

Anson County 4-H to Host Summer Cloverbud Camp

Anson County 4-H will be offering a Cloverbud Day camp on July 12-15, 2011. This camp is open for youth between the ages of 5-8 years of age. You do not have to be in 4-H to participate in day camp.

Brochures will be sent home to youth next week through the schools so be on look out for those in your child's backpack. The cost for Clover day camp is \$25. The cost for each week includes snacks, all supplies and cost of trips during that week. 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 from your child or if you have questions about the camp, please call the Extension Office at 704-694-2915 for more details.

Safe Kids North Carolina Reminds Families to Pool Safely

Safe Kids North Carolina, a statewide coalition housed in the North Carolina Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal, today announced a new pool safety program that aims to keep children safe in the water this swimming season and throughout the year. Partnering with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Safe Kids North Carolina plans to make pool safety a priority by advocating the adoption of simple water safety steps with its Pool Safely: Simple Steps Save Lives campaign.

"As the summer months approach, I want to ensure that anyone using a pool or a spa implements a personal system of safety that consists of adding as many proven water safety practices as possible," said Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin, chair of Safe Kids North Carolina. "There are easy steps that everyone can take to decrease what has become the leading cause of accidental death in the home of children under five."

The main goals of the campaign are to raise public awareness about drowning and entrapment prevention, support industry compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, and improve safety at pools and spas.

Some of the simple steps that can save lives are:

- Having an adult actively supervise any time children are near, or in, any type of water
- Installing barriers that completely surround the pool with self-closing, self-latching gates
- Staying close, being alert and watching children at the pool
- Learning and practicing water safety skills (knowing how to swim and perform CPR)
- Having the appropriate safety equipment (compliant drain covers, alarms, barriers and sensors)

With an estimated 300 children five-years-old and younger drowning in swimming pools and spas each year, the Pool Safely campaign is a first-of-its-kind national public education effort to reduce child drownings, near-drownings and entrapments in swimming pools and spas. A comprehensive CPSC study found that 2,000 children are treated annually in hospital emergency rooms for submersion injuries sustained in familiar surroundings, with a majority of those victims being supervised by one or both parents at the time of the accident.

For more information about the Pool Safely campaign and printable resources for pool and spa safety, go to www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/SafeKids/sk_parents_water.asp.

This Week in Raleigh

Yesterday, Republicans in the North Carolina Senate Committee on Appropriations / Base Budget passed the largest cut to public schools in North Carolina history – but not before defeating numerous Democratic proposals to stop teacher assistant layoffs at public schools, to protect the Smart Start preschool program, and to protect funding for women's health programs.

The Senate GOP budget results in over 20,000 layoffs of teachers, teacher assistants, and educators. The budget plan would make North Carolina nearly dead last in national rankings of per-student funding, behind even South Carolina and Mississippi.

"Our schools are already underfunded, but the Senate Republican budget makes \$700 million in cuts in our schools and classrooms," former high school teacher Sen. Linda Garrou (D-Forsyth) said. Democrats tried introducing amendment after amendment to protect teacher assistants and Smart Start, and to stop cuts to women's health programs, but Republicans defeated them down party lines every time.

In order to create jobs and bring more investment to North Carolina, we have to invest in education and our children. But Republicans are apparently content with letting our schools slip to rock bottom in educating our children. North Carolina deserves better.

In the midst of all the work on the budget this week, it was good to have our County Commissioners visit us for their annual day in Raleigh. I enjoyed visits to my office, and later joined the Commissioners for a reception at the History Museum. It is always appreciated when people from my district come to Raleigh to visit and share their concerns. You are welcome at any time.

I was pleased to have been given time on the floor of the Senate today to pay tribute to 3 of North Carolina's 19 Medal of Honor recipients, and to all of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. I told the stories of the sacrifices of US Navy Pharmacist's Mate Second Class William David Halyburton, age 20 from Canton; US Army Corporal Henry F. Warner, age 21 from Troy; and US Army Corporal Jerry K. Crump, age 18 from Charlotte.

If you wish, you may contact me at William.Purcell@ncleg.net or 919.733.5953.

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Events

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JUNE 3

Cornhole Tourney

By Rotary Club in conjunction with Uptown Wadesboro Summer Jam at corner of Washington & Wade St. Register 5pm, play 6pm, win cash prizes! Register & info 704-695-5497

Summer Jam

Kickoff for live music uptown w/BandAnna playing rock, country, beach & Motown, 7-10pm. Free, bring a lawn chair

Fish Fry

At Harvest Ministries, 11am-5pm. Eat in or carry out. 704-695-2879

Zimmer Friends

Meet at Ladybug Restaurant, 6pm

JUNE 3-5

Class of '71 Reunion

Fri 7:30pm at Ladybug Restaurant, Sat 6:15pm at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, and Sun 1pm at Little Park. Info Patricia Little 704-848-8165

JUNE 4

John Brewer Day

At Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center. Yard sale 7am-2:30pm, fish fry 11am & 6pm, food, games, music, prizes throughout the day. All funds raised go to John & Rosa Brewer Scholarship Fund & BRLC, donations gratefully accepted & tax deductible. Vendors invited for yard sale, call 704-826-8182. 1961 Wightman Church Rd in Polkton

County-Wide Yard Sale

On the square, 6am to raise funds for schools. To donate items call 704-848-4412

JUNE 4

Catfish Stew

Cookoff competition at Hatcher Park in Lilesville, noon-4pm. Enter to win \$250 or just come to eat! Info & entry forms at Lilesville Town Hall

JUNE 9

Board of Elections

Regular meeting, 5pm in BOE office, 101 S Greene St, Suite B-01 in Wadesboro. Info 704-994-3223

JUNE 11

Deep Creek Reunion

Anyone who attended Deep Creek School is invited to the reunion, 11:30am at Deep Creek Fellowship Hall. Covered dish lunch served

JUNE 12

Davis Reunion

Pad & Priscilla Davis, 1pm at Cedar Grove Church on Hwy 742 North. All family & friends invited, bring covered dish & enjoy the day. Info 704-385-9795

AUGUST 20 & 21

Vancine Sturdivant Honored

Red Carpet Affair, 8pm at Holla Resource & Development Ctr in Morven on Sat & 4-6pm on Sun. Tickets \$25, sponsorships available. Info 704-694-3552

ONGOING EVENTS

Uptown Farmers Market

Every Thursday, 4-6pm on the square in Wadesboro

Family Caregiver Support Group

First Mondays, 7-8:30pm, Peachland United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, anyone concerned with Alzheimer's disease invited

Lillie Belles Red Hat Society

Meeting, third Tuesdays, 2:30pm, At Lillie Bennett Nursing Center, all Red Hatters invited

1st Sunday Breakfast

At Burnsville Recreation &

Learning Center, 1st Sunday of each month from 7-10:30am. No charge, but donations for the Center gratefully accepted

Anson Farmers Market

On Highway 52S open every Wed & Sat, 6:30am-1pm, June 4 through Nov 20

Storytime

Tuesdays, Hampton B. Allen Library, 10am

Every Friday

Helping Hands provides free groceries, hygiene products, toiletries & more every Friday, 9-11am at Harvest Ministries. Info at www.harvestmin.com or 704-695-1655

Senior Program 50+ Club

At Hampton B. Allen Library, second Mondays, Pritchett Room, 10:30am, wheelchair accessible

Cub Scouts Pack #530

Meets each Thursday at Peachland Methodist Church at 7pm. Call Sabrina Mullis 704-272-7320. Cost is \$14 to register

Volunteer Mentors Needed

Change your community one child at a time. Don't hesitate, there's a child who needs you today. It only takes a couple of hours per week. Call Joel Briley at 704-694-2915

Free Movies

3rd Monday each month at 10am at Hampton B. Allen Library. Info 704-694-5177

AA Meetings

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8pm & Sundays 8am & 7pm at AA Building, 2111 Country Club Rd in Wadesboro next to Heritage Hills

Chemical Dependent?

There is help. Chemical Dependency Anonymous meets Thursdays, 8pm at AA Building, 2111 Country Club Rd in Wadesboro next to Heritage Hills

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