

Bee Curious?**Anson Beekeepers Invite Everyone to August Meeting****Beekeeping 101, hornet update and a chance to discover what all the buzz is about**

The Anson County Beekeepers Association will hold its regular monthly meeting this Thursday, August 27, at 7 p.m. at the Anson County Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

This month's gathering will be a regular "no meal" meeting, so the bees won't be providing honey and the humans won't be providing supper. Everyone will just have to concentrate on beekeeping.

Guest speaker will be N.C. State Beekeepers Association bee inspector Shirley Harris, who will present a Beekeeping 101 refresher along with an update on the Asian Yellow-Legged Hornet.

Bees may be small, but the work they perform is enormous. Honey bees and other pollinators help plants reproduce by carrying pollen from flower to flower, supporting crops, gardens and the natural environment. A world with fewer pollinators would mean fewer fruits, vegetables, nuts and flowering plants - which makes protecting them important to just about everybody, whether they own a hive or not.

Beekeeping can also be a fascinating hobby. A hive is a tiny, highly organized world filled with thousands of insects working together, communicating and performing specialized jobs. For young people especially, beekeeping offers a hands-on way to learn about biology, agriculture, food production, weather, ecology and responsibility. It is science class with several thousand very small classmates.

Beginners shouldn't be intimidated by the terminology or equipment. Local beekeeping groups offer an opportunity to learn from people who have already made the beginner mistakes - and, more importantly, know how to help newcomers avoid making quite as many of them.

The August meeting will also include a 50-50 drawing. Members and guests may bring an item to contribute as a door prize.

Anyone interested in bees, beekeeping or simply finding out what goes on inside those mysterious wooden boxes is encouraged to attend. You don't have to own a hive to start learning - every beekeeper was once somebody who didn't know a queen cell from a honeycomb.

Check the Anson County Beekeepers Association Facebook page for additional information.

GIANT Yard Sale Coming...and They Mean GIANT!**Come early, and prepare to discover something you didn't know you needed**

Clear the trunk. Empty the back seat. Check under the couch cushions for spare change. Ebenezer Presbyterian Church of Morven is having a GIANT YARD SALE!

And when they say GIANT, we're not asking questions. We're just showing up.

The bargain hunting begins Saturday, August 29, at 7 a.m. in the parking lot across from Papa Joe's Pizzeria, located at 911 East Caswell Street in Wadesboro.

What treasures await? Who knows? That's half the fun of a yard sale. You might arrive looking for one little thing and leave wondering how you ever lived without a lamp, three flowerpots, a casserole dish and an object nobody can positively identify.

Experienced yard-sale shoppers know the rules: Come early. Look everywhere. Hesitate at your own risk. That thing you're thinking about buying may be walking toward somebody else's car while you're still thinking.

And remember, yard-sale economics are simple. If you buy something you absolutely don't need but the price is ridiculously good, you have technically saved money. We think. Please don't ask an accountant.

For more information contact Linda Lloyd at 704-475-6111 or Vancine Sturdivant at 704-294-0480.

Everyone is welcome! Come see what you can find - because the one thing you absolutely do not want to find Saturday afternoon is somebody showing off the bargain you could have bought Saturday morning.

Free Movie Features Lucille Ball, Henry Fonda & 18 Kids**Classic family comedy "Yours, Mine and Ours" will be shown August 31**

The Hampton B. Allen Library will show the classic family comedy "Yours, Mine and Ours" on Monday, August 31, at 10 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room.

Released in 1968, the movie stars comedy legend Lucille Ball as Helen North, a widowed mother of eight, and Henry Fonda as Frank Beardsley, a widowed father of 10. The two fall in love and decide to marry, creating one household with 18 children. Needless to say, peace and quiet do not figure prominently in the story.

The comedy follows the enormous blended family as the children adjust to their new brothers and sisters - and their parents attempt to bring some order to a household where simply getting everybody to the dinner table qualifies as a major logistical operation. The movie also stars Van Johnson and Tom Bosley.

"Yours, Mine and Ours" was inspired by the real-life story of Helen North and Frank Beardsley, who married in 1961, bringing together her eight children and his 10. Helen Beardsley later wrote about the family in the book Who Gets the Drumstick?

The movie runs approximately one hour and 51 minutes and offers plenty of old-fashioned family comedy - along with a convincing demonstration that whatever problems you may have at home, at least you probably aren't trying to keep track of 18 children.

Everyone is invited to come to the Hampton B. Allen Library and enjoy the movie.

Commissioners Meet Sept. 1

The first July meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners takes place on Tuesday, September 1 at 6 p.m. The second September meeting takes place on Tuesday, September 15 at 6 p.m.

Meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center, 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.

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The market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon through September, providing residents and visitors an opportunity to support local farmers, artisans, and small businesses while shopping for a wide variety of locally produced goods.

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