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## Board of Education Regular Meeting is Scheduled for Monday, July 30

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its regular meeting on Monday, July 30 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.

## Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. Announces Fundraising Campaigns

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc (UWI) has announced two fundraising campaigns. They are accepting orders for laser brick pavers to be placed at your choice of location in uptown Wadesboro to honor the memory of someone special, a group or organization. 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. UWI is also taking orders for Uptown Wadesboro t-shirts sporting the new marketing logo for \$15. You may send an email with contact information and size(s) [uptownwadesboro@windstream.net](mailto:uptownwadesboro@windstream.net). Limited sizes are available now with others available later. Laser brick order forms are available at Anson County Chamber of Commerce or downloaded from [www.uptownwadesboro.com](http://www.uptownwadesboro.com) and click on Brochures and Registration Forms and then look for the Brick Paver Form. For more information please call the Uptown Wadesboro, Inc office at 704-695-1644.

## Lanesboro Inmate Loses Lawsuit Over Lack of Safety at Prison

Lanesboro Correctional Institution inmate Stacey Wynn, who is serving a life sentence for murder, has lost his lawsuit against the prison. He had sued the prison for "maintaining a dangerous environment" stating that he did not feel safe and that the source of the problem is corruption with the prison workers. In court Wynn stated that he was assaulted twice by another inmate in 2011, stabbed and left permanently disabled. He alleged that former Lanesboro Prison Administrator Lawrence Parsons knew inmates were at risk, but showed "deliberate indifference." Wynn further stated that the prison had insufficient security. Some testimony raised questions about whether Parsons and another top manager named Jeffery Wall were serious about keeping contraband out of the prison. Attorneys for the state argued that Wynn failed to take advantage of several chances to prevent the second attack, which left him with severe injuries. The attorneys said he could have told prison officers about the first attack, but didn't. He could have requested protective custody, but didn't do that either. Wynn said he didn't report the first attack because he didn't want to be branded a prison "snitch." He said this was a label that can get inmates hurt. Defense attorneys also asserted that the incident in which Wynn was injured could have been a planned fight. The state made an attempt to get the case thrown out, but the judge agreed to send it to the jury. Lanesboro is changing over over to all women inmates, with most in medium custody. This comes after a long history of violence at the facility, including recent stabbings and a murder. Currently the prison holds male inmates who are classified as "close custody" which is the highest level of supervision in state prisons.

## Harvest Ministries Working with Faith Based Center of Hope on School Supplies Giveaway

Can you help less fortunate students with a donation of school supplies or money?

This is a release by Steve Adams, Pastor of Harvest Ministries Outreach Center: As you know, it is that time of year again...back to school time. While this is an exciting and busy time for families and students alike, it can be a burdensome time for many of our county's children and parents. Many of our students don't have the finances or resources to adequately prepare for the upcoming school year. It takes book bags, pencils, paper, crayons, markers, and many other items to be successful in the classroom. This is where we are asking for your assistance. This year Vanceine Sturdivant and the Faith Based Center of Hope, along with Harvest Ministries, are sponsoring the annual "Back to School" Giveaway. This event will be held on Saturday, August 18 beginning at 11 a.m. in the auditorium at Harvest Ministries. The day will be a huge celebration, and a large amount of school supplies will be given to every educator and teacher in attendance. Harvest Ministries is located on East Caswell Street (Highway 74) in Wadesboro, behind Pizza Hut and McDonalds. This year we want to deliver hundreds of supplies to every school in Anson County! You can help make that happen. Anson students need our support. Together we are asking that you, your organization, or family will please support this endeavor wholeheartedly. Many local businesses have expressed interest in supporting this community wide event. We are writing to request monetary donation of \$100 - or any amount - to help purchase some school supplies. You can send this to PO Box 1254, Wadesboro, NC 28170. All gifts are tax deductible, and we ask that you please make checks payable to Harvest with "school supplies" on the memo line. We are trying to have donations collected no later than Wednesday, August 15. This will give us ample time to gather the supplies, materials, book-bags, etc. We thank you for your time, and appreciate all you do and support you give to make Anson County a better place for all of us who call it home. To donate items or to drop off items contact Vanceine Sturdivant at 704-294-0480 or Pastor Steve Adams at 704-695-2879. Thank you again!



## Ansonville Elementary School Students Enjoyed their Kickball Celebration Day at the End of the School Year!

## Stride for Pride Tennis Shoe Drive is Accepting Donations

Stride with Pride has begun their 8th annual season of collecting donations of new tennis shoes and/or money used to purchase tennis shoes that will be provided to under privileged youth of all diversities in Anson County. These shoes are given to youth ranging in age from kindergarten to 12th grade, and all sizes are needed. Stride with Pride is a joint effort of Sheriff Landric Reid and Patti Poulcott of Judy's Tax Service. Through the generous contributions of our community, last year Stride with Pride was able to give over 475 pairs of tennis shoes out. For 2018 the goal is to put a smile on at least the same number of faces. Collections for the upcoming school year will be going on through August 12, but you can contribute at any time during the year. Sheriff Reid said, "Patti Poulcott and I will be working to collect new shoes and monetary donations from area supporters. We hope that you will consider joining us in this important effort to help a child walk the halls of success this new school year." Patti Poulcott said, "Through your generosity we can help our youth 'Stride with Pride' this coming school year. Collections are going on now. We hope that you will consider joining us to help our local children." Also, if you are in need of shoes contact Patti Poulcott or Sheriff Reid with size information. If you would like to donate you can contact Sheriff Reid at 704-695-7771 or [lreid@co.anson.nc.us](mailto:lreid@co.anson.nc.us), or you can contact Patti Poulcott at 704-694-8386 or [ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com).

## Pool Safety Class

Safe Kids Anson will present a fun interactive lesson to increase pool safety knowledge. Pool Safety 101 will be held on Tuesday, July 31 at Little Park in Wadesboro, from 9 to 11 a.m. The class will include a safety lesson with parents followed by participants being able to splash in the pool. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For additional information and to RSVP please contact Karen Gerald at 704-694-4036 ext. 105 or by email [karen.gerald@ansonchildren.org](mailto:karen.gerald@ansonchildren.org).

## Chamber on the Half Shell Tickets Now Available!

This is a release from the Anson County Chamber of Commerce: We are excited to invite you to participate in the second annual Chamber on the Half Shell taking place on Saturday, September 29 at the Twin Valley Golf Club, from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Chamber on the Half Shell will be one of our most anticipated fundraisers of the year! Our fundraising goal for this event is \$20,000!



Pictured from left, April Hill, Kelly Sheppard, Trent Sheppard, Holly Hammonds and Mark Hammonds are shown enjoying last year's oyster roast.

We ask you to join us in our efforts to support our organization. There are three ways to support us and contribute to the success of this year's event:

- Become a sponsor - we have opportunities from \$100 to \$1,500.
- Donate a raffle item - we encourage you to be creative, items can range from your products and services, to gift certificates, baskets or experiences.
- Join us at the event! Chamber on the Half Shell will feature an all you can eat buffet complete with steamed oysters, fried shrimp, fried fish, hush puppies, cole slaw and all the fixings! There will also be a complimentary open bar complete with wine and beer to quench your thirst! And, just in case you feel like dancing, the Live House Band will join us beginning at 7:00 p.m. to turn up the volume!

Individual tickets: Chamber members \$50; non-members \$60, limited number of tickets available! Get yours at the Chamber today!

We would like to thank the following sponsors: PEARL Presenting Sponsor Anson Health and Rehabilitation; Cluster Sponsors Anson County Tourism Development Authority & South Piedmont Community College; Half Shell Sponsors Pee Dee Electric & B.V. Hendrick Gravel & Sand; Steampot Sponsors Brown Creek Animal Hospital, Carolina Title Company, H.W. Little & Company & Piedmont Plumbing Group, LLC.; Wheelbarrow Sponsor Uwharrie Bank; Goody Bag Sponsors Caroline M. Goins, Michael Lincoln, MD & Pierce Family Chiropractic.

If you have questions or would like more information about becoming a sponsor or donor for our 2018 Chamber on the Half Shell, please email the chamber at [info@ansoncountychamber.org](mailto:info@ansoncountychamber.org) or call 704-694-4181.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic, energetic and respected business organization that facilitates both economic and social growth in support of our members and the community. The Chamber strives to provide quality community events for all members and residents of Anson County.

## Senior Citizen Prom is July 26

Grace Senior Center will sponsor a "Senior Citizen Prom" on Thursday, July 26 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 7 until 10 p.m. Anyone interested in attending please call Mary Jones at Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

## Back to School with Pride Donations Accepted At Walmart Entrance

Anson County Commissioner and Faith Based Center of Hope Director Vanceine Sturdivant will be set up at the entrance to Walmart for two weekends accepting donations for the upcoming 'Back to School with Pride' school supplies giveaway for all Anson County schools on August 18. If you can find it in your heart to make any size donation, it will make a big impact on less fortunate students who otherwise may not have the basic school supplies such as pencils, notebooks, paper, book bags, etc. They will be at Walmart on Friday and Saturday, August 3 & 4 and August 10 & 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information you can call Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or Jennifer Tarlton at 704-694-3115.

## Anson Middle School End of Year Celebration

Eighth grade students at Anson Middle School celebrated a year of learning and growth! Students earned a certificate celebrating an outstanding eighth grade year at AMS. We look forward to seeing our students continue to grow and excel throughout high school and in life as they begin to realize their full potential and start to reach and work for their hopes and dreams.



**Cassius Smith**  
A special thanks to Mr. Cassius Smith for coming home to share his story while speaking life into our rising ninth graders; empowering and inspiring them to beat the odds, believe in themselves and know they can do big things in this great 'Village' we call Anson County."

## Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market

The Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. Farmers Market is open Thursdays, from 4 to 6 p.m. Come the Square (corner of Wade and Greene Streets) and you will find a variety of produce and other food items from the area. If you would like to participate as a vendor contact UWI at 704-695-1644.