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Serving Anson County and the Municipalities of Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton and Wadesboro.

School Board Meets on May 16

The date for the regular Board of Education meeting for May has been changed to Tuesday, May 16. The meeting will take place in the Administrative Office Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. The Board will hold a Closed Session at 5:30 p.m., and the Open Session for the public will begin about 6:30 p.m.

Yard Sale to Benefit the Anson Animal Shelter is Saturday

The community is invited to attend a Yard Sale at the Anson County Animal Shelter on Saturday, May 6. The event will take place from 8 a.m. until. All funds raised by this sale will go toward helping the animals at the shelter.

There will be hot dogs, chips, popcorn, drinks and a 'split the pot' drawing. Donations of dog and cat food, bleach, laundry detergent, dish liquid and paper towels will be gratefully accepted.

Come and meet all the furry friends at the shelter that are awaiting their forever homes. Who knows, you may find a dog or cat that you just cannot resist taking home with you!

Any support you can offer, whether by purchasing some of the great items on sale or by donating items or money, will be of great benefit to the animals at the shelter. Together we can save the abandoned animals in Anson County.

The Anson Animal Shelter is located on Highway 74 in Polkton at the entrance to the Field of Dreams.

The Play On Golden Pond Opens Friday at the Ansonia

The Ansonia Theatre is gearing up for the opening night of *On Golden Pond*, a performance that will captivate the young and young at heart. Most of you probably remember the movie that was released in 1981 directed by Mark Rydell. The screenplay by Ernest Thompson was adapted from his 1979 play of the same name.

The plot focuses on aging couple Ethel and Norman Thayer, who spend each summer at their home on a lake called Golden Pond. This summer they are visited by daughter Chelsea along with her fiancé Billy Ray and his son Billy Ray, Jr. The play explores the often turbulent relationship the young woman shared with her father growing up, and the difficulties faced by a couple in the twilight years of a long marriage.

The cast for this production are legendary on the Ansonia stage. They are Robert Graves as Norman Thayer, Libby Dandridge as Ethel Thayer, Lisa Tarlton as Chelsea Thayer Wayne, Mark Traywick as Bill Ray, Tyler Baucom as Billy Ray, Glenn Caulder as Charlie Martin and Lauren Sellers as the operator.

This is a show you will not want to miss! Tickets are on sale now at ansoniatheatre.com and at the Anson County Arts Council. Call 704-694-4950 for more information.

Show dates and times are Friday and Saturdays, May 5, 6, 12 & 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, May 7 & 14 at 3 p.m.

Anson County 4-H Hosting Fun Day this Saturday at Tractor Supply

For the second year in a row Anson County 4-H will be having a Fun Day at Tractor Supply this Saturday, May 6. The event will run from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be activities for all ages - youth and adults.

Agencies that are partnering with Anson County 4-H are Carolinas HealthCare System-Anson, Anson County Partnership for Children and NC Forest Services. You will have a chance to have health screenings, learn about the robotics program and operate the robot, enjoy snow cones, music, free giveaways and much, much more! The event is free so it does not get any better than that. This event supports the Paper Clover Campaign that 4-H does in partnership with Tractor Supply Stores around the county.

The Paper Clover Campaign is held in the spring and fall of each year. 4-H Director Roshunda Terry said, "During this semi-annual event we ask all businesses, community partners, friends and family to support 4-H. 100% of each dollar goes to 4-H. 75% of all funds collected support local and state 4-H programs right here in Anson County."

Anson County 4-H uses the money that is raised to help with expenses for county wide programming including, teen leadership programs, school enrichment programs and summer programs for youth ages 5-14. This money helps with program supplies, presenters, and keeping cost at a minimum for participants.

Terry concluded, "If you cannot attend Fun Day, we do ask that you stop by Tractor Supply and purchase a paper clover for \$1.00 during April 26 to May 7.

Samiya Jones Caught the Most Fish at Youth Fishing Day

Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge held its annual Youth Fishing on Saturday, April 22 at their Sullivan Pond. This popular event was well attended by many young anglers enjoying the day while trying to win one of the prizes awarded. In preparation for the event Refuge staff stocked the pond with over 400 fish.

The big winner was eight year old Samiya Jones. She caught 20 fish! Samiya, the daughter of Brian Pruitt of Asheboro and Jennifer Hosley of Lilesville, attends Lilesville Elementary School. She loves swimming and fishing. Congratulations Samiya!

For more information about Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge call 704-694-4424. It is located at 5770 Highway 52 North, between Wadesboro and Ansonville.



Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Terrific Kids

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School held its Terrific Kids Celebration for the third 9 weeks on Tuesday, April 18. Pictured above are the students who were recognized for this honor. We are proud of these students for showing good character!

From left, front row: Eliana Kellogg, Jamie Thao, Brodie Lear, Jacob Smith, Noah Jones, Brooklyn Maske, Lucy Thao, Valeria Ayala, Sandrella Polk, Trajon Polk, Aubrey Stevens, Cherish Chambers and Makyna Nance. Second row: Leigha Clarke, Easton Taylor, Catie Stegall, Walter Marsh, Savanna Smith, Makyle Ingram, Pedro Veronica-Martinez, Baylee Goodwin, Kamryn Winfield, ZaDariya Wall, Sophia Goodwin, London Williams, Kaylee Caulder and Brentley Moore. Third row: Cameron Eddins, Chloe Drake, Cierra Lear, Lela Chaney, Bethany Smith, Maddie Burr, Kailey Tucker, Aaron Parra, Jake Kearney, Travion Little, Faith Dyne, Brayden Burr and Terrell Marsh. Fourth row: Aleah Baucom, Angelica Crawford, Barbara Taylor, Mayci McCollum, Hunter Philemon, Myron Ingram, Graham Fowler and Cameron Hildreth. John Thao and Zyriana Sturdivant are not pictured.

Anson County 4-H to Host Summer Adventure Camp

Many of the youth in the county have received brochures through their school in regards to the Summer Adventure Camp program coordinated by Anson County 4-H. This year's Summer Adventure Camp will bring more adventure, education and fun activities than ever before! The dates and themes of the camps are listed below

- Week 1 "Cloverbud Camp" June 20-22, 5-8 years, \$35, Limit: 22
- Week 2 "Day Camp @ Millstone 4-H Center" July 5-7, 9-14 years, \$70, Limit: 25
- Week 3 "From Agriculture to Science Technology" July 11-13, 9-12 years, \$35, Limit 25
- Week 4 "Cloverbud Camp" July 18-20, 5-8 years, \$35, Limit: 22

All time of camps are from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Remember, you do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to participate in the summer fun programs.

The cost for each week includes snacks, all supplies and cost of trips during that week. Registration begins Tuesday, May 9 at 8:30 a.m. Don't wait too long to sign up for these programs, classes are limited and registering will be on a first come, first serve basis. So, start bringing forms in as soon as possible! Remember, adults must come and register youth at the Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street, Wadesboro.

If you have not seen a brochure or if you have questions about any of the weeks of camp, please call the Extension Office at 704-694-2915 for more details.

Tips for Avoiding Home Improvement Scams

The recent Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker Risk Report identified home improvement scams as one of the riskiest. Follow these tips when hiring a contractor.

As the weather gets warmer the Better Business Bureau sees an uptick in searches for home improvement-related businesses. Unfortunately, with home improvement season comes home improvement scams. The recent Scam Tracker Risk Report revealed scams of this kind are among the riskiest because, not only are you more likely to be exposed, but you're also more likely to lose money - and lots of it.

So what should you look for? And how can you protect yourself? The Better Business Bureau offers these tips to protect yourself and your home:

- Make sure the contract is thorough. It should include a detailed explanation of what is to be done, the materials to be used and a completion date, as well as an agreed upon price and method of payment. Keep copies of contracts or guarantees.
- Obtain verbal promises in writing.
- Recognize that you may have a 3-day right of cancellation privilege. According to the NCDOJ, in some instances, you have the right to cancel certain transactions even after you have signed a contract or agreement. In these cases, the seller should put this in the contract.
- Obtain several estimates before making a decision.
- Look for payment "red flags." Cash-only deals, high-pressure sales tactics, or high up-front payments should make you pause.
- Get as much information as possible. Always obtain a driver's license identification, license plate number or verifiable name, address and phone number when dealing with individuals with whom you are not familiar or on whom you have no prior information.
- Ask for references.
- Know the law. Work with businesses that have proper licenses and insurance, and make sure they will obtain the necessary permits to get the work done.

For more information on avoiding home improvement scams or to search for BBB accredited businesses, visit www.bbb.org.

Free Groceries Available to Eligible Families this Saturday

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) Emergency Food Pantry will distribute free food products this Saturday, May 6 at 10 a.m. These foods are provided by the NC Department of Agriculture through the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. Families will be served until the food runs out - first come, first served.

Due to changes with the BRLC distribution schedules, USDA Commodities will only be given out on Saturdays. Neighbors will only be served once monthly with these items as long as they last.

The US federal income guidelines will be a determining factor for each individual's eligibility and food items will only be available to Ansonians who qualify. Individuals who have not registered before nor received food from the BRLC Emergency Food Pantry must have financial documentation as proof of income to be served. A neighbor who does not have the necessary documentations will not be served. Families that receive food stamp assistance automatically qualify. Each family will only be provided these commodities this month. Parents are asked not to bring small children. Neighbors, please park in parking lot behind center.

You can contact BRLC at 704-826-8182 for information. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

Anson County Parks & Recreation Swim Lessons

Anson County Parks & Recreation will be offering swim lessons. There will be different classes for various age groups and skill levels, from beginners to advanced. The cost is \$18. There must be a minimum of 10 in each class in order to have the class. Classes are open for registration until the first day of class.

Classes will be held July 10-20, July 24-August 3 and August 7-17.

You can register at Little Park in Wadesboro, or at elementary schools during the month of May. The Express will publish the school registration schedules in the next edition.

For more information call Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.

Appreciation Service to be Held for Elder Pearl Taylor

Johnson Chapel Holiness Church will hold a 4th Appreciation Service for Elder Pearl Taylor on Sunday, May 7. The service begins at 3 p.m. The speaker is Pastor Terry Little. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Johnson Chapel Holiness Church is located at 501 Prescott Street in Wadesboro.

50+ Club Meeting Features Music on May 8

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, May 8 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. The program features the music of Kaylee Lomax and Brooke Edwards. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the music of these talented young ladies.

For more information call 704-694-5177.

Annual Compassionate Friends Balloon Release is May 11

The Compassionate Friends is a support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a child. They cordially invite you to their annual Balloon Release and Covered Dish Meal. This is a special time as everyone joins together to remember our children are no longer with us.

This event will take place on Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m. at the Polkton Depot. Please bring a photograph of your child, a well filled picnic basket, and your family and friends. Everyone is welcome.

The Compassionate Friends meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric, located on Highway 52 North in Wadesboro. For more information call Irvin Thompson at 704-694-8774.

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