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Special School Board Meeting/Retreat Set for July 23

The Anson County Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting/Retreat on Monday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. at the district office board meeting room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

National Night Out Event to Feature Entertainment, Food and More

The Anson County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Wadesboro Police Department will host an annual event that's known throughout the nation as National Night Out. This event will be held on Tuesday, August 7, from 6 until 9 p.m., located across from the Sheriff's Office at the corner of Washington and Wade Streets.

National Night Out is a community building campaign that promotes police and community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, and more caring places to live. Together, we are making that happen. The event will include a DJ, bounce houses, a dunking booth, a showcase of different patrol vehicles from other agencies, and several other activities for children. Anson County Partnership for Children will be on site to check or install child seats.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the entertainment and free food and beverages. Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid said, "This is a night for our county to come together to unite. National Night Out is designed to promote safety and improve police and community relations. When law enforcement and the community work together, amazing things can happen."

If you have any questions please contact the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188 and speak with Lt. Brian Tice or Deputy Scott Gullede.

'Back to School with Pride' for Teachers

The Faith Based Center of Hope will host their 14th annual 'Back to School with Pride' event on Saturday, August 18 at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro, beginning at 11 a.m. Each year Vancine Sturdivant, CEO and founder of Faith Based Center of Hope along with Apostle Tim Adams and Pastor Steve Adams host an annual 'Back to School with Pride' project to help students in purchasing school supplies and uniforms. This year the event will be for the teachers and staff of all the schools.

Sturdivant stated, "The reason for the decision to focus on our teachers is because of the economy and a situation that occurred at the school during the closing of this school year. Our teachers should not be required to purchase school supplies for students. Each teacher will be allowed to get all the supplies needed for all their students, including book bags. The students will receive the supplies on the first day or week of school."

Sturdivant continued, "Each year the needs grow greater. During our 2017 project we were able to supply school supplies and uniforms to over 400 kids and to every school in Anson County. Through the contributions of great friends, businesses, officials, pastors and churches and community leaders, I know we will be able to bless more families this year. The 'Back to School with Pride' program is open to every principal and teacher in Anson County. We invite community leaders, officials, pastors, ministers and medical advisors to please come too."

Sturdivant concluded, "I humbly ask for your support as we endeavor to do God's will and help our kids go back to school with the supplies needed. All contributions, whether monetary, school supplies or uniforms, will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be used for supplies and given out in our county."

For more information or to contribute, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412, Dr. Bernice Bennett at 704-848-4085, Jennifer Tarlton at 704-694-3115 or Tracy Little at 704-695-2959.

Wildlife Commission Seeks Public Opinion for Sunday Hunting on 61 Game Lands

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is seeking participation in an online survey to gauge public opinion on opening 61 select game lands across the state for Sunday hunting. The survey will be available through Friday, Aug. 31, 2018, and data collected will be used to evaluate options for Sunday hunting on game lands.

The game lands below are currently under consideration because they are either owned by the Commission or owned by a cooperator who enrolled their land into the Game Lands Program and is interested in obtaining public input about allowing Sunday hunting.

Coastal: Alligator River, Angola Bay, Bertie Co., Bullard Branch Hunting Preserve, Cape Fear Wetlands, Carteret Co., Chowan, Columbus Co., Croatan, Dare, Gull Rock, Holly Shelter, J. Morgan Futch, Juniper Creek, Lantern Acres, Light Ground Pocosin, Lower Roanoke River Wetlands, Neuse River, New Lake, North River, N.W. River Marsh, Rhodes Pond, Roanoke Island Marsh, Roberson, Rocky Run, Stones Creek, Suggs Mill Pond, Texas Plantation, Van Swamp, White Oak River and Whitehall Plantation.

Piedmont: Brinkleyville, Embro, Linwood, Lower Fishing Creek, Nicholson Creek, Pee Dee River, R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell, Sandhills, Sandy Creek, Second Creek, Shocco Cree, Tar River, Tillery, Upper Roanoke River, Uwharrie and Vance.

Mountains: Buffalo Cove, Cold Mountain, Green River, Johns River, Nantahala, Needmore, Pisgah, Pond Mountain, Sandy Mush, South Mountains, Three Top Mountain, Thurmond Chatham, Toxaway and William H. Silver.

Since 1868, hunting on Sundays has been prohibited in N.C. by state law. However, in 2015, legislation was passed removing the absolute prohibition on hunting with firearms on Sunday. In July 2017, the North Carolina General Assembly granted public land managers, including the Wildlife Resources Commission, authority to implement new options for Sunday hunting on public lands.

For more information, including an interactive map of the game lands under consideration, answers to frequently asked questions and access to the survey, visit ncwildlife.org/PublicOpinion-Survey.



Polkton Community Vacation Bible School

The 2018 Community Vacation Bible School at Polkton was a great success. Five local churches gathered together to bring a time of learning, fellowship, music and joy for young and old enjoying a great time this past week. The Saron Missionary Baptist Church, New Life Trinity Church, Polkton United Methodist, Evangelistic Outreach Center and the Polkton Baptist Church shared their gifts and talents during three days in which the common denominator was unity, fellowship and the sharing of God's love.

All who attended enjoyed time for games, crafts, Bible lessons and music. Delicious meals were offered every day as well. "This is God's Kingdom." "This is a time of great unity." "It is great to share together." "It is fun." Those were some of the comments people shared during this time in which the community learned that there are open doors for all the community in the Polkton area, and they are invited to continue visiting the churches in town.

Toys for Tots 'Christmas in July' Fundraiser

The Toys for Tots "Christmas in July" fundraiser was held Friday, June 29 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, beginning at 6: 30 p.m. and in the form of a Senior Prom. The theme of the event was "An Evening in Paris." Guests from all over North and South Carolina were in attendance. Toys for Tots Director Vancine Sturdivant stated, "I was truly surprised by the outpouring of participation and support the event received by citizens from Anson County and from other areas."



Sturdivant continued, "The reason I wanted to do the event as a Senior Prom was because this was something my spouse and I never shared together. Even though we chaperoned the high school senior proms, we never went to one together as youths. I began to ask different couples did they attend their senior prom with the person they are currently with or married to, and the answer would always be no. I felt this would be a great way to bring all these fantastic couples together. To get dressed in their gowns and tuxedos, look their soulmates in the eyes and just enjoy each other. Each couple or single person, whether married or not, had to give me a song they wanted to be dedicated to them that night, and they were required to get on the floor and dance!"

DJ Leon Gatewood would play each request while Vancine recognized the couples and called them on the floor to dance. Everyone joined in. Sheriff Landric Reid stated how much he enjoyed the prom and that he had not danced that much all his life. One of the highlights of the night was the dancing of Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Carol Gibson.

Participants at the prom ranged in age from late 20s to their late 80s, who we called our "Golden Girls." A special table was reserved for them. Mrs. Garletha Pratt arranged for them to attend the prom. The ladies truly enjoyed themselves, especially watching Mrs. Sturdivant dance and change outfits. Magistrate Judge Weaver Thomas went to the "Golden Girls" and asked them to dance.

Sturdivant stated, "Everyone attending were special guests. Also, in attendance were Senator Tom McInnis and his wife, House of Representative Mark Brody and his wife, candidate for Senate Helen P. Mills and her husband, Richmond County Superior Court Clerk Vickie Daniel and Attorney John Daniel, District Court Judge Sophia Gatewood-Crawford, Polkton Mayor Minnie Staton, and Mrs. Elissa Michelle Sturdivant of Indian Trail. Vickie Daniels posted her trip to come support our event. She and I work closely together to support Toys for Tots in Anson and Richmond Counties. Honorable District Court Judge Amanda Wilson graced us with her presence and a donation. Honorable Judge Christopher Rhue was not present, but made a generous donation."

Photographer Ronnie Bennett was on site to capture every moment of the event, and everyone could order pictures or get a photo that night. Decorations were done by Mrs. Carolyn Hillard of Wadesboro. Momma's Kitchen, Charleen Perhealth, catered the meal of heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Door prizes and gifts were awarded: The top ticket sellers were Vancine Sturdivant and Barbara Thomas in Anson County and Elissa Sturdivant in Union County; the first ticket purchased was Lisa Talley of Richmond County; Best Dressed Johnny Jackson of Union County; most helpful Ann Teal of South Piedmont Community College and Denise Cannon, Anson County Clerk to the Commissioners.

Sturdivant offered a special Thank You goes out to South Piedmont Community College and Ms. Ann Teal who always works and supports every event for Toys for Tots. It is because of great supporters that Toys for Tots is able to do the things they do for the less fortunate families of Anson County. The first Senior Prom, but not the last, was a SUCCESS!

Sturdivant concluded, "We have already began collaborating on next year's Senior Prom. The staff at the Anson County Courthouse has come on board and chose the theme for next year, 'Hollywood.' Yes, we will journey to Hollywood. We will walk the famous "Red Carpet" and everyone will be allowed to purchase a Star on Hollywood Boulevard. I will come as the great Patti Labelle. Patti is known for her great performances and rolling on the floor. If I roll on the floor, someone will have to get me up. But I truly do a great Karaoke of Patti Labelle!"

Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries VBS

Pictured above are the attendees of the 2018 Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries Vacation Bible School. The school was led by Overseer Sylvia McLendon and Mrs. Mary Burch, Vacation Bible School Superintendent. Attendees enjoyed activities, including a trip to the movies on Friday, June 29. The theme of the Vacation Bible School was 'So Amazing.' It was a fun filled learning experience for all!



Upcoming Trips for Grace Senior Center

- Lake Norman dinner cruise July 21.
 - Dinner theater August 25 - *The Story of Samson*.
 - 6 days/5 nights cruise vacation to the Bahamas February 10-15, 2019
- Call Mary Jones for information at 704-694-6616.

Anson County Parks and Recreation Swim Lessons

Anson County Parks and Recreation is offering swim lessons this summer. Registration is open now, and will run until the first day of each class. There are classes for adults, youth beginners, youth advanced, parent and child, and preschool. The lessons cost \$18.

The schedule for the classes is:

- 8:30 to 9 a.m. - Adult swim lessons
- 9:30 to 10 a.m. - Youth beginners
- 10:15 to 11 a.m. - Youth advanced
- 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. - Parent & child, Preschool

There must be minimum of 10 in each class time in order to have the class. For more information contact Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.

You can register at the Parks and Recreation office, located at Little Park (845 Airport Road in Wadesboro).

Free Movie is Moana

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie for Monday, July 23 at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre is *Moana*. An adventurous teenager sails out on a daring mission to save her people. During her journey Moana meets the once-mighty demigod Maui who guides her in her quest to become a master wayfinder. Together they sail across the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous monsters and impossible odds. Along the way Moana fulfills the ancient quest of her ancestors and discovers the one thing she always sought: her own identity. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this popular movie.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.