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School Board Meeting is October 30

The Anson County Board of Education will hold their regular meeting on Monday, October 30. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel and property pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11 (a)(6) and NCGS 143.318.11 (a)(5). Open Session to the public will begin at about 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Anson County Schools' YouTube channel for the public to view. To find the channel you can search YouTube for "Anson County Schools."

The meeting will be held in the Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

If the public wishes to sign up for public comment, they can sign up in-person. A sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting begins for any individual or group to indicate their desire to address the board.

Something SPOOKTACULAR is Happening in Lilesville!

Trunk or Treat event on Monday, October 30

The Town of Lilesville is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Hatcher Park. This fun event is for ages 0-12, and will feature picture props, food trucks...and, of course, lots of free candy for the kids! They hope to see you there.

The food trucks will be Hot Diggity Dogs and Unity Bar-B-Que. They both are on Facebook so you can see the menus.

Everybody will have a good time with Karaoke with DJ Fresh!

The Town is in need of volunteers to help by decorating their trunks and passing out candy. Please contact the Lilesville Town Hall at 704-848-4711 if you would like to participate.

Sheriff's Trunk or Treat Event is Saturday!

Sheriff Howell would like to remind people that the Anson County Sheriff's Office Trunk or Treat Event will be held this Saturday, October 28, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the parking lot of the Sheriff's office.

Anyone wishing to donate candy for this event can drop it off at the Sheriff's Office this week, through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Statewide Halloween 'Booze It & Lose It' Enforcement Campaign is Underway

Few things are scarier than the consequences of driving while impaired. From now until Oct. 31, statewide law enforcement will be increasing saturation patrols and using checkpoints to keep impaired drivers off the road, as part of the annual "Booze It & Lose It" campaign.

"Many families will be hitting the streets this Halloween season to enjoy festivities, and we want everyone to have a good time," said Mark Ezzell, director of the N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program. "But Halloween can be a dangerous time, due to the increased number of impaired drivers on the road. If you choose to drink, please call a cab, use a ride sharing service or find another safe ride home."

Officials urge everyone to use designated drivers, ride-sharing services or public transportation as safe alternatives.

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles reports that 448 people died in alcohol-related crashes in North Carolina last year. Preliminary reports show that 353 have died in alcohol-related crashes so far this year.

While North Carolina drivers 21 and older can be convicted of DWI if they have a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or higher, it is illegal for all drivers under the age of 21 to drive with any amount of alcohol in their system.

"With large numbers of people out and about, and days getting shorter, it is more imperative than ever to make the right decision when choosing to get behind the wheel," said Ezzell. "No one is immune to the effects of impaired driving."

Golden 50th Class Reunion Held for Bowman High School Class of 1973

The Bowman High School Class of 1973 celebrated their 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, September 23 at the Embassy Suites in Concord. The class members pictured above attended the joyous and festive event.

Fall Crawl and Candy Trail in Uptown Wadesboro on Saturday

Join in the fun this Saturday, October 28 in uptown Wadesboro. There will be a Fall Crawl that features a 5K, food trucks, vendors and shopping, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Then, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., everyone is invited to the the annual Uptown Candy Trail! This event is free for all. Dress up in your spookiest costume and bring your empty bags to be filled!

Saturday fun includes:

- 5k Fun Run: Lace up your running shoes and join us for an invigorating 5k run through the charming streets of uptown Wadesboro. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a good time, this event is perfect for all fitness levels.
- Vendor Village: Discover unique treasures and support local businesses at the Vendor Village. From handmade crafts to one-of-a-kind finds, there's something for everyone.
- Food Trucks: Satisfy your taste buds with delicious fare from a variety of food trucks offering mouthwatering options to satisfy every craving.
- Business Open Houses: Explore the vibrant local business scene with open houses, special promotions, and exclusive deals throughout uptown Wadesboro.
- Bounce Houses: Let the kids bounce away to their heart's content in inflatable bounce houses. Fun for all ages!
- Candy Trail: As the day winds down, uptown Wadesboro will transform into a magical Candy Trail for a night of safe and delightful trick-or-treating. Dress up in your favorite costumes and join the fun!
- If you would like to participate in the 5K, registration runs until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 27. Sign up at: runsignup.com.

Participants are encouraged to check out all of the local businesses and organizations that are participating in the Candy Trail: First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue; Calvary Episcopal Church; Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition; Anson County Sheriff's Office; Wadesboro Police Department; Anson Fire and EMS; Anson County Partnership for Children; First Presbyterian Church; Ansonia Soup Company; Salon Meraki; Kat & Liz; H.W. Little & Company Hardware; Anson Community Hospice; Parsons Drug Company; Uptown Coffee Company; S.Toney Law; Willow & Vine; Dream Nutrition; Triad Barber School; Indie Studios; and Sugar IQ Italian Ice & Dessert Bar.

Tim Watkins Receives The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award

Retired Major Tim L. Watkins of the Anson County Sheriff's Office was honored on Saturday, October 7 at a retirement ceremony celebrating his commitment and contribution in service to our community for 30 years in law enforcement. The ceremony was held at the Lemuel Community Center in Morven. The event included a luncheon followed by remarks and presentations.

At the ceremony Watkins received The Order of the Long Leaf Pine granted by the office of Governor Roy Cooper. This highest award for state service was presented to him by his mentor, former Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen.

Watkins is a servant leader who has brought forth much change in the community. During the ceremony Watkins recognized the late former Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid for promoting him to the rank of Major and trusting him to lead his division.

Thank you Major Watkins for your hard work and dedication for the citizens of Anson County. Best wishes in retirement.

\$5,000 Reward Offered for Information Leading to the Arrest of Devonte Horne

Horne is charged with First Degree Murder in the death of Randal Sturdivant

This is a release from the Wadesboro Police Department: "The family of murder victim Randal Sturdivant has offered a reward for information on the whereabouts of Devonte Horne that leads to his arrest. This reward is not offered by or affiliated with the Wadesboro Police Department. However, anyone with any information is requested to call us at (704) 694-2167. Callers can remain anonymous.

If your information leads to the arrest of Horne, WPD can, at your request, provide your contact information to the Sturdivant Family who are responsible for the payout of the reward."

Here is a recap: On Sunday, July 16, 2023, at approximately 2:16 a.m., the Wadesboro Police Department responded to Atrium Health Anson about a man who arrived with a gunshot wound. The man, 26 year old Randal Vontray Sturdivant, Jr. of Wadesboro, was pronounced dead at Atrium Health Anson shortly after arrival. Officers immediately initiated an investigation and were able to locate the crime scene near the 300 block of Myrtlewood Drive in Wadesboro.

On Tuesday, July 18, 2023, investigators with the Wadesboro Police Department obtained a warrant for the arrest of Devonte Amor Horne, charging him with First Degree Murder. Horne is 23 years old, 6'4" tall, 200 pounds, slender build, long dreads, African American.



Devonte Horne

Flu Shots are Available at the Health Department

The Anson County Health Department has flu shots available. If you are interested in getting a flu shot please call 704-694-5188.

Moderna Covid Vaccine The Health Department stated that they are still waiting to receive the latest Moderna Covid Vaccine. They suggest that if you want to get your Covid booster as soon as possible, visit www.vaccines.gov/search to find a place for your Covid vaccination.

When the Anson County Health Department receives their supply of vaccine they will update their Facebook page and The Express Newspaper will publish the information.

Anson County Beekeepers Meet Thursday

All Anson Beekeepers, honey bee enthusiasts and anyone who interested in the hobby are reminded that the upcoming meeting will be held this Thursday, October 26 at 7 p.m. at the Anson Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

The guest speaker, Phillip Haines, will discuss his involvement in the UBO trials that Kaira Wagoner and Phoebe Snyder developed that will soon come to market. For more information check the Anson County Beekeepers facebook page.

Anson County Board of Commissioners Meets November 7

The Anson County Board of Commissioners now meets two times per month. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7 at 6 p.m. The second meeting takes place on November 21.

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.

Chicken & Dumplings at BRLC Saturday

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center will hold their annual Sarah & Joe's Chicken & Dumplings on Saturday, October 28, from 11:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. This is an Eat-in or Carry-out service. Donations pre plates will be accepted. Donations pre plates will be accepted

BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. For more information you can call 704-826-8737, check their Facebook page or visit www.burnsvillelc.org.