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### Free Groceries Are Available to Eligible Families this Saturday, November 24 at BRLC

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) Emergency Food Pantry will distribute free food products this Saturday, November 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. These foods are provided by the NC Department of Agriculture through the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. Families will be served until the food runs out - first come, first served. Neighbors will be served once a month from these products.

The US federal income guidelines will be a determining factor for each individual's eligibility and food items will only be available to Ansonians who qualify. Individuals who have not registered before nor received food from the BRLC Emergency Food Pantry must have financial documentation as proof of income to be served. A neighbor who does not have the necessary documentations will not be served. Families that receive food stamp assistance automatically qualify. Each family will only be provided these commodities this month. Parents are asked not to bring small children because of limited space. Neighbors, please park in parking lot behind the center.

BRLC distributes free groceries to eligible families on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and at other times. You can contact them at 704-826-8737 for information. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. For more information check [www.burnsvillec.org](http://www.burnsvillec.org).

### Free Movie is *We Bought a Zoo*

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie for Monday, November 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the Little Theatre - *We Bought a Zoo*. Following his wife's untimely death, Los Angeles journalist Benjamin Mee (Matt Damon) decides to make a fresh start by quitting his job and moving his children (Colin Ford, Maggie Elizabeth Jones) to an 18-acre property containing the Rosemoor Wildlife Park. Though closed for years, Rosemoor is still home to many animals, cared for by Kelly Foster (Scarlett Johansson) and her small staff. Mee opens his heart and his checkbook as he, Kelly and the others work to renovate and reopen the zoo. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the movie.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

### Wildlife Commission Seeks Public Input on Draft Species Conservation Plans

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is seeking public input on five draft Species Conservation Plans until November 26.

The plans will guide agency efforts to maintain and increase populations of several species that are declining in North Carolina and need additional conservation help to survive. Each plan presents biological information, causes of decline, conservation goals and potential conservation actions. The five draft conservation plans are:

- Five Rare Aquatic Species Restricted to the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico River Basins: dwarf wedgemussel, yellow lance, Tar River spiny mussel, Carolina madtom and Neuse River waterdog;
- Bog Turtle, North America's smallest turtle found in western North Carolina bogs that is state-listed as Threatened in North Carolina;
- Robust Redhorse, a large member of the sucker family found in the lower Pee Dee River that is state-listed as Endangered;
- Brook Floater, a small mussel found in rivers and streams along the Blue Ridge Escarpment and upper Piedmont that is state-listed as Endangered; and
- Gopher Frog, a medium-sized frog found in the Sandhills of North Carolina that is state-listed as Endangered.

After collecting and considering all public comments, Commission staff will present the draft plans to the Wildlife Commissioners for their approval at their February 2019 business meeting. Once the plans are approved, the Commission and partners will use them as blue prints for conservation of the species.

Read the plans and provide input at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

### Bowman Senior High School Class of 1968 Last Reunion Planning Meeting is December 8

The last meeting to finalize plans for the historic Bowman Senior High School Class of 1968's 50th class reunion will be held on Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library. The library is located at 120 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

For additional information please contact Dr. Josephine Leak Harris at [jharr122@ncu.edu](mailto:jharr122@ncu.edu), 919-619-9032 or 919-967-2650.

All classmates are welcome to attend this meeting and help finalize plans.

### Anson Writers' Club Prose and Poetry Contest

The Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC) is pleased to announce its Twenty-Ninth Contest in Prose and Poetry. The ACWC will award over \$400 in prize money to the winners of the annual writing contests.

First, second and third place winners in the adult prose and adult poetry categories will receive \$50, \$30 and \$20 respectively. Youth winners (grades 10-12) will receive \$20, \$15 and \$10 respectively. Grades 3-6 and Grades 7-9 will compete separately in the children's division. Prizes are \$15, \$10 and \$5, respectively, for prose and poetry winners in both categories.

All winners will receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be honored at a reception for friends and family on Sunday, February 24, 2019. Winning entries of the contests will be published in an anthology, *Anson Pathways X*, which will be released in 2019. *Anson Pathways* has been published every three years since 1991.

The adult contests are open to anyone residing in, having resided in, attending school in or working in Anson County; or members of the ACWC. There is a \$1 entry fee that is waived for students at any institution of higher learning. There is no entry fee for grades 3-12 students. Entries will be accepted from students living in or attending school in Anson County. Rules and entry forms will be provided to all schools.

The deadline for the 2018 contests is 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 3.

A complete copy of the rules and an entry form that must accompany each entry are available at the Hampton B. Allen Library, the Anson County Chamber of Commerce or by writing to ACWC 2016 Contests, PO Box 363, Wadesboro, NC 28170 (enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope). Rules and entry forms may also be printed from the ACWC website at [www.ansoncountywritersclub.org](http://www.ansoncountywritersclub.org).

The contest committee urges writers to study the contest rules carefully. In past years, some excellent entries that might have won were disqualified because the writers did not follow instructions.

For more information, call contest co-chairman Beverley Getzen at 704-694-7022 or Kaye Ratliff at 704-694-5431.

### Free Groceries for Families in Need on Wednesday, December 5

For families in need, free groceries will be available. The Mobile Food Pantry and CHS Mobile Health Unit will be at Bethel Community Center, located at 5180 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on Wednesday, December 5. Please arrive and register between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The food distribution begins upon the truck arrival, usually between 9 to 9:30 a.m.

- Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food.
- Arrive between 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to be sure you can receive food.
- If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445.
- You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

Interested in volunteering for the Mobile Food Pantry? Email [tschumpert@wncumc.net](mailto:tschumpert@wncumc.net). The goal of the Mobile Food Pantry is to feed the hungry and serve those in need.

If you are in need before or after the distribution of food date, please contact Anson Crisis Ministry at (704) 694-2445 or Union County Crisis Assistance at (704) 225-0440.

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