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Anson County Board of Commissioners Meet October 7

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, October 7 at 6 p.m. The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is 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.

Wadesboro Christmas Parade is Dec. 5

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. has begun planning for this year's Wadesboro Christmas Parade. The parade is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, starting at 4:00 p.m. For more information or to request an entry form, contact Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. at (704) 694-4181 or via email at uptownwadesboro@windstream.net.

Public Health Nursing Supervisor Dana Thomas Receives Award



Anson County Public Health Nursing Supervisor Dana Thomas has been recognized as one of the 100 Distinguished Public Health Nurses in North Carolina. The award was given as part of the 100 years of the Office of Public Health Nursing centennial celebrations.

In an announcement from the office of Public Health Nursing in Raleigh, North Carolina's Chief Public Health Nurse, Phyllis Rocco, said "The 100 Distinguished Public Health Nurses reflect the high standards of practice displayed by North Carolina's dedicated public health nurses. The recipients demonstrated noteworthy evidence of innovation, collaboration, community centered care and professionalism in their work setting. Being selected demonstrates that these nurses stand out as leaders in North Carolina's public health workforce."

In commenting on her selection, Health Director Dr. Fred Thompson said, "Dana Thomas is the epitome of a Public Health Nursing Supervisor. She has served her profession, her community, and the Health Department with honor and distinction for 18 years, including the last 8 years as the Nursing Supervisor." Thompson went on to say that, "Being selected for this award is a tremendous distinction for Dana, as it will be given only once as part of the 100 Years of the Office of Public Health Nursing in NC celebrations."

Thomas received her award at the 100 Distinguished Public Health Nurses awards luncheon at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro on September 24. Each Distinguished Public Health Nurse received a certificate and celebratory trophy while being honored on stage during the luncheon.

Born and raised in Anson County, Thomas graduated from Anson Senior High in 1997, and received her nursing degree from Richmond Community College in 2000. In commenting on her 18 years with the Health Department, and as being selected as one of the 100 Distinguished Public Health Nurses in North Carolina, she said one of her favorite quotes is "Nothing worth having comes easy."

Thomas resides with her husband Bryan and their three children in Wadesboro.

Joe Railton is New Pastor at Southside Baptist Church



This is a release from Southside Baptist Church: Southside Baptist Church is excited to welcome Joe Railton as our new Pastor.

Joe has a humble spirit, along with a wonderful sense of humor. He truly loves the Lord, and looks forward, along with all the church members, to seeing what God has planned for Southside!

Joe and his wife Jasmine have three children, daughter Rowdy and sons, Joe Frank and Michael. Joe is the son of Mike and Mary Lynn Railton.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m., worship is at 11 a.m. On Wednesdays there is an Adult Bible Study / Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. while the children meet in the Fellowship Hall for their Bible study.

If you are looking for a loving church, preaching and teaching the word of God, please come visit with us.

Southside Baptist Church is located at 166 Burnsville Street in Wadesboro.

Free Community Breast Cancer Events

McLeod Health Cheraw will host free community Brunch & Learn talks at the public libraries in Cheraw and Bennettsville in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

McLeod Breast Health Navigator Tracey O'Neal, RN, will be the guest speaker at both educational events. The events will take place on Friday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room at Matheson Public Library, 227 Huger Street, Cheraw and on Wednesday, October 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the Kinney Room at Marian Wright Edelman Public Library, 203 Fayetteville Ave., Bennettsville. O'Neal will share crucial information with participants on early detection of breast cancer and advancements in mammography, effective treatment options, risk factors and prevention.

For more information or to RSVP for one of these events, please call McLeod Reservations & Scheduling at (843) 777-2095.



AHS Students Give Corn Hole Game Boards to Meadowview Terrace Residents

Students from Anson High School hand-build corn hole boards in their shop class for residents of Meadowview Terrace. The students visited the residents and presented their gift on Monday, September 23.

Community Celebrates Farm-City Week

Ag producers, business representatives and community leaders from across the county attended the annual Farm-City Week dinner, held Tuesday, September 17 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of South Piedmont Community College in Wadesboro. The event was held to emphasize the collaborations between the agricultural industry and the business community, with 137 in attendance.

Outstanding individuals were also recognized and awarded plaques for their dedication to agriculture and business for 2018 and 2019.

Farm-City Week observances take place around the nation each year to strengthen the understanding of farm-city connections that provide our food, fiber and shelter. Anson County is fortunate to have strong ties that appreciate its agricultural base and its importance to the local economy.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce and Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District joined the Anson County Cooperative Extension staff to host the evening.

The event combined the annual Farm-City Week observances with Brown Creek's annual awards dinner.

Sponsored by Pee Dee Electric, guests were treated to a reception before the event, followed by a barbeque buffet. The evening program highlighted agriculture, award recipients and entertainment.

Plaques given during the evening included Outstanding Farmer of the Year, awarded by Anson County Cooperative Extension to Jimmy and Fincher Martin, Martin Farms (2018) and Scotty Allen, Allen Farms (2019).

Outstanding Agribusiness was awarded to Quality Equipment (2018), received by Ben and Ken Martin, and Vineyard at the Old Place, received by Dorrie and Rodney Evans (2019) presented by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce.

Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District recognized the Anson County Conservation Farm Family, Griffin Farms (2018) and Mike and Valerie Greene (2019). Receiving the recognition were Mike, Valerie and Levi Greene. Resource Conservation Workshop Participants for 2019 were recognized and they were T. J. Funderburke and Dylan Miles.

The evening's entertainment was native Ansonian Lucas Gathings accompanied by Garth Rivers. Gathings and Rivers entertained the group after dinner with a mini concert of old and new country songs and also one of Gathings' original pieces entitled, "You and Me." The crowd enjoyed the musical renditions and a sing along with Gathings and Rivers.

This year's event kicked off a week of observing and celebrating agriculture in Anson County. The week ended with a Family Fall Fest at Circle G Arena and the annual Ag Fair at the Extension Center.



Aimee Colf, Agricultural Agent, presents the Outstanding Farmer of the Year Award to Jimmy and Fincher Martin (top photo) and Scotty Allen and family.



Shelby Emrich, Chamber Director, presents the Outstanding Agribusiness Award to Ken and Ben Martin with Quality Equipment (top photo) and Dorrie and Rodney Evans with Vineyard at the Old Place.



Jake Barbee, Soil & Water Resource Conservationist, presents the Conservation Farm Family Award to Mike, Valerie and Levi Greene.

Bowman Class of 1973 Fellowship Luncheon

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1973 will have a fellowship luncheon this Saturday, October 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Longhorn Steakhouse in Monroe. All classmates are invited.

Contact Henrietta West Barringer for additional information at 704-465-0216.

Active & Retired Federal Employees Meeting is Oct. 9

The monthly meeting of the National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) will be held on Wednesday, October 9 at 12 noon at Rosebriar Restaurant in Albemarle. Rosebriar is located at 528 Wiscasset Street, at the corner of Carolina Avenue, one block off Highway 52, behind Pizza Hut. The restaurant is cash only.

The program is entitled "Total Mindfulness to Reduce Stress" with Abel Simutami of Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

The NARFE chapter meets in Albemarle on the second Wednesday of every month. All federal employees and retirees are welcome.

Foster Parent and Caregiver Support Group

A Foster Parent and Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Richmond County Department of Social Services, located at 125 Caroline Street in Rockingham. Resources and refreshments will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769 or connectionsfsp@gmail.com to register.

Grace Senior Center Trip to the NC Mountains

Grace Senior Center is offering a trip to the North Carolina mountains on Thursday, October 17. The trip will include a Shatley Springs family style dinner in the mountains of Crumpler, NC, a tour of the Cheese Factory, a chance to see the colors of turning of the leaves and an opportunity to purchase mountain apples.

The trip cost is \$68 per person. For more information call Mary Jones at 704-694-6616.

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