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This is College Application Week - November 14-18

Anson High School, Anson Early College, Anson New Tech and Anson Academy will participate in the statewide College Application Week cosponsored by College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) and the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO) during the week of November 14 to 18. The goal of the program is to get more students applying to North Carolina colleges early in their senior year. During this event, students may apply to North Carolina community colleges, independent colleges and state universities, many of which will waive their application fees.

Students are encouraged to begin looking at applications in CFNC.org for schools they are interested in applying to as there may be essay questions they need time to work on. Students may begin working on applications but should not submit them without assistance from a counselor until the week of November 14-18.

For more information about events at your school please contact your school counselor.

What is Anson Connecting Families?

4-H Youth Promise is introducing a new program called Anson Connecting Families. This program will provide the education to assist in modifying moderate to serious problems at home, school and in the community. Parents will also increase their knowledge and skills to provide appropriate structure and responsibility for their children. The overall goal for the program is for youth and their parents to learn to better communicate assertively and effectively, resist negative influences, appropriately resolve conflict and to make better choices for a healthier lifestyle.

This program will be offered once a week for 8 consecutive weeks. Sessions will be held weekly at the Cooperative Extension Office in Wadesboro on Tuesdays, from 6 until 8 p.m. All enrolled participants will be provided transportation, a family style meal and child care. Referrals are accepted from the court system, juvenile court counselor, school social workers, community agencies, or parent/self-referral.

To learn more about Anson Connecting Families program please contact the Program Director, Sam Cole or Case Manager, Quantelya Dumas for further information at (704) 694-2915.

Uptown Wadesboro Launches its 11th Brick Paver Campaign

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. (UWI) is again offering the opportunity to purchase a laser brick paver in honor or memory of someone special. You may also recognize an organization, a business, or an individual. You can honor your high school graduating class or some special event and support UWI in raising funds for festivals and community activities.

The pavers may be placed anywhere in the uptown area where unmarked bricks are located. You may wish to create a cluster of bricks related to your family members. Since the beginning of the brick paver program, a total of more than 600 bricks have been placed in the uptown Wadesboro area.

The bricks come in two sizes, the four inch brick will accommodate three lines of print and costs \$50 and the eight inch brick will allow for six lines of print and costs \$100. For an additional \$100 you may add a company logo.

For more information please call the UWI office at 704.695.1644. Order forms are available at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, or you may download a Brick Paver Order Form by going to www.uptownwadesboro.com, and click on Brochures and Registration Forms and then look for the Brick Paver Form.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Sign-ups Run Through December 7

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan sign-up runs until December 7. Those individuals with existing plans who want to make changes may do so during this period at Grace Senior Center. People who are just turning 65 years of age can choose a Medicare Part D Plan. Failure to choose a plan will result in a penalty when the person does sign up.

For those individual who fall into the Low Income Subsidy category there will be a low cost for premiums and medications. You can also apply for extra help.

During the sign-up period please call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 for an appointment, Monday thru Friday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

Register Now for the Big Game Hunt Tournament!

The 19th Annual Big Game Hunt Tournament is just a little over a week away so be sure to register now! The hunt dates are Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce offers monetary prizes for first, second, third, fourth and fifth places in buck and doe categories and first, second, third and fourth places in the youth buck and doe categories. Door prizes will be given away during the annual banquet on Saturday, November 26, at the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department.

For more tournament information call the Anson County Chamber of Commerce at 704-694-4181 or visit www.ansoncounty.org for tournament rules, a printable entry form and to view the 2016 Book Program Book.

Registration sites are: Allen's Restaurant (Peachland), Anson County Chamber of Commerce (Wadesboro), H.W. Little & Co (Wadesboro) and Scotty's Bait & Tackle (Lilesville).

Be sure to register so you won't miss your chance at winning prize money. Don't forget to bring the family and join everyone at the banquet on Saturday night for great food, door prizes, raffle drawings and more. Top prize on the raffle ticket this year is a Tikka T3 Lite 30-06 with Scope.

Compassionate Friends to Hold Annual Worldwide Candlelight Program on December 11

The annual Compassionate Friends World Wide Candlelight Program will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. Groups all over the world will be lighting candles at 7 p.m. their local time in memory of deceased children. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are lighted in the next, creating a 24-hour wave of light as the observance continues around the world. This is believed to be the largest mass candle lighting in the world. You are invited to take part in this program.

For information call 704-694-8774 or 704-272-7449. Or you can call Leavitt Funeral Home at 704-694-2524.



C&M Auto Supply Celebrates 40 Years

C&M Auto Supply, Inc. held a Customer Appreciation Day on Tuesday, November 8. This event marked the 40th year C&M has been in business in Wadesboro.

Congratulations to owner Mike McCormick and his staff for running a great business providing quality customer service and parts for all these years.

Pictured here are, from left, J. T. Hechler, Buck Morton, Mike McCormick and Bucky Cummings. Neal Sikes is not pictured.



Kids Visit Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC

This is a release from the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: Oh what an experience! All types of transportation that date back to the late 1800's. The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Kids Café students and a portion of the Summer Fun Day campers enjoyed a day in Spencer, North Carolina at the Transportation Museum.

The day started off with an early breakfast prepared by BRLC volunteers. There were a total of 15 students, ages 4 to 12, along with six adults chaperones to take the outing. Once there the train ride was a great experience. The train ride lasted approximately 25 to 30 minutes; the children were very excited to have had this opportunity. Several had never traveled by train before. There was much to do to keep the children busy throughout the day. They even enjoyed an old fashioned hay ride pull by a tractor, made pictures from patterns out of clay, played softball, played checkers, learned about quilt making and the old fashion string and button trick. Lunch was prepared by BRLC volunteers and served in the designated picnic area.

The Annual Car Show that was held on the day of the visit was amazing to all. Some cars dated back to the Model T of the 1920's up to later year automobiles. Antique as well as classic vehicles were on display.

The movie that was shown to all who visited the Round House gave information about the beginning of the railways coming to Salisbury and Spencer. There was a guided tour of all the different train engines dating back to the steam and coal engines. The children visited the area where a replica of the first airplane is kept that was built by the Wright Brothers.

All of the children who took part in the trip were asked to write of their experiences and return it to Mrs. Caple, the BRLC afterschool teacher.

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center offers professional afterschool care daily at the Kid's Cafe from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Children enjoy activities, hot meals and help with homework if they need it. Drop-ins are welcome.

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

Anson Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers - Would You Like to Help?

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). Please consider volunteering. For more information on helping, call 704-694-4832.

Anson County Animal Shelter is listed on Petfinder.com. This is a searchable national database of pets available for adoption that includes a description and photo. All the animals that are up for adoption are listed and have a picture. Just go to Petfinder.com and search for any Anson County town or zip code.

A rescue from Animal Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win.

And remember, older animals need a home and love too!



MES Holds 1st Annual Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Trunk or Treat

The halls of MES buzzed between October 21 and 31, as every day a new storybook character pumpkin arrived at school. Students and families got into the Halloween and fall spirit by decorating a pumpkin based on a book character of their choice. Categories were broken down into a Family Pumpkin for students in kindergarten through second grade, while students in grades 3 to 6 were expected to complete a majority of the decorating themselves.

Students poured all their heart and artistic abilities, which included paints, yarn, and styrofoam balls, trying to gain the most votes from student voters and win a prize. Winners of the K-2 category were: First Place was ZaQuavion Pickett, who created the Tin Man and Second Place winner was Zalik Ratliff, who designed a Cat in the Hat. Olaf, by India Hamilton, won the hearts of students to earn First Place in the grades 3 to 6 category, while Peppa Pig, by Wendy Vaquez placed Second.

The pumpkin decorating contest was the excitement during the day, but the Halloween spirit continued during the Trunk-or-Treat held at MES Monday evening. Local community groups and teachers decorated their trunk and spent time handing out treats to the goblins and princesses. MES wants to thank everyone who donated goods, those who set up trunks, and to the community for supporting the children.

Christmas Open House at H. W. Little & Company

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce invites you to H. W. Little & Company for their Christmas Open House this Thursday, November 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be cookies, hot apple cider, and best of all, discounts on unique Christmas decorations and fun gift ideas. Be sure to check out their special DIY (do it yourself) decorations.

H. W. Little & Company is located at 109 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

BCSWCD Board Meeting

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District (BCSWCD) monthly board meeting will be held on Monday, November 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the BCSWCD office located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call 704-694-3516.

Blood Drive is November 22

There will be a Wadesboro Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 22, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Lee Avenue in Wadesboro.

To schedule a life saving appointment please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Wadesboro Community.

Zimmer Friends

The Zimmer Friends will meet on Friday, December 2 at 1 p.m. at Bojangles Restaurant in Wadesboro.

For more information call Betty Huneycutt at 704-694-4213.