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4-H Christmas Craft Workshop

The Anson County 4-H Program and 4-H Youth Promise is offering a Christmas Craft Workshop. The program is offered to all interested participants ages 5-11. Youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to attend. Youth will be making a variety of Christmas ornaments and crafts. Don't miss out on this fun filled workshop and make some really neat crafts too!

The workshop will be held on Thursday, December 22, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Center on McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. The cost is \$6. Youth will need to bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

The deadline to register is Friday, December 4. To register, come by the 4-H Office at 501 McLaurin Street. There is a limit of 25, so registration is on a first come first serve basis.

4-H programs are offered to all youth regardless of sex, race, religion, national origin or handicap.



WPS Held Food Drive

Wadesboro Primary School recently held their annual Food Drive. The students and staff collected numerous canned goods to help the needy in the community. Thank you students of Wadesboro Primary School!

Pictured here are students from Mrs. Beth Bass' first grade class.



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Invest in the Future!

In a release from Anson County Partnership for Children: Over 1,000 children in Anson County are currently enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, including Adrian Hogan, age 4, who is shown here (in the gray hat) reading the book *Good Night, Gorilla* with his mother Sabrina Clark and a friend.



This program provides a free book in the mail every month to any child from birth to age 5. More than any other single skill, the ability to read - and read well - allows children to succeed in school, learn about the world, function in society and have successful careers.

You can invest in the future of our county by making a contribution to the Anson County Partnership for Children's Barn Blast Fundraiser. All profits from the Barn Blast are used for children's literacy activities in Anson County, including Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, MotherRead, Raising a Reader Book Bag Program and Books for Kids book distributions.

The Barn Blast will be held on Friday, January 27, from 6 p.m. to midnight in the Ingram Room at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. Barn Blast sponsorships are still available for this event. All sponsorships and contributions are tax deductible. For more information on how to invest in the future of Anson County, please call or come by the Anson County Partnership for Children, 117 South Greene Street in Wadesboro or call 704 694-4036.

Insurance Commissioner Rules on Dwelling Property Insurance Rates

Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin has issued an order pertaining to dwelling fire and extended coverage insurance rates. Goodwin has ordered an overall rate decrease of 7.3 percent for dwelling property fire rates and denied a request from the North Carolina Rate Bureau to raise dwelling extended coverage rates by 36.1 percent. The North Carolina Rate Bureau—an independent organization that represents all North Carolina property insurance companies— filed for the rate changes in January 2011.

The order comes after a hearing that began July 25 and ended Oct. 25, 2011. Goodwin served as the hearing officer and considered testimony and evidence from both the Rate Bureau and the Department of Insurance in making his decision.

"After listening to all of the testimony, I found that the requested increase in extended coverage rates for dwelling properties is not warranted. I was disappointed that it would have led to excessive and unfairly discriminatory rates," Goodwin said. "Additionally, dwelling policyholders will have the benefit of decreased fire rates."

The ordered rates are to go into effect May 1, 2012.

Dwelling fire policies are different from traditional homeowners insurance policies in that they offer fewer coverage options and are sold to properties that would not qualify for a standard homeowners policy. Dwelling fire policies are offered to non-owner occupied residences including rental properties, investment properties and other properties that are not occupied full-time by the property owner. A dwelling fire policy does not typically include liability coverage; extended coverages would generally include coverage for damage to the physical dwelling due to wind, hail, fire, smoke, riot, civil commotion, and aircraft and vehicle damage.

The full order can be viewed on the Department of Insurance website at www.ncdoi.com.

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