

## Extension Notes

### Top Ten Tips for Saving Energy and Money

Now that summer heat has decided to pay us a visit, you may find your power bill costs you more. Here are the top ten tips, as advised by the US Department of Energy and NC Cooperative Extension to keep those bills low.

- 1) Control your thermostat. You can save on your cooling bill by keeping your thermostat at an efficient setting during the day, and adjusting the temperature a few degrees when you are not at home.
- 2) Lower your water temperature. To save 10 percent on your water-heating costs, turn the temperature down to at least 120 degrees F or medium setting on a gas dial. Most electric units have an upper and lower thermostat to adjust.
- 3) Insulate your water heater. This action can help reduce heat loss by as much as 25 to 45 percent, resulting in a cost savings of four to nine percent on your water-heating bill. Insulation wraps and blankets are most appropriate for older water heaters and those located in unheated areas.
- 4) Replace your showerhead. A standard showerhead uses up to eight gallons of hot water per minute. With low-flow showerheads you can save twice – both on your electric or gas bill and on your water use bill.
- 5) Wash clothes in cold water. About 90 percent of the energy used by washing goes toward water heating. To save on energy costs, try washing in cold water, using cold water detergents, and wash full loads whenever possible.
- 6) Seal air leaks. If you feel warm or cold drafts in your home, particularly near wall outlets, windows, doors and fireplaces, then consider air sealing. Use weatherstrip tape, inexpensive door sweeps, caulk, foam, even foam gaskets behind cover plates on electrical outlets and switches.
- 7) Install storm windows. Adding another layer of glass or plastic creates a dead air space, and trapped air is an excellent insulator. Plastic film window kits are the lowest-cost option and can be installed on the inside of your existing windows.
- 8) Regularly clean or replace your furnace and air conditioning filter. Filters serve two purposes – to protect the unit and to help with air quality in the home. If not periodically cleaned or replaced, dirty filters can greatly affect the heating and cooling ability of your unit and waste valuable energy.
- 9) Monitor your refrigerator. Refrigerators make up about three to five percent of your home's total energy use. Keep the door closed as much as possible and make certain the door gaskets have a tight fit. Also regularly clean and dust out the coils and defrost the freezer.
- 10) And finally, contact your utility company. Your utility company may have programs to help their customers save money and energy, including time of use rates and load management credits. Your utility company may offer additional incentives to help them control electrical loads and help you save money. Investigate the rebates and incentives offered and figure out which are best for you.

By Janine Rywak, County Extension Director

## 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 or Winnie Brown at (704) 475-0755.

### ANSON COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN Administrative / Program Assistant

Anson County Partnership for Children is currently seeking a full-time Administrative / Program Assistant. This position reports to the Executive Director and will provide executive-level administrative and programmatic support in the management of day-to-day operations including office management, personnel administration, financial management, information management, resource development, governance-related and programmatic functions.

#### Requirements for application:

- Associate degree and/or minimum of 5 years' experience as executive-level assistant
- Basic accounting knowledge
- Excellent skills in wide range of technology including Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)

If interested, call 704-694-4036 or visit our website, [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org) for an ACPC application and job description. Position will be open until filled by qualified applicant.

Send resume, application and cover letter to:

**Anson County Partnership for Children**  
Attention: Elaine Scarborough, Executive Director  
117 South Greene Street  
Wadesboro, NC 28170

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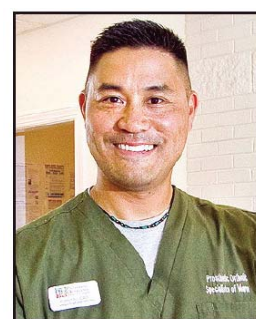
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## Anson County, North Carolina COUNTY MANAGER VACANCY

Anson County, population 26,948, is seeking a successful public sector leader and professional to serve as its next County Manager. The Manager reports to and serves at the pleasure of a seven-member Board of Commissioners, elected by districts. This highly visible position requires a person with the ability to motivate, communicate effectively, lead, plan and execute within budget.

The Manager is the chief administrative officer for 25 departments, 240 full time employees, with an annual operating budget of \$27 million. The responsibilities include supervising county personnel matters, preparing and submitting the annual budget, recommending the property tax rate and working closely with the Board of Commissioners to determine the goals and objectives to provide efficient services to citizens. The Manager is responsible for attending all board meetings and meetings of the Anson Economic Development Cooperation and the Anson County Partnership for Children. In addition, the Manager is responsible for executing orders, ordinances, and resolutions. The person filling this position should be a positive change agent and possess the ability to motivate staff toward achievement of collectively agreed upon goals.

#### Qualifications

Prefer a master's degree in public administration or business administration with previous senior-level experience in county or municipal government. A good knowledge of human resources, budgeting, utilities operations, governmental law, policy formation, and economic development are essential.

#### Special Requirements

Successful candidate must be an innovative leader and team builder with strong interpersonal skills and a proven ability to effectively interact with elected officials, employees, business leaders and citizens. Selected candidate must maintain a primary residence in Anson County. Salary shall be commensurate with experience, education and proven ability.

Qualified applicants should mail their letter of interest, resume and application to

**Anna H. Baucom, Chair**  
Anson County Board of Commissioners  
101 South Greene Street  
Suite 205  
Wadesboro, NC 28170

The deadline for submitting applications is September 15, 2013. Anson County Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Pre-employment drug screen and criminal background checks required.

### ANSON COUNTY SCHOOLS' EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Anson County Schools' employment opportunities can be found at [www.ansonschools.org](http://www.ansonschools.org) on the homepage under the Employment tab.

Current vacancies include the following:

- Teaching Positions
- Maintenance Technician

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