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Municipal Election Candidates Set

The Anson County Board of Elections has released the names of candidates who have filed for the upcoming Municipal Election which will be held on November 5. The filing period runs through July 19 at noon. Here are the candidates:

- Lilesville Mayor - James Richard Harrington
- Lilesville Commissioner - Bernice Bennett, Jason Clarke, Frank McAllister, Peggy Baker Treadaway, Steve Whitlock and Juanita Williams
- Morven Council - Ben Atkinson, Michael Anthony Burch, Theodore Carr, Marjoie Cole, Beth Eddins and Affira Coppedge Graham
- Peachland Council - Maxine I. Gaddy, James Thomas Hamilton, Bennie Garrett McLendon, Jason Mullis and Kenneth Rowell
- Polkton Mayor - Henry Furr, Tammy King and Minnie Staton
- Polkton Commissioner - Myra Thomas Dagleish, Johnny Raye Faulk, Jr., Cindy Melton Heafner, Jimmy Hildreth, Neva Lee, Sissy Stegall, Lindsay Wallace, Jack Wickham and Cynthia Williams
- Wadesboro Council - Rick Beam, Fred Davis, Reese Dutton, James David Lee, Priscilla Nunn, Harold Skipper, Kenneth Lynn Spencer and Bobby Usrey

Upcoming dates of importance are:

- August 20 at 5 p.m. - Approval and appointment of Chief Judges and Judges
- September 10 (Moved back 1 week due to Labor Day holiday) - Date to approve names for One Stop and Election Day Poll workers
- September 12 - Training for New Chief Judges at 6 p.m.
- September 19 - Training for New Chief Judges at 6 p.m.
- October 1 - Election Poll Worker Training (Lockhart-Taylor), 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- October 8 - Election Poll Worker Training (Lockhart-Taylor), 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- October 10 at 6 p.m. - One Stop Worker Training at Board of Elections
- October 14 at 6 p.m. - One Stop Worker Training at Board of Elections
- October 17 - Early Voting Begins for Municipal Elections
- November 5 - Municipal Election Day - Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- November 12 - Canvass Day at 11 a.m.

More information is available at the Anson County Board of Elections, located at 101 South Greene Street, Suite B-01 in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-3223.

Wadesboro IGA to Host Hometown Fest

Wadesboro IGA will hold their annual IGA Hometown Fest in-store event on Saturday, August 24. During the event timeframe shoppers can visit the www.WadesboroIGA.com website to enter to win one of 3 national Grand Prizes in the IGA Hometown Fest Sweepstakes.

- Each Grand Prize package includes:
- \$1,000 in cash!
- The ability to select a community program to receive a \$2,000 donation made by IGA on behalf of the winner and the winner's local IGA retailer.

"We're pleased to have the opportunity once again to bring IGA Hometown Fest to Anson County," store owner Chris Sanford said. "We have some exciting events planned to celebrate our community and the people in it, and we hope everyone will join us here at Wadesboro IGA to take part in the fun. Once again there will be inflatables, water slides and prize drawings. The outdoor event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a chair and a towel and join us for a fun-filled day!"

Wadesboro IGA is located at 805 Camden Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-5937. IGA is the world's largest voluntary supermarket network with aggregate worldwide retail sales of more than \$31 billion per year. The Alliance includes nearly 5,000 Hometown Proud independently owned and operated IGA supermarkets worldwide, supported by 36 distribution centers and more than 50 major manufacturers, vendors and suppliers encompassing everything from grocery to equipment items. IGA has operations in 46 of the United States and more than 30 countries, commonwealths and territories on all six inhabited continents.

New Name for Anson Bank & Trust

Uwharrie Capital Corp, a multibank holding company that owns Bank of Stanly, Cabarrus Bank & Trust, and Anson Bank & Trust, is pleased to announce the new name for the consolidation of their three community banks: Uwharrie Bank. In March Uwharrie Capital announced plans to consolidate all its banks into one single bank. "The business model for how banks have operated in the past is no longer viable; the multibank structure is an expensive model to operate in that it requires each bank and brand to be independently supported. This takes away resources and efficiencies in operations that can better be focused on supporting our customers and the communities in which we operate", stated Roger Dick, President & Chief Executive Officer of Uwharrie Capital Corp.

After much consideration a name was determined that will carry the Company beyond the markets it serves, but keep it rooted in its strong, solid history. Going forward the subsidiary banks of Uwharrie Capital Corp will be known as Uwharrie Bank. For many people, Uwharrie is a word familiar to them and plays a part in their personal history and the very history of the land around them. It represents values that are timeless. For others, Uwharrie is a word that is totally new. They've never heard another word like it because it's totally unique. They may think it sounds Native American, and that builds on its mystery. Regardless, it makes people curious as they wonder what it means, how to pronounce it, and why it's attached to a bank.

The Uwharries stand as a symbol of strength against the elements. The banks, in comparison, have stood firm during the economic conditions that have impacted not only the communities they serve, but the entire nation. Despite the storms they have weathered and the challenges they may continue to face, associates strive every day to make the communities in which they work the very best they can be. Mr. Dick stated that "for the people, by the people is our credo and we have built an organization that has remained true to those founding principles. Our new name will not change our philosophy. We will continue to build a strong community bank, provide unparalleled services to our customers, and deliver long term value to our shareholders and communities."

Uwharrie Capital Corp offers a full range of financial solutions through its financial services companies including Bank of Stanly, Anson Bank and Trust, Cabarrus Bank and Trust, and Strategic Investment Advisors. Additional information on Uwharrie Capital Corp may be found at www.UwharrieCapitalCorp.com or by calling (704)-982-4415.



Anson High School Class of 1963 Celebrates at 50th Reunion

The Anson High School Class of 1963 celebrated their 50th Class Reunion on June 22 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center Ballroom. Approximately 112 classmates, spouses and teachers were in attendance.

Pictured here are, from left, **front row:** Joan Burroughs Taylor, Virginia Hildreth McSwain, Andrea Johnson Greene, Elaine Kiker Hedrick, Libby Aycock Moore, Robert Ricketts, Thomas Cureton, Zany Kistler and Edwin Roberson. **Row two:** Mary Gaddy Henley, Martin Smith, Mary Bradley Wall Garren, Virginia Beverly Mack, Helen Eddins Lail, Brenda Hill Beamer, Ruby Davis Curran, Janet Hutchinson White, Patsy Smith Smith, Doris Kiker Taylor, Linda Goodman Kiley, Mary Ann Edwards Frost, Harold Davis and Charlene West Davis. **Row three:** Eva Nell Baker West, Rebecca Anderson Quinsland, Louise Johnson Thuleen, Lynn Brooks, Steve Harrington, Barry Feree, Sammy Turner, James Coppedge and Jimmy Edwards. **Row four:** Sonny Tanner, Pat Kiker Forman, Katherine Mitchum Whitley, Miriam Brooks Burr, Lucille Edwards Haney, Shirley Carpenter Nance, Libby Napier Williams, Evelyn Ratliff Sellers, Judy Rorie Deese, John Lloyd Wall, Richard Harrington, Kayda Poplin Tyson and Bobby Lowery. **Row five:** Jerry Rorie, Phillip Marks, Tony Martin, Lennett Glenn Glass, Jane Nance Johnson, Sandra Braswell Earnhart, Wayne Tucker, John Sellers, Barney Gathings, R. A. Goodwin, W. C. Wright and Van Garris.

Not pictured: Nancy Hancock Allen and Robert (Bobby) Howell. Teachers in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. James Turner and Mr. and Mrs. James Pell.

A scholarship was given to South Piedmont Community College in memory of the fourteen deceased class members, who include: Ella Ruth Austin High, Helen Davis Yelton, Mack Neal Goodwin, Jr., Percy Leon Hildreth, William Bennett Hill, Blanche Sophia Horne, James Carroll Hough, Dennis Gray Mitchell, Edna Ratliff Rogers, Frances Catherine Tarlton, Kirby Joe Taylor, Onas Delane Thomas, Larry Lee Thompson and Bobby Carroll Watkins.

"I Heard It Through The Grapevine," Wadesboro Has A Winery!

"I heard about it through the grapevine," but actually didn't believe it until I strolled up the street, rounded the corner and voila...here stood Southern Medley Wine Cellar. Yes, Wadesboro has a winery, located at 118 North Rutherford Street.

On that Saturday afternoon Allen and I walked the streets of uptown for a little exercise and other local delights. "Maybe we should check out the new winery," he suggested. Admittedly, with slightly low expectations I entered the doorway to Wadesboro's newest uptown venue, which included rustic yet very chic appeal.

Behind the beautifully finished bar stood Jeffery Oliver, the Executive Winemaker, who offered our first taste of what would become an absolute afternoon delight. Beforehand I had a stereotypical view of what Wadesboro wines would taste like, to include scuppernong sweetness and vinegary aftertastes. But, you know what they say about stereotyping...you shouldn't. So just slap my hand because I truly do know better. The wines were delightfully balanced, with personality and flavor. They all were decidedly delicious! Perhaps the summer heat or incessant rainy weather clouded the clarity of my thoughts. Regardless, I'm glad we paid a visit to Southern Medley Wine Cellar.

During our chat with Jeff we very much enjoyed each of the wines he presented as much as the stories he told of how they were named. And, with each taste those stereotypes dwindled further into the steamy afternoon humidity and my mind opened more with each uncorking. After all, when it comes to wine it really doesn't matter if it is made in Wine Country or Wadesboro, what matters most is the taste. At Southern Medley our tasting was a most enjoyable experience, and the next time I hear something good coming through the proverbial "grapevine" I won't be a skeptic.

Plautus said, "Let us celebrate the occasion with wine and sweet words." It isn't every day that we see new businesses opening in our area and that alone is an occasion to celebrate. Southern Medley's owner Elizabeth Schafer would like to invite you in. Tasting hours are Thursday through Saturday, from 2 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. Come in for a little wine, accompanied by sweet words of celebration. You will hear interesting stories, to include the origins of Elizabeth and Jeff's home, located in the northwest corner of Wadesboro, built originally by Joseph and Elizabeth Johnson Medley. It is a beautiful antebellum home, and thus the name of my personal favorite from the Southern Medley wine list, Antebellum.

By Melanie Lyon



ACT to Prevent Tragedies in Hot Cars

During this heat wave, Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin and Safe Kids North Carolina are reminding people of the dangers of leaving children in cars. According to Safe Kids USA, 21 children have died of heatstroke in vehicles so far in 2013, with one of those deaths occurring in North Carolina.

The danger of vehicular hyperthermia in children in North Carolina spreads from February through November due to the subtropical climate. Hyperthermia can occur even on days with mild 70-degree temperatures. The temperature in a closed vehicle can rise about 20 degrees in 10 minutes and nearly 30 degrees in 20 minutes. Cracking a window has little effect.

"Never leave a child alone in a car, even for a short amount of time. And if you see a child alone in a vehicle, call 911 immediately," said Goodwin, state chair of Safe Kids North Carolina. "One child's death is one too many, so I'm asking all parents and caregivers to take a few simple steps to prevent an avoidable tragedy."

Parents and caregivers can cut down on the number of hyperthermia deaths and near misses by remembering to ACT:

A: Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. Make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids don't get in on their own.

C: Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child that you need at your final destination, such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine. Many child heat stroke deaths occur because parents and caregivers become distracted and exit their vehicle without their child.

T: Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

Safe Kids North Carolina reaches out to parents, caregivers and children to prevent childhood injuries through 38 Safe Kids Coalitions working in 67 counties. For more information, visit www.ncsafekids.org or www.safecar.gov.

Board of Elections Holds Swearing in for Officers

The Anson County Board of Elections held a swearing in ceremony on Tuesday, July 16 for new members and officers. They are:

- Shawna Loftis - Chairman
- Brian Johnson - Secretary
- James Paxton - Member

Also the board voted to change the Board of Elections monthly meeting date and time to the second Friday of each month at noon. For more information contact Steven Adams, Director of Elections, at 704-994-3223.

Diabetic Support Group to Meet Thursday

The Diabetic Support Group will meet at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro on Thursday, July 25, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The speaker will talk about Medicare and medical equipment. For information call Ruth Hildreth at 704-694-3979.

Board of Education Meets Monday

The Anson County Board of Education will meet in regular session on Monday, July 29, 2013, at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 5:30 pm. Open Session to the public will begin at 6:30 pm.

Class of 1971 Reunion Meeting

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 will have a meeting at Hilltop Restaurant in Monroe on Saturday, August 10th at 3 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to make plans for their October Festival and upcoming reunion to be held in Greensboro.

For questions or details contact Patricia Little at (704) 848-8165.

Bowman Classes of 1968, '69 & '70 Reunion Meeting

On Saturday, August 17 there will be a 2014 class reunion planning meeting for the Bowman Classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970. Classmates from those classes are asked to attend the meeting at Lady Bug Restaurant at 6 p.m.

Anson Farmer's Market is Open

Fresh vegetables, fruits and lots more are available twice a week at the Anson County Farmer's Market. Everyone is invited to come purchase fresh, local food on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Farmer's Market is located on Highway 52 South of Wadesboro beside Cobb Vantress.