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Board of Education Regular Meeting Scheduled for Monday, November 19

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, November 19 in the Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the Closed Session. Open Session should begin at about 5:30 p.m.

Recount to Take Place Today on District 4 Commissioner Vote

Steve Adams, Elections Director for Anson County, has called a meeting of the Board of Elections to recount the ballots in the District 4 County Commissioner race. The recount will take place today, Wednesday, November 14 at 10 a.m. at the Board of Elections office. This is the race between Democrat Jim Sims, the incumbent, and Todd Moore, who ran as unaffiliated. The ballots are from Peachland, Polkton, White Store, Provisional Votes and Absentee by Mail votes.

The vote totals before the recount were: Jim Sims 589 (50.47%) and Todd Moore 578 (49.53%).

CFNC Financial Aid Workshop for High School Seniors and Parents is Today

The workshop for high school seniors and their parents presented by the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Anson High School. A CFNC representative will present information about applying for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Colleges and universities use this information to determine financial aid packages for students. This year, the FAFSA application for the 2019-2020 school year became available on October 1.

Parents will learn more about student and parent loans, work study and how to interpret financial aid award letters received from schools once their student is accepted. Seniors and their parents from Anson High School, Anson Early College, and Anson Academy are strongly encouraged to attend.

Anson Extension Farm Safety Class

Anson Extension will promote the health and safety of farmers, foresters, landscapers, and their families by offering an important program targeted to farmers and first responders; Grain Bin Safety/Grain Rescue.

Grain Bin Safety/Grain Rescue is designed for emergency first responders. The purpose is to identify risks on the farm associated with grain bins, provide training on grain bin rescue procedures, and practice simulated hands-on rescues. Grain bins and silos have many hidden dangers. Perdue University examined grain bin incidents between 1964-2010, revealing 600 explosions and 250 deaths, resulting in a 20% fatality rate. Within that time grain engulfment cases totaled 900 with 550 deaths and a 62% fatality rate nationally. Sadly, some cases have involved children. Having an understanding of the proper course of action can reduce rescue time, and increase victim/rescuer safety. The classroom portion begins this Friday, November 16, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Anson High School's Commons Area. Then the hands-on demonstration will be at Martin Farms in Ansonville on Saturday, November 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Light breakfast and lunch will be available onsite. Please register with Anson Extension at 704-694-2415 or email aimee_colf@ncsu.edu for farm address. Program details can be found on the Anson Extension website, events link, anson.ces.ncsu.edu.

The program will be taught by LaMar Grafft, Associate Director of the NC Agromedicine Institute. Grafft has a farming background, was a paramedic and flight paramedic part-time for 25 years, and has taught farm safety for 25+ years. The program is sponsored by Corn Growers Association of NC, NC Soybean Growers Association, Pee Dee Electric, Anson County Future Farmers of America, Anson High School, Anson Extension, Martin Farms, Griffin Farm Machine Company, and NC Agromedicine Institute.

USDA Awards Funding to Increase Access to Education and Workforce Training for SPCC

A grant for \$349,767 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) awarded to South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) will develop distance learning to bring vital Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) resources to the students of Anson County, North Carolina.

The project will involve the purchase of a display, cameras, microphones, audio equipment, and various other necessary ITV technology items for SPCC Union and Anson County campuses. Obsolete distance learning equipment at the teaching sites in Union County will be upgraded and learning classrooms in Anson County will be created. The project will provide needed STEM courses to approximately 650 Anson County SPCC students and Anson High School students enrolled in college courses.

"This project will expand STEM academic program offerings, provide more course options previously not feasible due to low enrollment, improve course success rate for students as compared to online learning, and benefit students by decreasing their transportation financial burden to attend courses at Union County campuses," said Dr. Maria Pharr, President of South Piedmont Community College.

"Empowering rural Americans with access to services for quality of life and economic development is critical to rural prosperity," Secretary Perdue said. "Distance learning and telemedicine technology bridges the gap that often exists between rural communities and essential education, workforce training and health care resources."

The ITV Technology Education project by South Piedmont Community College is one of 128 projects totaling \$39.6 million funded through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program by the USDA. More than 4.5 million residents in 40 states and three territories will benefit from the various projects across the United States. USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas.



Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Terrific Kids

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School held its Terrific Kids Celebration for the first nine weeks on Tuesday, October 16. The students who were recognized for this honor are pictured above. We are all proud of these students for showing good character!

They are, from left, front row: Zyriana Parham-Bivens, Drew Eckersley, Dylan Davis, Gemma Brinson, Aiden Sheppard, Justin Lawrence, Kelly Morales, Zayden Little, Brandon Baucom, Luke White and Greyson Chaney. Second row: Brooklyn Maske, Braylan Goodwin, Kyle Brown, Cedric Ford, ZyiNiyah McDuffie, Marshee Peguese, Taylor Terry, Aliayha Jackson, Craig Forbes, Griffin Hasty and Kelvin Coxe. Third row: Lucas Stack, Maxe Watson, Allie Steagall, Taylor Horne, Elijah Sellers, Reagan Diggs, Kimberly Morales, Madison Hardison, James Martin, Landon Chaney, Adamaris Miranda-Gomez, KeAzhia Osborne and Kyleigh Martin. Forth row: Averie Hyatt, Joshua Howell, Natalie Horne, Victoria Petrill, Jobo Ortiz Castillo, Faith Dyne, Kaiden Watson, Jackson Harris and Demarion Maske. Not pictured: Payden Williamson, Will Griffin and Emily Wilson.

Results from the General Election Held November 6

These are the results from the mid-term election held on November 6. In the results, the top vote getters are in bold, and the votes the candidates received from Anson County are in parenthesis. These are unofficial numbers.

The Anson County Board of Elections will hold a County Canvass this Friday, November 16 at 11 a.m. to make the election official.

ANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

- Democrat - Vance Sturdivant (682/56.5%)
- Unaffiliated - Gay Harrington (525/43.5%)

ANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

- Democrat - Jim Sims (589/50.47%)
- Unaffiliated - Todd Moore (578/49.53%)

ANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

- Democrat - Lawrence Gatewood (838/73.38%)
- Republican - Terry Helms (304/26.62%)

BOARD OF EDUCATION AT-LARGE

- (Top 2 earn seats)
- Unaffiliated - Gay Lookabill (2,993/39.62%)
- Democrat - Mitchell Huntley (2,524/33.41%)

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 2

- Democrat - Bobbie Little (685/100%)

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 4

- Democrat - Lisa Davis (857/100%)

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 5

- Democrat - George Truman (954/100%)

ANSON COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

- Democrat - Mark Hammonds (6,656/100%)

ANSON COUNTY SHERIFF

- Democrat - Landric Reid (6,740/100%)

ANSON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (vote for 2)

- Nichole Carpenter (4,134/55.04%)
- Kimberly Tyner (3,273/43.58%)

MALT BEVERAGE - ON & OFF PREMISES

- Against (4,924/63.61%)
- For (2,817/36.39%)

MALT BEVERAGE - ON PREMISES ONLY

- Against (5,066/66.61%)
- For (2,540/33.39%)

MALT BEVERAGE - OFF PREMISES ONLY

- Against (5,374/71.21%)
- For (2,173/28.79%)

MALT BEVERAGE - HOTELS, ETC.

- Against (4,794/62.63%)
- For (2,860/37.37%)

UNFORTIFIED WINE - ON & OFF PREMISES

- Against (4,917/63.99%)
- For (2,767/36.01%)

UNFORTIFIED WINE - ON PREMISES ONLY

- Against (5,088/67.27%)
- For (2,476/32.73%)

UNFORTIFIED WINE - OFF PREMISES ONLY

- Against (5,373/71.55%)
- For (2,136/28.45%)

MIXED BEVERAGE

- Against (4,540/58.9%)
- For (3,168/41.1%)

In the races listed below the total votes state-wide or district-wide are shown first, then Anson County votes are shown in parenthesis. Top vote getters are in bold.

NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 25

- Republican - Tom McInnis (41,353/57.21% (4,363/54.75%))
- Democrat - Helen Probst Mills (30,934/42.79% (3,606/45.25%))

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 55

- Republican - Mark Brody (18,337/65.31% (3,489/44.11%))
- Democrat - Frank Deese (9,739/34.69% (4,421/55.89%))

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 9

- Republican - Mark Harris (138,381/49.42% (3,266/41%))
- Democrat - Dan McCready (136,591/48.78% (4,586/57.57%))

LIBERTARIAN - JEFF SCOTT

- Libertarian - Jeff Scott (5,048/1.8% (114/1/.43%))

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 21

- Democrat - Reece Saunders (16,910/100% (6,096/100%))

NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 1

- Democrat - Anita Earls (1,789,095/49.45% (4,387/56.15%))
- Republican - Barbara Jackson (1,235,433/34.15% (2,325/29.76%))

REPUBLICAN - CHRIS ANGLIN

- Republican - Chris Anglin (593,414/16.4% (1,101/14.09%))

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 1

- Democrat - John Arrowood (1,831,478/50.68% (4,526/57.96%))
- Republican - Andrew Heath (1,782,370/49.32% (3,283/42.04%))

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 2

- Democrat - Toby Hampson (1,743,447/48.68% (4,303/55.57%))
- Republican - Jefferson Griffin (1,282,124/35.8% (2,711/35.01%))

REPUBLICAN - SANDRA RAY

- Republican - Sandra Ray (555,601/15.51% (729/9.41%))

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 3

- Democrat - Allegra Collins (1,750,613/48.47% (4,349/55.8%))
- Republican - Chuck Kitchen (1,695,470/46.95% (3,297/42.3%))

LIBERTARIAN - MICHAEL MONACO

- Libertarian - Michael Monaco (165,411/4.58% (148/1.9%))

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 16A SEAT 1

- Democrat - Chris Rhue (22,881/100 (5,742/100%))

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 16A SEAT 3

- Democrat - Chevon Wallace (22,713/100 (5,827/100%))

PROTECT RIGHT TO HUNT & FISH

- For (2,062,138/57.17% (4,441/56.65%))
- Against (1,544,600/42.83% (3,399/43.35%))

STRENGTHENING VICTIMS RIGHTS

- For (2,242,427/62.13% (4,396/56.31%))
- Against (1,366,886/37.87% (3,411/43.69%))

MAXIMUM INCOME TAX

- For (2,073,548/57.39% (4,027/51.61%))
- Against (1,539,427/42.61% (3,775/48.39%))

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- For (2,029,102/55.55% (3,938/50.03%))
- Against (1,623,922/44.45% (3,934/49.97%))

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL MERIT COMMISSION

- Against (2,360,278/66.86% (5,402/71.64%))
- For (1,169,929/33.14% (2,139/28.36%))

BIPARTISAN BOARD OF ETHICS & ELECTIONS

- Against (2,176,290/61.61% (5,011/66.85%))
- For (1,356,235/38.39% (2,485/33.15%))

Family Loss & Trauma Support Group Meets Thursday

A Family Loss & Trauma Support Group is held the third Thursday of the month at Hampton B. Allen Library in the Bookmobile Room. This month it will be held on November 15, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Refreshments and resources will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769 or at connectionsfp@gmail.com for more information.

Substance Abuse Effects on Families Workshop is November 20

The Effects of Substance Misuse in Families Workshop will be held at the Hampton B. Allen Library on Tuesday, November 20, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Melinda McDonald and Emily Nicholson from Alcohol and Drug Services will be the guest speakers. Lunch and materials will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995, or at connectionsfp@gmail.com to register. The deadline to register is November 16.

Flag Retirement Ceremony this Saturday

A flag retirement ceremony will take place this Saturday, November 17 at the WoodmenLife Chapter 4 Building on Highway 74 in Wadesboro. WoodmenLife invites everyone to the ceremony which will feature the Anson High School JROTC and will honor all veterans.

Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every second Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. There is no cost, but you must be 55 or older to play.

For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.