

Vendor Availability at Ag Expo & Fair

The ninth annual Ag Expo & Fair will offer opportunities for agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals to share information, raise funds or provide marketing materials. Groups are invited to participate by being a vendor at this year's event.

Scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, the 2013 celebration will feature an exposition of the community and county. Located at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of SPCC on North Washington Street in Wadesboro, booth space for vendors will be available both inside the Ingram Room and outside in the vast parking area. Vendors have the option of setting up for Friday evening's schedule, from 6 until 9 p.m. Events open that evening include the Anson Ag Fair, Educational Exhibits, Youth Creative Squash Challenge, Elementary Educational Booth Competitions, Pee Wee Goat Show, and the Market and Breeder Doe Goat classes of the annual Youth Livestock Show.

Vendors may also choose to set up for the Saturday schedule, running from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. inside, and 4 p.m. outside. Saturday's schedule includes the events from the evening before, plus the Pee Wee Heifer Show, Youth Dairy and Heifer Shows, Youth Lamb Show, High School Educational Booth Competition, Scarecrow Competition, South Atlantic Woodmen's Association Lumberjack Demonstration, Adult Local Foods Bake-Off and more youth activities.

Vendors are invited to participate as a food, commercial or information booth. Commissions will not be charged, and only nominal fees are required to participate. Applications can be downloaded from the Anson County Cooperative Extension website at <http://anson.ces.ncsu.edu>. Information about the weekend event is also available on the Facebook event page, 2013 Anson Ag Expo & Fair. Like us on Facebook to receive updates throughout the weekend.

For additional questions please contact Janine Rywak, County Extension Director, at 704-694-2915. This year's planning committee is excited to be hosting this two-day county-wide event. Plan to participate! Celebrate agriculture in Anson.

How to Donate to the Sheriff's K-9 Fund

Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen said that his office has received numerous calls from individuals wanting to make a donation toward replacing Benny, the Sheriff's K-9 that had to be put down a couple of weeks ago after being diagnosed with untreatable bone cancer.

The Sheriff said that checks should be made out to The Anson County Sheriff's Office K-9 Fund and mailed to the Sheriff's Office at 119 North Washington Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170. A special account has been set up and all funds will be credited to that account and later used to purchase a replacement for Benny.

Anson MPact vs Ravens Game Stopped by Power Outage

Such an exciting game in High Point last Saturday. The game was stopped due to a power outage with the score Anson MPact 8 - Ravens 14. There were some exciting plays all through the first quarter, and Anson MPact waits eagerly to finish this game. Spokesperson for MPact, Ella Webster said, "Anson MPact would like to commend the Anson High School football team on their win last Friday night, led in to victory by Coach Luke Hyatt and his coaching staff. Great job Bearcats."

Anson MPact will be collecting used shoes Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week (August 28-30) at Ray Shelton Field in Wadesboro. Come out and drop off as many old shoes as possible to help benefit children in less fortunate countries.

Morven Elementary School Celebrates Million Father March

On Monday, August 26 Morven Elementary School celebrated the annual Million Father March. In more than 600 cities across America fathers took their children to their first day of school. MES fathers also participated in this event. Dr. Joselyn Allen Principal of Morven Elementary School encouraged fathers to get involved as much as possible. She opened her "educational arms" to offer help and guidance at any time to the fathers in attendance. MES Guidance Counselor Juanita Webster provided fathers with reading materials that will help them get better involved in their children's education.

"The march intends to encourage fathers and men to take children back to school and become involved beyond the first day of classes," said Phillip Jackson, Executive Director for project that puts on the march each year.

Ella Webster wrote, "Some great fathers were in attendance for the Million Father March. Among them were Leon Gatewood (Holla), a man who has been a great mentor for the children of Anson County. Holla provides many free services that help build self esteem and good character. Gatewood's vision, the Holla Center in Morven, welcomes children, parents, volunteers and community support services with eager arms to help Anson children broaden their awareness of educational and physical opportunities around the world. Dr. S. C. Webster, a pastor of quietness who mentors the youth on spiritual awareness of becoming a man of dignity and respect. William Polk, Sr., organizer of the Anson MPact football team, a young man who tries to help young men ages 18



and over to develop better health, social skills and job readiness. Johnny Byrd of Edwards Wood Products, a proud father who is striving to help his three male sons become strong productive men in society in years to come. Rev. Anthony D. Hall, not only a proud father, but a prouder grandfather who exemplifies the best characters of a man bringing up his male grandchildren to become productive, well respected gentlemen. Many other great fathers were in attendance, and they all helped to make this Million Father March a success."

Spotlight on Anson Cooperative Extension Agents



Each week The Express will share some of the many accomplishments of our local Agricultural Extension agents. Their dedication to and work for Anson citizens benefits all of us either directly or indirectly. This week's spotlight is on 4-H & Youth - Roshunda Blount, 4-H Agent.

From Roshunda Blount: In North Carolina, 24.9% of youth are poor and 11.5% live in extreme poverty, according to childrensdefense.org. In 2011 948,234 youth in the state were in the school lunch program. Every day hunger disrupts the lives of 1 in 5 children in North Carolina.

In an effort to combat hunger, Anson County 4-H formed a partnership with Wadesboro Elementary School to collect and pack Backpack Buddies supplies for the 2011-2012 school year. Backpacks were given to the school weekly for youth to have food over the weekend. Volunteer Leaders, 4-H'ers and 4-H Youth Promise participants volunteered food items, packed backpacks weekly, and assisted with delivering the food.

During the 36-week period, a total of 1,209 pounds of food was given out, which is a cost savings equivalent to \$3,300. One parent stated, "I am grateful for what 4-H is doing with the backpack buddies. It means a lot to me. It has been a hard year for me and my kids and sometimes food has been limited, but it makes me feel good to know that someone else is helping my child get the food and nutrients he needs." Due to its success, the partnership continued for the 2012-2013 school year.

For more information contact the Anson County Center at 704-694-2415 or send mail to PO Box 633, Wadesboro NC 28170. They are located at 501 McLaurin Street.

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