

NCAE endorses educator Little for N.C. House

The North Carolina Association of Educators has endorsed Dianne Little for the House District 94 seat in the General Assembly. Little would represent Alexander and Wilkes counties.

An educator for more than 40 years, Little has always been a proponent of the profession and her colleagues. In recent years, she has become extremely concerned with the apparent attack on public education at all levels in the state. Her reason, she says, for seeking the District 94 seat, is to be a spokesperson and advocate for all teachers, students, and administrators not only in her district but across North Carolina. In addition to education, her platform includes health care, the economy, and the environment.

Little currently serves as the director of the Phillips Leadership Institute at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory. During her career in education, she has served as a classroom teacher, high school administrator, and college instructor and administrator. She has also been an active member of NCAE as well as the National Education Association.

A member of Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Chi, Phi Delta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Phi, Little earned a bachelor of science degree in English and educational specialist degree from Appalachian State University, a master of arts degree in English from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a doctorate in educational leadership from UNC-Charlotte.

"As a classroom teacher, administrator, and director at the community college level, Dianne Little has extensive experience in many levels of education and is a lifelong learner and listener



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that will truly represent her constituents," said Teresa Riddle, president of the Alexander County Association of Educators. "Because of this vast and diverse experience, her peers have much respect for her and value her opinions. Dianne is to be commended for wanting to call attention to, rectify, and restore public education in North Carolina to its rightful role in society. She is the best candidate for District 94 because she will be brave enough to say 'Enough' in Raleigh."

NCAE's focus is to support candidates who can help fully restore education funding to North Carolina's public schools and move the state forward. The Association's 2018 Legislative Agenda puts priorities on retaining and recruiting quality educators, increasing per-pupil expenditures (39th in the nation) and funding for textbooks, restoring teacher assistant positions, eliminating additional funding for private school vouchers, and providing professional compensation for all educators (37th in the nation).

NCAE is the state's largest education advocacy organization for public school employees, and represents active, retired, and student members.

CVCC offering fall 2018 EMT Credential Course

Catawba Valley Community College is accepting registrations for the fall EMT course beginning September 6.

A prerequisite for a paramedic certification, the EMT course is approximately 216 hours in length, and includes classroom, skills development, and clinical components. The clinical portion involves responding to emergency calls with one of the local county EMS providers.

The course is taught in a hybrid format, online and seated in the classroom and lab, with some Saturdays. It ends Dec. 13.

Upon successful completion, students will be eligible to sit for the NC OEMS credentialing examination for EMT.

Students are required to submit a certified criminal background check to the clinical EMS affiliate when instructed by said affiliate.

Tuition for the course is \$180, plus additional supplies, including tuition liability and accident insurance, lab fees, textbook, workbook and CPR card totaling approximately \$300. Students with a fire, rescue or EMS affiliation are eligible for fee waiver with appropriate documentation.

For more information regarding admission requirements, visit http://www.cvcc.edu/CCE/Public_Services/emt.cfm, or contact Program Director Nimon Badgley, pbadgley@cvcc.edu, 828-327-7000, ext. 4331.

CVCC enrolling for Computed Tomography (CT) Program

Catawba Valley Community College is enrolling for its next Computed Tomography Program class starting in September. Admission is open to technologists currently credentialed and working in the areas of Computed Tomography, Radiography, Radiation Therapy or Nuclear Medicine. Students currently enrolled in one of these programs may also be considered for admission. Offered through the college's Continuing Education Department, instruction will be offered online for the convenience of working technologists.

The program prepares imaging professionals to

apply for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists certification exam in Computed Tomography once all didactic and clinical requirements are completed.

For more information and applications, interested applicants can visit www.cvcc.edu/Health_Public_Services/Health_Services/Radiography/index.cfm.

The deadline for completed applications is August 29. Completed applications should be submitted to Robin Cornett, Radiography Director, CVCC, 2550 Hwy. 70 SE, Hickory, NC 28602 or rcornett@cvcc.edu.



JOINS MUSIC SCHOOL STAFF — Sam Childs joins the Studio3 Music School staff as a Mandolin teacher for the fall 2018 semester. Director Kathy Estes reports, "Sam is a terrific addition to our school. His experience and musical expertise offers even more opportunity to the children of our community. We have been getting requests for mandolin lessons, and Sam is the perfect teacher to fill that need." The Taylorsville non-profit school is taking registrations now for many instrumental classes and chorus. Learn more at www.studio3nc.com.

Mid-Week Fellowship Meals resume at Bethlehem Baptist

Following a summer break, Bethlehem Baptist Church will resume Mid-Week Fellowship Meals on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Join in for a delicious dinner between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 13 with a \$15 family max.

After the meal, there are opportunities for all ages at 6:30pm:

- **BBC KIDS** - (infants through grade five) enjoy age-appropriate crafts, music and lesson time...all biblically designed to teach the Gospel and growth their faith.
- **ROCK 127 STUDENTS** - (grades six through twelve) enjoy Bible study and fellowship. A typical Wednesday night includes games, music, praise and

worship, snacks, and an interactive discussion-based lesson from God's word.

- **BIBLE STUDY** - for all ages also incorporates a time of prayer and fellowship.

Getting into the building may look a little confusing due to construction, but just follow the signs to park behind the building. Entrances from the parking area are to the far left and far right. Guest parking is available near the building, and greeters will welcome you just inside the door.

Bethlehem Baptist Church is located at 7500 NC Hwy. 127, Taylorsville. For more information, call 828-495-7250 or visit www.bethlehembc.org.

One-Stop Voting Plan set for General Election

The Alexander County Board of Elections met during a public meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, to discuss and adopt a one-stop early voting plan for the November 6, 2018, General Election. The NC General assembly recently enacted Session Law 2018-112 and Session Law 2018-129 to make statutory changes to the early voting period, as well as, new requirements for additional one-stop sites. The one-stop period now begins on the third Wednesday before Election Day (October 17) and ends the Saturday before Election Day (November 3). The early voting period is now 18 days, as opposed to 17 days under prior law. On each weekday during the early voting period, all additional one-stop sites in the county must now be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Also any day a one-stop site in the county is open, all one-stop sites in the county must be open on that day.

Previously adopted one-stop plans included 3 one-stop early

voting locations. The Board of Elections office operated for 12 weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 2 Saturdays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a total of 118 hours. The 2 additional sites (Bethlehem Community Fire/Rescue and Former Energy United Building in Stony Point) operated for five weekdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and one Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., for a total of 45 hours each. This previous plan provided 208 hours of one-stop voting.

To comply with session law 2018-112 and 2018-129, the Board unanimously adopted a one-stop plan to continue operating three one-stop locations. All 3 locations will operate for 13 weekdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and one Saturday (Nov. 3), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., for a total of 161 hours each. This adopted plan provides 483 total hours of one-stop early voting, an additional 275 hours of voting compared to previously adopted plans.

The voting schedule is online at www.alexandercountync.gov.

Auditions for "Twelve Angry Jurors" set at The Green Room

The search is on for talented men and women between the ages of 18-75 for the upcoming show "Twelve Angry Jurors" in Newton. The show is being directed by Sylvia Schnople, who recently directed "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" last season.

Originally scripted as "12 Angry Men" in 1954, "12 Angry Jurors" is widely acknowledged to be one of the greatest courtroom dramas of all time. Centered around the U.S. judicial system, "12 Angry Jurors" tells the story of a single juror holding the rest of the jury from a guilty verdict in a murder trial as she sets her sights on getting the others to look at the situation in an objective, unbiased way. What develops is a picture of America at its best... and its worst.

Since this show takes place in a courtroom, we are partnering with the Catawba County Historical Association to present all six performances in the Old 1924 Courthouse in downtown Newton. Auditions are set for August 27 & 28, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

This audition will involve participating in a cold read and some improv as well. Rehearsals for the show will begin after Labor Day.

Actors must be available for all performances, which are scheduled for Oct. 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21 and a Producer's Night, to be scheduled. Please bring your list of rehearsal conflicts to audition. You MUST be able to attend all of Tech Week (October 7-11, 2018), unless in rare emergency cases an exception is approved before being cast by the director.

All auditions will be held at the Old Post Office Playhouse located at 10 South Main Avenue, Newton, NC 28658. Please enter at the lower level door at the back of the building (on South Ashe Avenue).

If you have any questions, please call The Green Room Community Theatre at (828) 464-6583 or visit our website: www.thegreenroomtheatre.org.

The Green Room Community Theatre is a funded affiliate of the United Arts Council of Catawba County.

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