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THE EXPRESS • October 28, 2020 • Page 2 Anson County Courts to Resume Jury Trials

Anson County court officials have announced that jury trials will soon resume. Chief Justice Cheri Beasley had suspended jury trials since March as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In July, the Chief Justice directed senior resident superior court judges to craft and submit local plans for the safe resumption of jury trials as part of the Judicial Branch's efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and keep the public and court employees safe. This link: www.nccourts.gov/locations/anson-county/anson-county-local-rules-and-forms can refer you to the Jury Trial Resumption Plan for Anson County. That plan was

approved by Chief Justice Beasley and the North Carolina Administration. The first jury trials in Anson County are expected to be held January 11, 2021. Summonses for potential jurors will be sent by the Clerk of Superior Court of Anson County. Those individuals summonsed for potential jury service shall appear and report at the Anson County Judicial Center in Wadesboro.

"We want the public to know that we have implemented a number of safety precautions in consultation with local public health officials to make sure that anyone who needs to access our courthouse and those who are called upon to serve on a jury can do so safely," said Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Stephan Futrell. "We are grateful for the partnership with our county officials who continue to work alongside us to make sure our courts remain open, accessible, and safe."

Since March, Chief Justice Beasley has issued a number of emergency directives to guide court operations through the pandemic. Those directives have, among other things, allowed many court hearings to be held by teleconference, waived certain notary requirements for court documents, and required social distancing and face coverings in court facilities.

In July, the Chief Justice directed senior resident superior court judges to begin crafting plans for the safe resumption of jury trials. The plans were to be crafted in collaboration with the chief district court judge, district attorney, clerk of superior court, public defender [or defense bar], sheriff, and public health director. Each plan was required to include several basic components, such as daily screening for trial participants, conducting jury selection, trial, and deliberations with social distancing, and plans for providing face coverings.

"I extend my deepest thanks to our elected officials all across North Carolina who have worked so hard to carefully craft these plans and tailor them to the needs of their local community," said Chief Justice Beasley. "I want to reassure the public and all potential jurors that their safety continues to be our top priority."

For the health and safety of the public, only those who have business with the court will be allowed inside the courthouse. The public is required to wear a face covering and may be required to answer screening questions and have their temperature taken or told to wait outside until their case is called. Safety measures are in place at the Anson County's courthouse including.

• Social distancing is required in our courthouse. The capacity of our courtrooms has been dramatically reduced and seats have been marked to provide a 6 feet space and alterations. Jury pools will not be assembled in the customary large groups.

• Everyone entering or remaining in the courthouse must wear a mask face covering unless they meet specific exceptions.

• The temperature of every person entering the courthouse is measured by a non- touch device. If the device finds a temperature of 100.4 degrees F or more, access will be denied.

 Hand sanitizer is being provided at each courthouse entrance and in the courtrooms.

• The courthouse is being cleaned daily and frequently touched areas are cleaned continuously throughout the day.

The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For the latest information regarding the status of our courts, visit www.nccourts.gov/covid-19.

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BLRC Volunteers Sponsors Trick or Treat Event this Saturday for Kids of All Ages

• Hot dogs, treats and games

- Saturday October 31, 2 to 4 p.m. at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center
- Fun for all kids of all ages, plus adults young at heart.
- Children are asked to wear their Halloween costume if they want to.
- Drive by in your vehicles or walk in.
- Masks are required as well as social distancing,
- Pictures will be made if you desire.

For more information contact Kesha Hammond 704-294-3766 or 704-826-8737. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. The telephone number is 704-826-8737.

For more information visit www.burnsvillelc.org.



EDUCATION:

Masters in Public Administration Degree, University of Phoenix, Certified Business Education Teacher and NCDPI Licensed, Fayetteville State University, B.S. in Business and Computer Information Systems, Wingate University, A.A.S. Degree in Business Computer Programming, South Piedmont Community College, Certificate of Completion, NC Employment Security Commission Management Training Program; Licensed Minister Church of God of Prophecy, Bible Training Institute and School of David

CAREER BACKGROUND:

Associate Minister and Youth Pastor, Church of God of Prophecy, Morven Anson County Schooler

- Anson County Schools:
- Anson High School (AHS) "Very Successful" Parent Community Outreach Coordinator
- Successful Anson Middle School (AMS0 Discovery Center Coordinator and Advisor
- Successful Anson Afterschool Advancement Academy Site Coordinator, AHS and AMS $\,$
- Anson High, Anson Middle, and Anson Academy School Improvement Team
- Anson Academy Assistant-to-the Principal
- North Carolina New Teacher Evaluation Tool Staff Trainer
- Relevance and Relationship Program Facilitator, AMS
- Anson Middle School NCAE-Anson Association of Educators President (6 years)
- Twelve years successful classroom Career Technical Business Education Teacher

• NC Employment Security Commission, Wadesboro & Charlotte, NC Supervisor Dislocated Workers and Food Stamp Unit Programs, Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Specialist Supervisor, Interviewer I, Employer Relations Specialist, and Youth Program Coordinator

CURRENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT and LEADERSHIP:

- 2020 U.S. Census Field Supervisor
- Licensed Minister and Youth Pastor Church of God of Prophecy
- Anson County Democratic Party Chair (currently serving)
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month Program Committee Member
- North Carolina Democratic Party State Executive Committee Member
- Democratic National Committee Member
- North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) Anson Local Member
- National Education Association Lifetime Member
- NAACP Lifetime Member

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FOR ANSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

Greg Eudy

- Proven Professional Businessman and lifelong Anson County resident
- Honest, Prompt, Respected in the community
- Believes in showing up to work and doing the job the taxpayers pay him to do
 Christian Family man, married to wife Tara with two children



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