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Anson County Board of Commissioners Meet July 2

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2 at 6 p.m. There will be a Public Hearing regarding the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget at this meeting. 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 and search for Anson Commissioners.

Board of Education Meeting Scheduled for June 27

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Thursday, June 27 in the Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with Closed Session immediately following the opening of the meeting. Open Session should begin at 11 a.m.

Think You May be Eligible for WIC?

Updated guidelines for WIC released on June 17

WIC is a nutritional supplemental program for pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding women, infants and children under 5 years of age. To be eligible for WIC you must live in North Carolina. If you receive Medicaid, Work First Families Assistance, or SNAP you automatically meet the income eligibility requirements. A family may be eligible for WIC based on your household income, even if you do not receive Medicaid, Work First Families Assistance, or SNAP. The following list is the income guideline that went into effect June 17, 2019.

- Family of 1 - monthly income \$ 1,926 - weekly income \$ 445
- Family of 2 - monthly income \$ 2,607 - weekly income \$ 602
- Family of 3 - monthly income \$ 3,289 - weekly income \$ 759
- Family of 4 - monthly income \$ 3,970 - weekly income \$ 917
- Family of 5 - monthly income \$ 4,652 - weekly income \$ 1,074
- Family of 6 - monthly income \$ 5,333 - weekly income \$ 1,231
- Family of 7 - monthly income \$ 6,015 - weekly income \$ 1,388
- Family of 8 - monthly income \$ 6,696 - weekly income \$ 1,546

For a family size greater than 8 please call the office for income information. For income based on annual, bi-weekly, or twice a month please call the office. The WIC office is located at 110 Ashe Street in Wadesboro. The office phone number is 704-694-9844. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Anson County Driver License Office to Open One Hour Earlier

As the summer peak season starts, the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles is extending hours at the Anson County driver license office in Polkton to make it more convenient for people to fulfill their DMV needs. Starting Monday, June 24, the driver license office at 5920 Highway 74 West will open one hour earlier at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday to assist customers during the summer rush. The office provides services such as driver license and REAL ID issuances, state-issued IDs, duplicate licenses and renewals, and road skills and knowledge testing. The extended hours of operation at the office will continue through August 30. DMV will continue to find and implement improvements throughout the summer season to reduce wait times and accommodate extended hours at license offices across the state. Online services such as driver license renewals are also available at www.MyNCMDMV.gov.

Partnership for Children Offers New Family Support Program

Join the Anson County Partnership for Children at Kesler Chapel AME Zion Church, located at 708 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro, on Saturday, June 29, from 12 to 2 p.m. to learn about a new family support program. Food and drinks will be provided to those in attendance. Anson County Partnership for Children will offer a new family support program called Proud Parents for caregivers of young children. Proud Parents will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. starting in September 2019. Children and parents will attend the sessions together. A light snack will be provided at the sessions. Proud Parents is a family support program that combines Circle of Security and Kaleidoscope Play and Learn. These two programs combined present an opportunity to learn about positive parent-child interaction and to practice the skills in a safe space. The sessions will help parents understand the importance of play in addition to building a positive and secure connection with their children. Parents learn not only the "why" of play but also the "how." Proud Parents applications are available for caregivers who reside in Anson County. Applications will be located at the Partnership and online at www.ansonchildren.org. Proud Parents applications will be due to the Partnership by August 16, 2019. For further information please contact Katie Sewell at (704) 694-4036 or by email at katie.sewell@ansonchildren.org. The Anson County Partnership for Children is a nonprofit public / private organization formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information contact the Partnership at 704-694-4036 or visit the Partnership's website at www.ansonchildren.org. This program was made possible by the Tim and Betsy McAlister Groves Charitable Fund.



Little Free Library...What is That?!

Having fun isn't hard when there is a library in your backyard. Little Free Libraries are popping up all over Anson County just in time for summer reading. Through county-wide collaboration, there are Little Free Libraries located at the town halls in McFarlan and Lilesville, First Methodist Church in Wadesboro, Morven Town Park and Wadesboro Park, with more scheduled to be placed this fall. The idea of the Little Library Project is to "take a book and leave a book." This project began in efforts to make more age-appropriate books available to children in impoverished areas while building community relations. With these Little Free Libraries, approximately 500 books have been added to the community for readers of all ages to borrow, enjoy, and return in the county to date. According to the Little Free Library Project's annual report in 2018, there were a total of 80,000 registered Little Free Libraries and approximately 120 million books shared across 91 countries. The first registered Little Free Library in Anson County was established in honor of Elaine B. Scarborough, the founding Executive Director of the Anson County Partnership for Children. That Little Free Library was originally placed at Wadesboro Housing Authority to provide books for children throughout the neighborhood. Now through a collaboration of the Anson County Partnership for Children, the Hampton B. Allen Library, and community sponsors, each community will have a Little Free Library in Anson County by the spring of 2020. "We are proud to say the Little Free Libraries in Anson County are a true community collaboration," said Katie Sewell, Anson County Partnership for Children. "Thanks to Emmett Patterson for his building skills, and McFarlan Town Hall, Lilesville Town Hall, First Methodist Church in Wadesboro, Morven Methodist Church and The Bookies book club for each sponsoring a library in their community, we have successfully placed five more Little Free Libraries in Anson County." There is no cost to sponsor a Little Free Library in Anson County. The Anson County Partnership for Children provides the physical library and children's books, and the Hampton B. Allen Library provides books for all ages. The library sponsor is responsible for placing, restocking, and maintaining the Little Free Library in the neighborhood. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a Little Free Library, please call 704-694-4036 or visit the Anson County Partnership for Children, 117 South Greene Street in Wadesboro.

Summer Jam is this Saturday!

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. (UWI) will present their Summer Jam this Saturday, June 29. The event will include music, drinks, popcorn, games and activities as well as fireworks. Kick off the 4th of July holiday in style by enjoying this community event! Everyone is invited, and the Summer Jam will take place at the corner of Wade and Washington Streets (Plank Road parking lot). The music will start at 7:30 p.m. and the fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, July 6. Look for updates on UWI's Facebook page or call 704-694-4181 for information.

"Thank a Vet" Kickoff is July 1

Attention! Anson County Veterans register your original DD214, or a nationally archived certified copy of your DD214 with the Anson County Register of Deeds office on or after July 1, and the Veterans Service Office will make you an Anson County Veterans ID card. The Register of Deeds office is located in the Government Building, 101 South Greene Street in Wadesboro, Suite 131. This ID card will allow you to receive discounts from participating Anson County businesses as a way to say "thank you" for your service. The registration of your DD214 is free. A free certified copy of your discharge is available to you as needed, and it is a closed (only accessible by you) registration. The ID card will be required for the discount. The currently participating businesses include: Rayfield Meat Center, Peaches N' Cream, Allen's Restaurant, Lady Bug Restaurant, Papa Joe's Pizzeria, Napa Auto of Wadesboro, Auto Zone of Wadesboro, Advance Auto of Wadesboro, Pinkston's, Wadesboro Lumber and Barn, Brown Creek Animal Hospital, C&M Auto Supply, Martin Furniture, H.W. Little & Company, O'Reilly Auto Parts of Wadesboro, and R&R Towing and Recovery. Anson businesses, it's not too late to add your name to the list. Contact the Veterans Service office for more details at 704-694-4418. The office is located in the former Belk Building, located at 111 North Greene Street in Wadesboro.

Chamber of Commerce Kids Expo

Applicationis to participate are available now

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 acknowledges 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. 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.

Community Involvement Day in Ansonville Sat.

The Town of Ansonville is having their 2nd Community Involvement Day Event this Saturday, June 29, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. This event is free for everyone. There will be free food, information, school supplies and more. And, lots of vendors will be on site. The event will take place in the heart of Ansonville.

5th Sunday Lunch Benefit Fundraiser

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) will hold their 5th Sunday Lunch Benefit Fundraiser this Sunday, June 30, from 12 to 4 p.m. They will be serving delicious food, and all the proceeds go towards supporting the programs at BRLC. The menu includes fried fish plates or baked chicken plates along with side items: baked beans, slaw, roll and dessert - all for a donation of only \$8. You are welcome to eat in or carry out. BRLC is located on Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every second Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 11 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. There is no cost, but you must be 55 or older to play. For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.