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No Early Voting or Absentee Voting in Upcoming Municipal Election

All Wadesboro voters will vote at the Lockhart-Taylor Center on November 5

The upcoming Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5. Towns in Anson County have opted out of holding Early Voting and Absentee Voting for this election. All Wadesboro voters will vote at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. For more information call the Anson County Board of Elections at 704-994-3223.

NC Countdown to College

During College Application Week, October 21-25, many NC colleges waiving application fee

North Carolina's annual campaign to support college access is moving to the month of October this year and is now named NC Countdown to College. Activities during the month support high school seniors in completing three important college enrollment steps: residency, FAFSA, and applications.

• Residency To be eligible for in-state tuition, state grants, and certain financial aid, you must show that you are a resident of North Carolina. Go to www.ncresidency.org to complete your residency determination, also known as RDS. This is important regardless of what college or university you may attend in North Carolina. You will use the same username and password for: www.ncresidency.org and www.CFNC.org.

• FAFSA Completing the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college. In addition to federal financial aid, the State of North Carolina and most NC colleges use FAFSA information to award state and institutional financial aid. You might want to complete NC's Residency Determination Service process at the same time as your FAFSA since much of the required information is the same. More information at studentaid.ed.gov.

• Applications College Application Week for 2019 is October 21-25 (5:00 p.m.), and volunteers at hundreds of NC high schools will help students submit online applications for admission. During this week, many North Carolina colleges and universities waive their application fees. The application fee for most colleges is \$25 or \$50, so if you're applying to more than one school the savings will really add up. Qualifying students can use the College Board or ACT fee waiver for institutions not waiving their application fees (see your high school counselor for more information). Visit www1.cfnc.org for information.

College Application Week October 21 to 25. During this week volunteers at hundreds of NC high schools help students submit online applications for admission, while some colleges offer application fee waiver opportunities.

• Visit the NC Countdown to College campaign site for more details and school registration information. nccountdowntocollege.org

• Visit the CFNC Application Hub to apply to college and send electronic high school transcripts. www1.cfnc.org

North Carolina colleges and universities waiving application fees October 21-25 All NC Community Colleges; Barton College; Belmont Abbey College; Bennett College; Brevard College; Campbell University; Catawba College; Chowan University; East Carolina University; Elizabeth City State University; Fayetteville State University; Garner-Webb University; Greensboro College; Guilford College; Johnson and Wales; Johnson C. Smith University; Lees-McRae College; Lenoir-Rhyne University; Livingstone College; Louisburg College; Mars Hill University; Meredith College; Methodist University; Montreat College; North Carolina A&T State University; North Carolina Central University; North Carolina Wesleyan College; Pfeiffer University; Saint Augustine's University; Salem College; Shaw University; St. Andrews University; University of Mount Olive; University of North Carolina at Pembroke; Warren Wilson College; William Peace University; Wingate University; and Winston-Salem State University.

\$500 Tuition Per Semester Three North Carolina universities have changed their policies so that in-state students pay just \$500 tuition per semester, and out of state students pay just \$2,500 per semester. Those three universities are: Elizabeth City State University; the University of North Carolina at Pembroke; and Western Carolina University.

Grace Senior Center's Christmas Luncheon Set for December 4 & 5

Grace Senior Center's Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Choose what day you would like to come to the Lockhart-Taylor Center for the event, and register by calling Grace Senior Center at (704) 694-6616.

Anson Parks & Recreation Winter Basketball Registration

Anson County Parks & Recreation is offering a Winter Basketball program, and registration is open now. This program is available to:

- Micro Basketball (Ages 3-4)
- Youth Basketball (Grades K-2; 3-4; 5-6)

The cost is \$25 per child. You may come to the Parks & Rec office to register. It is located in Little Park, 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro. For more information call Jeff Waisner, Director, at (704) 695-2550 or Jwaisner@co.anson.nc.us; Wendell Small at (704) 695-2782 or Wsmall@co.anson.nc.us; or Allen Jackson II at (704) 694-5751 or Ajackson@co.anson.nc.us.

Bowman Class of 1973 Reunion Meeting is October 28

The Bowman Senior High Class of 1973 will have a reunion meeting on Monday, October 28 at the Hampton B. Allen Library at 6:30 p.m. All classmates are invited to attend.



Elementary School Night at Last Friday's Anson High School Football Game

Last Friday, October 11 was officially declared "Elementary School Night" at the Anson versus Montgomery Central football game. Each elementary school student participating received a ticket for free admission to the game, which the Bearcats won 56-7.

There was a huge sea of bright and shining faces as students walked around the beautiful new track, and as they proudly represented their own schools. Anson County Parks and Recreation youth football players were also recognized.

Candlelight Vigil Scheduled for October 24 to Remember Victims of Domestic Violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) website, Domestic Violence Awareness month was first observed in 1987. Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center (ACDVC) participates in the Silent Witness program during the month of October to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

During October life-sized wooden figures will be placed in the county, each one bearing the name of a person who once lived, worked, had friends and family - whose life ended violently at the hands of a partner, spouse, ex-spouse or acquaintance.

Gail Dove from ACDVC said, "Domestic Violence often goes unreported. In Anson County, from July 2018 to June 2019, ACDVC assisted 347 victims of domestic violence; 309 were female and 38 were males. The age bracket with the highest incident is 26-40 years old. We had 441 calls to our crisis hotline. According to statistics, one in three women and one in four men have been victims of some form of physical violence by their intimate partner. According to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, every nine seconds a woman is assaulted. From October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 there were 52 domestic violence related deaths in North Carolina alone."

On Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. a candlelight vigil will be held at the front steps of the Anson County Courthouse. ACDVC invites anyone who has a friend or loved one represented here or if you have been or know someone that has been affected by domestic violence to come and join everyone during this special time of remembrance.

The known victims in Anson County include: Argatha H. Clark, Cindy B. McIntyre, Rebecca B. Morrow, Connie Newton, Laura Parker, Mary Polk, Danette Streater, Mary Jane Suess, Linda Kay Walters, Daisy Coleman Melton, Larry Thomas Lindsey, Jennifer Howell, Sherri Feely Marshall, Elnora Sturdivant, Doretha Smith, Rodney Smith, Kim Campbell, Joseph Michael Hall, two unnamed victims, and two unborn children.

For more information please contact the staff at Anson County Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center at 704-694-4499. Their 24 hour crisis line is 704-690-0362.

Board of Elections Honors Long Serving Precinct Officials

On Tuesday, October 8 at its regular monthly board meeting, the Anson County Board of Elections recognized recently retired precinct officials.

Those honored were Nancy Hunsucker of Lilesville and Rosa "Peggy" Pinkston of Wadesboro.

Director of Elections Steve Adams presented plaques of appreciation on behalf of Chairman James Paxton and board members Tracy Baynars (Secretary), Rochelle Williams, Sherika Staton and Annie Parson.

Both Hunsucker and Pinkston thanked the board for the opportunities given to them to serve as well as the friendship that has developed. For more information on the Anson County Board of Elections or to serve as a precinct official, contact Director Adams at 704-994-3223.



Pictured from left are Sherry Melton (Assistant Elections Director), Nancy Hunsucker, Rosa "Peggy" Pinkston, and Elections Director Steve Adams.

Board Members and other precinct officials who served as precinct officials with the honorees offered remarks to both ladies and thanked them for their many years of service to Anson County elections. A small reception followed.

Director Adams shared, "Without precinct officials, the administration of each election would not be possible. We are extremely thankful for these ladies' committed tenure."

Current board member and former Elections Director Rochelle Williams added, "I had the privilege of working with both of these ladies, and this board is most appreciative of the sacrifices they made for many years to serve the citizens of Anson County."

Adams continued, "Miss Rosa Pinkston is being honored tonight as the longest serving precinct official in Anson County history, with nearly 40 years of service. That is quite remarkable in the world of elections."

Uptown Wadesboro Halloween Festival is October 31

Dress up in your favorite costume and join Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. and the Town of Wadesboro on Thursday, October 31 for the Wadesboro Halloween Festival. Activities will start at 5:30 p.m. on East Wade Street with games, trunk-or-treat, photo booths and treats at uptown businesses.

Also, enjoy Halloween cartoons starting at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. at 704-694-4181 or email uptownwadesboro@windstream.net.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic is Saturday

The Spring Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held this Saturday, October 19, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Brown Creek Animal Hospital on Highway 74 in Polkton. This is the perfect opportunity for you to vaccinate your pet for only \$5.

The clinic will be set up at the back. All dogs, cats and ferrets four months of age and older must have a current rabies vaccination that is administered by a licensed veterinarian.

The vaccination clinic is sponsored by Anson County Animal Control and Brown Creek Animal Hospital.

Brown Bag Book Club Meeting Features Helen Walker

Hampton B. Allen Library and the Anson Writer's Club are partnering to host author Helen Walker on Monday, October 21 at 12 noon.

For 16 years Helen was the Gatekeeper for the president of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA). At twenty-five years old when her career began at MPAA, she had a rollercoaster ride filled with adventures, both joyous and terrifying. Helen's book *Little Girl, Big Dream* is a walk down memory lane of her life and those adventures.

Everyone is invited to come, bring a covered dish and meet the author. Books will be available for purchase. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Foster Parent Support Group

A Foster Parent and Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Anson County Department of Social Services, located at 118 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Resources and refreshments will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769 or by email at connections-fsp@gmail.com to register.

Instant Pot 101 Class is Oct. 24

Life gets busy and looking for quick ways to feed your family "real food" is important. Look no further, and sign up for Instant Pot 101.

Come out and learn tips and tricks with hands-on practice! You will make recipes that highlight just how easy and safe an Instant Pot can be in making healthy, quick, and simple meals.

A light meal will be provided so you can taste the results! Stop by the office to pre-register with your \$15 fee! If you have any questions, please feel free to call 704-694-2915.

When: Thursday, October 24

Time: 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Where: N.C. Cooperative Extension of Anson County office, 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro

Class Limit: 15 per session

Cost: \$15 (includes handouts, recipes, and food)