lost to Triangle Brick in the first round.

Anson County Schools' record for the season was 6-5 after beating Triangle Brick 29-28 in a nailbiter for the tournament championship. The ACS team is: Coach Michael McLeod, Landon Allen, Vance Bennett, James Buchanon, Jeremy Chandler (Tournament Most Outstanding Player), Wesley Cole, Matt McLeod, Landis Shoffner and Marshall Taylor.

Allen Jackson of Parks & Rec said, "Thank you from Anson County Parks & Recreation to the players, coaches and fans for such a great season! And, we look forward to offering the league again this time next year."



Ryan Lisenby (left), Most Valuable Player



Las Amigas Virtuous Woman Program to Feature Minister Barbara Thomas

The Morven Chapter of Las Amigas will hold its annual Virtuous Woman Program this Saturday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. at Harris Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church in Morven. This year's theme is "Virtuous Women: Intentional and Purpose Driven."



Ms. Susie Huntley of Wadesboro was selected as last year's Virtuous Woman.

During the event each year a woman is recognized by Las Amigas for living a life of service and dedication to helping others in Anson County. This woman is identified as a Virtuous Woman, and she holds the position for one year.

This year's speaker is Minister Barbara Thomas of Lilesville. Mrs. Thomas is married to Deacon Weaver Thomas, and they have four children and eight grandchildren. She has been employed as a Deputy Clerk for the Superior Court System of Anson County since 2008, and became Assistant Deputy Clerk in December 2018. Prior to working with the court system, Mrs. Thomas was employed by the Anson County School system for ten years, serving as an Administrative Assistant from 1997 to 2007.

Thomas describes her salvation experience in this way, "I was saved in 1985. As I began to learn more about Christ I realized that I could do nothing without Him." She became licensed as a Minister on August 30, 2015. As a member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Wadesboro under the leadership of Pastor Tony W. Barr, Sr., Minister Thomas served as the following: Deaconess, Chairperson of the Greeters Ministry, and member of the Pastoral Search Committee. She currently serves on the Administrative Team at Ebenezer, Willing Vessel Praise Dance Team and as a Sunday School teacher. Mrs. Thomas attended Apex School of Theology in 2015. She is also the recipient of the 2018 Community Doves Leadership and Service Award.

Minister Thomas says her goal is, "To be able to continue to grow in Christ so that I may be able to apply the teachings to real life experiences. By doing so, I will continue to build my Christian character and gain more knowledge of the Bible."

Free Groceries Available to Eligible Families this Saturday and Next Wednesday at BRLC

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) Emergency Food Pantry will distribute free food products this Saturday, April 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. Any food left over will be distributed on Wednesday, May 1, beginning at 10 a.m. These foods are provided by the NC Department of Agriculture through the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. Families will be served until the food runs out - first come, first served. Neighbors will be served once a month from these products.

The US federal income guidelines will be a determining factor for each individual's eligibility and food items will only be available to Ansonians who qualify. Individuals who have not registered before nor received food from the BRLC Emergency Food Pantry must have financial documentation as proof of income to be served. A neighbor who does not have the necessary documentations will not be served. Families that receive food stamp assistance automatically qualify. Each family will only be provided these commodities this month. Parents are asked not to bring small children because of limited space. Neighbors, please park in parking lot behind the center.

BRLC distributes free groceries to eligible families on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and at other times. You can contact them at 704-826-8737 for information. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

For more information check www.burnsvillele.org.

Farming Partnerships and NCDA&CS Hurricane Florence Agriculture Disaster Program 2018

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is working to complete crop claims pertaining to the NCDA&CS Hurricane Florence Agricultural Disaster Program of 2018. Anson producers identified as missing information required to further process their FSA-578 Crop Loss Claims were sent information by NCDA&CS requesting potential farmers in a farming partnership to update their application's farming partnership information, if needed. NCDA&CS asks that producers check with their farming partner to determine if further information is needed to process their respective crop loss status. The application site will be open for this purpose from April 15 to April 30, at 5 p.m.

The applicant must use their application reference number provided to them at the time of their initial Hurricane Florence Disaster Application. Information may be entered only if an application with a reference number is on file and is limited to adding a commodity for crop loss, or adding partnership producer information.

After clicking on www.ncagr.gov/AgriculturalDisasterProgram additional crops may be added using "Crop Addition Form". To register a producer partner whose information is still needed for completion of an application of crop loss, please click on the tab for "Partner Addition Form". Application questions may be directed to 2018aghurricane-relief@ncagr.gov. The original application reference number must be included for the information to be processed or recognized.

For technical assistance on updating, producers may contact Anson Extension agent Aimee Colf, at Extension at 704-694-2415. Please also see the extension website for the referenced letter to producers, list of eligible crops, and additional form instructions: anson.ces.ncsu.edu.

Special Olympics Spring Games are Next Wednesday

Special Olympics Anson County Spring Games will be held on Wednesday, May 1 at Anson Middle School. Opening Ceremonies will take place at 9:30 a.m. Anson Middle School host this year's Spring Games. The rain date is Friday, May 10. For more information about the Games including community volunteer interest, please contact Sylvia Tillman, Coordinator, at (704) 694-4417.

Free Groceries for Families in Need May 1

For families in need, free groceries will be available. The Mobile Food Pantry and CHS Mobile Health Unit will be at Wingate United Methodist Church, located at 111 Hinson Street in Wingate, on Wednesday, May 1. Please arrive and register between 8 and 10 a.m. The food distribution begins upon the truck arrival, usually between 9 to 9:30 a.m.

- Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food.
- Arrive between 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to be sure you can receive food.
- If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445.
- You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

Interested in volunteering? Email tshumpert@wnc-cumc.net. The goal of the Mobile Food Pantry is to feed the hungry and serve those in need.

If you are in need before or after the distribution of food date, please contact Anson Crisis Ministry at (704) 694-2445 or Union County Crisis Assistance at (704) 225-0440.

Morven Cemetery, Inc. Annual Meeting

The annual general membership meeting for Morven Cemetery, Inc. will be held on Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Morven United Methodist Church, located at 411 Main Street in Morven.