

### Several Ansonians Attend NC Democratic Party Event



Vancine Sturdivant, Chairman of the Anson County Democratic Party, attended the North Carolina Democratic Party State Executive Committee meeting on February 2 along with Ansonians Garletha Pratt and Anna and Lonnie Baucom. This meeting, held at the Durham Convection Center, hosted over 800 state executive committee members from around North Carolina. Randy Voller was named State Democratic Party Chair.

Voller recognized Anson County. He presented Sturdivant with a certificate and stated, "Vancine does what is best for the citizens of this great county and Anson County will remain blue under her leadership."

Pictured here, from left, are Beth Woods, State Auditor, Vancine Sturdivant, Anson County Chair, Cherrie Beasley, Supreme Court Judge and Garletha Pratt, Acting Secretary of the Anson County Democratic Party.

### Lilesville Elementary School Students Study Martin Luther King

During the 1950's and '60's civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recognized the power of service to strengthen communities and achieve common goals. During the month of January Lilesville Elementary School students and staff focused on helping all ages and backgrounds come together to improve lives, bridge social barriers, and move our nation closer to the beloved community that Dr. King envisioned.

Ms. Leslie Hanna, media specialist, used a SMART board in the media center to have students watch a reading by Scholastic of the book *Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Doreen Rappaport. A follow-up activity included a discussion about how Dr. King used words and not weapons to fight injustice.

Mrs. Lynn Sheppard's first grade class and Mrs. Emily Bowers' second grade class watched a series of video clips Dr. King using [www.discoveryeducation.com](http://www.discoveryeducation.com), and discussed why we have a holiday in his honor.

Mrs. Holly Knotts' third grade class and Mrs. Sharon Belcher's fourth grade class wrote about the future, while Mrs. Melinda Corbett and Mr. Thomas Martin's fourth grade classes reviewed vocabulary such as assassination, civil rights, eloquent, liberal, pastor, protest, segregate and universal. They also reviewed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and achievements.

Mrs. Frances McClendon focused on the topic "Everybody is Different" with the students in her guidance classes. She and the students examined Dr. King's belief that everyone should be treated fairly and with respect regardless of their differences. They discussed different cultures, styles, and personalities that make everyone special.



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### Remembering..... By Ed McBride



### Things that Were!!

The above picture of a bird in the tree next door to my house was one from pictures I took in the winter of 2001. And they say we might get some "real snow" - don't know when though!!

Actually I was thinking of all the technology that we have seen during the past 50-60 years. Can you imagine so much has "come into place" during that time? So many things, such as the modern grocery stores. I can even remember selling Eight o'Clock coffee at the A&P Grocery for sometimes lower than 45¢ per pound. And, a new car today - some prices are more than \$50,000. Of course my first new one was a Studebaker Champion at the price of \$875!!

I can really share with you some of the things that have happened during the years gone by. I have seen and experienced so many...so much...so many!!! Ed



### Brandon Rowell Gifts Meditation Bench to City Pond

For his Eagle Scout project, Brandon Rowell wanted to recognize and honor his great-grandfather, Mr Harvey "Buck" Horne. As Mr Horne was the caretaker of the City Pond for many years, it was only fitting that the plans included something in the area of the lake. Brandon settled on a "meditation" bench overlooking the lake, placed between the dam and a rock outcropping. The project was built and installed with the help of members of Troop 170, with special assistance from Mr. Ken Dean of Lilesville.

Currently a member of Troop 170 of Wadesboro, Brandon completed his other achievements and requirements in his quest for Eagle with Boy Scout Troop 555 of Lilesville.

Brandon is the son of Cathie Sessions of Wadesboro, and the grandson of Lib Sessions and the late Paul Sessions, Jr., also of Wadesboro.

### When I Grow Up...



Students at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School had the opportunity to learn about a variety of careers during Career Day on November 16th. Thirty guest speakers representing 13 of the 16 career clusters talked with students about their jobs, the training required, and the importance of graduating from high school, including education beyond. Staff also wore attire to represent the respective college they attended.

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, community members who helped make career day a success!

Pictured here, Jayden Baxley, Jessica Turner and the other students in Mrs. Miles' Kindergarten class enjoyed a presentation by Chris Miley of Pee Dee Electric. Students received goodie bags after a trip outside to learn about the bucket truck.

### Free Movie is *The Green Mile*

*The Green Mile* will be shown at Grace Senior Center on Monday, February 18 at 2 p.m. The movie details a black inmate named John Coffey who was convicted of a murder is on death row...or as other inmates call it, the "Green Mile." Coffey was a simple man with only simple aggression, who does not have the ability to kill. Refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend please call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

### I Have a Dream. Do You Have a Dream?

Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center honored Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 23 at 1 p.m. The event was well attended by students and parents. Several students came from as far away as Charlotte and Albemarle. Approximately 21 students took an active part in the holiday program.

Mrs. Lula Jackson of the Burnsville Community who is the Executive Director of the Anson County Department of Social Services was the invited guest speaker. Volunteer Marvin Smith presided over the event. John Tumberlin gave the welcome address.

Rasheed Burns, Brianna Clyburn and Itoya Ingram recited the 23 Psalm. The 91 Psalm was recited by Landon Jeffery and Adrian Clark. One of the civil rights songs, *We Shall Overcome*, was sung by young Alton Jackson.

The *I Have a Dream* speech was separated into parts and recited by students. They were Allana Jackson, Colby Lee, Alton Jackson, Rasheed Burns, Enrique Burns, Eyanni Polk, Devours Hammond, Jackeem Ingram, Zadra Clark, Taylor Rorie, Allen Jackson and Jeremy Sikes.

Monell and Allona Dunlap did readings on the life of Dr. King.

Student Jasmine Rorie introduced guest speaker Jackson. Mrs. Jackson's topic was *Do You Have a Dream?* She included in her speech that dedication, responsiveness, passion and education are factors to a making a dream come to reality. An individual may not see the complete manifestation of their dream - they many only experience a small portion - but don't give up.

The BRLC gives cheers to all the people who made this event possible.

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### WPS Honor Rolls

Wadesboro Primary School has released their honor rolls for the second 9 week period.

**A HONOR ROLL**  
**3rd Grade** Case Carpenter, Dexter Jones, Erin Lookabill, Labdi Shah, Iyana Mercado

**A/B HONOR ROLL**  
**3rd Grade** Daisy Allen, Jamison Allen, Stephanie Brown, Micah Chambers, Samuel Chambers, ShaMaiya Christian, Jaylin Coleman, Chenoa Gaddy, Trajan Gatewood, Hunter Hildreth, Landon Hunter, Dyllan Jones, Jak Kendall, Maddie Martin, Evan Parsons, Jaybreona Parsons, Makhia Polk, Zykirriah Shaver, Nathaniel Smith, Ezkeial Tillman, Zachary Wall