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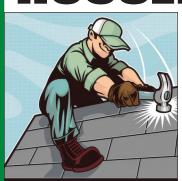


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Commissioners Meet December 16 Involves Duke Energy Solar Proposal

The second December meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners takes place on Tuesday, December 16 at 6 p.m. at the Anson County Courthouse, 114 North Greene Street, Courtroom #1, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting involves Duke Energy and the proposed massive solar facility in Anson County.

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.

School Board Meeting is December 15

Public invited to attend or tune in online

The Board of Education will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 15 in the Administrative Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 3:00 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 for the public will start at 4:30 p.m., when everyone is welcome to join the conversation. Those wishing to speak during Public Comment may sign up in person before the meeting. A sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting begins for anyone with ideas, concerns, or simply a good question or two. Public Comment will take place at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will also be live streamed on the Anson County Schools' YouTube channel - perfect for those who prefer to attend from the comfort of home, coffee mug in hand. To find the channel, just search YouTube for Anson County Schools.

Grace Senior Center Has It Going On In December!

Free, fun, and full of fellowship for Anson County seniors

Grace Senior Center continues to be one of Anson County's most active and welcoming places for seniors - offering health programs, games, creative workshops, and friendly gatherings all month long. Everything is free and open to all! ALL FREE...AND ALL FUN & INFORMATIVE!

• Thursday, December 11 – T-Mobile: Learning Your Smartphone, 12–1 p.m.

- Friday, December 12 Gingerbread House Workshop, 1–2 p.m.
 Monday, December 15 Holiday Paint-by-Number, 1–2 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 16 Claris Companion Workshop, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. • Wednesday, December 17 – Designing Holiday Cards, 1–2 p.m.
- Thursday, December 18 Holiday Karaoke, 12–1 p.m. • Friday, December 19 – Movie Day: Last Holiday, 1–2 p.m.
- Tuesday & Thursday Chair Exercises December 11, 16, 18, 23 (10–11 a.m.)
- Monday, December 22 Claris Companion Workshop, 1–2 p.m.
- Monday, December 29 Hershey's Kiss Giveaway, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 30 Holiday BINGO, 12–1 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 31 Holiday Dance into the New Year, 12–1 p.m.
- **December 24–26** Office Closed for the Holidays

Grace Senior Center invites all seniors to join the fun, make new friends, and stay active throughout the month. For details or to register for activities call (704) 694-6616. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA, on the left.

Anson Mobile Food Market is Thursday

The next Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on Thursday, December 11, starting at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the Anson Animal Shelter, located at 7257 Highway 74 in Polkton, at the entrance to the Field of Dreams ballfield.

Food will be given away, including fresh vegetables, fruit and bread (if available). There will be blood pressure and blood sugar checks, along with other healthy living

Help with produce bags will be provided for elderly or disabled attendees.

This free event offers citizens of Anson County six to eight different types of fresh produce monthly. This is a free initiative, so please come and get some produce.

Nothing is required for you to receive produce, just come. The event is sponsored by the Anson County Extension and its partners.

This event is to assist in the scarcity of fresh, healthy food in the county. It will also serve as an educational event to offer education on the two targeted areas of the county health assessment which are tobacco use and hypertension. Agencies will be set up offering services and information in those two targeted areas.

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The Month of December

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, Please put a penny in the old man's hat; If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do, If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you! -Beggar's rhyme

December Calendar

- December 6 is Saint Nicholas Day. The patron saint of children is the model for Santa Claus and gift-giving.
- **December 7** is Remembrance Day. • December 14 marks the beginning of Hanukkah this
- year, the 8-day Jewish festival of lights.
- December 15 is Bill of Rights Day. • December 17 is Wright Brothers Day.
- December 21 is the Winter Solstice the astronomical
- day when the hemisphere is tilted as far away from the Sun as possible. Starting in ancient times, people celebrated the rebirth of the Sun event through Yule.
- December 25 is Christmas Day, a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ..

December Birthstone December's traditional birthstone is turquoise. It is considered a symbol of good fortune and success. Zircon and tanzanite are also considered to be December birthstones.

December's birth flowers are the holly (Ilex aquifolium) and the paperwhite Narcissus (Euphorbia pulcherrima) - a relative of the daffodil with lovely white blooms.

This Week's Fun and Quirky Observances

Celebrate something new each day

• Thursday, December 11 - Noodle Ring Day Honor the once-fancy, now-forgotten dish of yester-

year by shaping pasta into something circular and calling • Friday, December 12 - Official Lost & Found Day

A perfect excuse to finally check behind the couch cushions and reunite yourself with that missing remoteor your sense of organization.

• Friday, December 12 - Gingerbread House Day Get out the frosting, gumdrops, and imagination. Just don't expect your creation to survive until Christmas.

Sunday, December 14 - Monkey Day

A light-hearted celebration of our playful primate cousins. It's the ideal day to hang around, make silly faces, and enjoy a few laughs.

 Sunday, December 14 - Free Shipping Day Online shoppers rejoice - this unofficial holiday rewards those who waited just a little too long to

order gifts. • Tuesday, December 16 - Chocolate Covered **Anything Day**

From pretzels to pickles, today's rule is simple: if you can dip it in chocolate, you should. • Wednesday, December 17 - Wright Brothers Day

Celebrate the daring brothers who first took flight on a beach in North Carolina - proof that even impossible sounding dreams can soar.

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