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Upcoming Election - How to Get a Free Photo ID

What documents must I take to the DMV to get a free Photo ID card for voting purposes? The DMV requires that certain documents be presented before it will issue a photo ID. The requirements include:

- 1) Two documents that prove your age and identity. Examples: a birth certificate, court documents, or tax forms.
- 2) A valid social security number. A voter's Social Security card is not required unless the DMV is unable to validate the number provided by the voter.
- 3) One document to prove your North Carolina residency. Examples: a lease, voter registration card, or utility bill. If you do not have one of these documents, you may be able to complete an affidavit of residency at the DMV.

Visit www.ncdot.gov to see a list of required documents or contact the State Board of Elections' Voter Outreach Team for assistance at VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov.

Deadline for Kenan Fellowship Quickly Approaching - January 25

The deadline to apply for a Kenan Fellowship sponsored by Pee Dee Electric is quickly approaching. Educators who teach grades K-12 within Pee Dee Electric's service territory are eligible to apply for the fellowship, which is designed to advance educational excellence by fostering collaboration between STEM educators and business and industries across North Carolina.

The deadline for applications is Monday, January 25th. A description of the fellowship offered through Pee Dee Electric, program overview and access to the application can be found on the Kenan Fellows website at www.kenanfellows.org. The 2016-17 Kenan Fellows will be named in early May 2016.

The fellowship is a paid internship opportunity that provides solutions-driven K-12 teachers with 80 hours of professional development while developing innovative lessons for students, leading professional development for their colleagues, and designing community-engagement activities. These educational resources and programs are shared with other educators and used in classrooms, school systems and communities throughout the state and beyond.

In addition to the internship and professional development, the selected educator will receive a \$5000 stipend. A one-year commitment is required and educators must remain in the classroom while completing the requirements. "Preparing students for the real world takes teachers who learn in the real world," stated Lisa Hibler, associate director for the Kenan Fellows program. "Kenan Fellowships provide a way for educators to learn how the work being done within business and industry settings can be made relevant to students."

The Kenan Fellows Program was established in 2000 as an initiative of the Kenan Institute for Engineering, Technology and Science at N.C. State University. The program fosters collaboration between K-12 educators, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) professionals, philanthropic organizations, universities, museums, businesses, and industries across North Carolina to drive innovations in education and inspire future generations of great thinkers, leaders, and inventors.

"As members of the communities in which we serve," stated Spivey, "we feel it's important to provide ways for our educators, students and citizens alike to benefit from educational opportunities by promoting and supporting excellence in education. The Kenan Fellows Program is providing us with a solid foundation to do just that."

Pee Dee Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative whose goal is to provide reliable, dependable electric service for its members while focusing on value, quality customer service, and enhancing life in the communities we serve. Pee Dee's service area consists of Anson, Richmond, Union, Stanly, Montgomery, Moore, and Scotland counties. For more information about Pee Dee Electric, please visit www.pdemc.com.

4-H Clover Crawl Social is Back!

Get your tickets now before it sells out!



Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise is pleased to announce that the Clover Crawl is back. The event will be held Friday, March 11 at Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro, from 6 until 11 p.m. The Clover Crawl is an adult event, 21 and over. The event will be sure to bring an evening of fun, food, dancing and great socializing. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and drinks will be served. The DJ again this year is 4-H alumnus Ryan Short of Ryan Short Entertainment (www.ryanshort.net).

Advanced tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the Extension Office located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, Lacy's, or from committee members and staff. Ticket price at the door will be \$40.

Back by popular demand is the Dance Competition. Individuals and groups can take their talent to the dance floor to vie for the title of "2016 Clover Crawl Dance Competition Winner." Registration will be available at the ticket table the night of the event.

Funds raised during this event are used to support ongoing 4-H programs in the county. The money raised from the Clover Crawl will support programs that address the well being of youth, families, and communities in Anson County. 4-H programs annually reach over 1,051 young people in the community. Youth participate in activities and programs such as school enrichment, summer camps, after school programming, community service and other year round educational programs.

Anson 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise also works with adults, volunteer leaders and youth to provide community projects, parenting skills and enhanced leadership abilities. All 4-H programming is available to any youth between ages 5-19.

"Our fundraiser has been a success in previous years," said Roshunda Terry, 4-H Director. "We are optimistic that we will have an even better response this year. 4-H programs have had much impact on the youth in this county through the years. With the public's help and support, programs can continue to make significant contributions to their future, and the future of our county."

If you would like to learn more information about this event please contact Roshunda Terry at 704-694-2915.



BRLC Held Celebration Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King

This is a release from Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: Children, youth and community neighbors throughout Anson and surrounding counties joined together to honor and celebrate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights supporters. Attendees enjoyed food, inspirational moments, music and speeches.

The Kid's Café children, under the instruction of afterschool teacher Ms. Watkins, gave speeches, recitations, and performed songs and dances portraying the life and memories of Dr. King. The students encouraged all who attended to form a habit of reading. The students shared how valuable reading is and all the things that could be gain through reading. The children did this through singing.

Little Jamiah Brewer, a student at Lilesville Elementary School and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Brewer of Burnsville, said the Lord's Prayer as the event began. Casey Anderson from Marshville, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Eller, sang a spiritual selection. Chelsea Thomas, daughter of Miss Antronette Thomas, did a selection of *This Little Light of Mine*. The West Deep Creek Baptist Church Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. Sharon Little provided the gathering with three beautiful songs. Mr. Larry Sturdivant, with the assistance of Mrs. Sharon Little, shared a reading on the Emancipation Proclamation. Mr. Sturdivant's part was Remembering History.

The famous speech "I have a Dream" was recited in part by Rev. Bobby Eller of Marshville, Minister Mary Burns of Peachland, Wadesboro Middle school student Mya Sturdivant of Polkton and Anson High student Alton Jackson of Burnsville.

Food was donated and prepared by Carol Smith and Deloris Hammond. The Kids Café students did a fabulous job as they served all the guests. The BRLC expresses thanks to all who participated in this special event.

Donate on Line 30 of State Income Tax Form to Help Wildlife

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission is asking taxpayers to think "wildlife conservation" when filling out their North Carolina state tax income form this year. Whether they hunt, fish or simply watch wildlife, taxpayers can help conserve North Carolina's nongame wildlife and their habitats by donating a portion of their refund to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund by checking on line 30 of their state income tax form. Nongame wildlife includes all the birds, mammals, fish, mollusks, reptiles, amphibians, and crayfish that do not have a designated hunting or fishing season. Although tax check-off donations target projects benefiting nongame animals and their habitats, game species such as deer, turkey and bear also benefit because they share many of these same habitats.

The Commission uses tax-check off donations to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund to support nongame wildlife research, conservation and management, including monitoring populations of red-cockaded woodpeckers and peregrine falcons, managing habitat to benefit bog turtles, surveying for gopher frogs, developing captive breeding techniques for mussels, and for research and future restoration efforts.

Donations make up the largest and most significant source of non-federal funding to help these animals, so donations - no matter how small - are critical to the continuation of many projects.

"Any amount people donate helps us to match federal and other grants, pay for educational activities and programs, such as the N.C. Birding Trail and Green Growth Toolbox, and conduct research on nongame and endangered animals," said Allen Boynton, Wildlife Diversity Program coordinator with the Commission. "By matching grants, we can increase the dollars that are available to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. A \$100 donation results in at least an additional \$185 that we have to use to help protect these species."

Current work includes surveys to determine the abundance and distribution of many species throughout the state, such as sea turtles along the coast, robust redhorse in the Piedmont and golden eagles in the mountains. Through surveys, biologists collect data that help them determine the most effective ways to manage wildlife and their habitats, ensuring that species not only survive, but thrive, in a state where habitat continues to disappear at an alarming rate.

The Tar Heel state is home to more than 1,000 native species. Many of them, such as box turtles, green anoles and cardinals, are common and can be found in many backyards, fields and woods. Others, such as sea turtles, many freshwater mussel species and several bat species, are endangered or threatened and need conservation to prevent them from disappearing entirely from our state's landscape.

Online tax preparation software, such as TurboTax, does not have numbered lines, so e-filers will be asked if they would like to make a donation to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. Other tax filers can also tell their tax preparer they would like to donate.

Tax season isn't the only time or way to contribute to wildlife conservation. Other ways to help North Carolina's wildlife and their habitats year-round are:

- Registering a vehicle or trailer with a N.C. Wildlife Conservation license plate
- Donating online at www.ncwildlife.org/give

More information about the Wildlife Diversity Program, including projects and quarterly reports, is available on the Commission's website www.ncwildlife.org/Conserving/Programs/WildlifeDiversityProgram.

Indoor Corn Hole Tournament this Saturday

You are invited to come show your skills at playing Corn Hole while supporting the efforts of area baseball players. The Stars Sports Indoor Corn Hole Tournament will be held this Saturday, January 23 beginning at 12 noon. It will take place at 1584 Highway 151 South in Pageland, SC, just a short distance from Anson County. There will be food, prizes, raffles and more fun too! The funds raised will help the 12U Stars baseball team compete in Omaha, Nebraska this summer.

The cost is \$30 per team if you sign up before January 22, \$40 at the door. There are free t-shirts for those who sign up before January 15. Call or text Sherry at 704-534-5327 for information or to sign up.

Soul Street Dance Company Show at the Ansonia Friday

The Ansonia Theatre is proud to present Soul Street Dance Company this Friday January 22 at 7:30 p.m. These gentlemen are all formerly at-risk youth who turned their lives around through the art of dance. Now they travel the globe telling their story and spreading hope and inspiration to all. This show is not to be missed! Fantastic moves, great music and lots of laughs too.

Tickets are \$15 for general seating. Call 704-694-4950 or visit www.ansoniatheatre.com.

Democratic Party Training Event

This is a release from the Anson County Democratic Party: The Democratic Party of the 8th US Congressional District is pleased to announce that we are holding a district training event on Saturday, January 23 at the Hampton B. Allen library, located at 120 South Greene Street in Wadesboro. This training event is open to all Democratic Party county executives, precinct chairs and auxiliary leaders in the 12 counties that comprise the 8th district. Registration starts at 9 a.m., and we have scheduled a tightly packed day of workshops featuring expert presenters from all over the state to help party leaders in the district enhance their effectiveness in grassroots organizing and get out the vote initiatives in a variety of ways.

Please RSVP by preregistering at www.district8democrats.com/register.html.

Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 will be meeting on Saturday, January 23 at 3 p.m. at Lady Bug Restaurant. Reunion plans are being made. All classmates are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Patricia Little or Winnie Brown at 704-475-0755 or wmbfh1953@gmail.com.

Free Movie at Hampton B. Allen Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie for January 25 at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The movie stars Sarah Drew, Sean Astin, Patricia Heaton and Trace Adkins. All Allyson and her friends want is a peaceful, grown-up evening of dinner and conversation - a long-needed mom's night out. To do this they need their husbands to watch the kids for three hours - what could go wrong? The movie is rated PG.