

Gun Program Presented at Lilesville Elementary School

Wadesboro Police Department Patrolman Scott Gulledge and Anson County Sheriff's Office Corporal W. K. Horne are shown here after speaking to Lilesville Elementary School third grade students about the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program. This program teaches children in pre-K through third grade four important steps to take if they find a gun. These steps are presented by the program's mascot Eddie Eagle in an easy-to-remember format consisting of the following simple rules: If you see a gun: 1) Stop! 2) Don't touch. 3) Leave the area. 4) Tell an adult.

Begun in 1988, the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has reached millions of children. This program was developed through the combined efforts of such qualified professionals as clinical psychologists, reading specialists, teachers, curriculum specialists, urban housing safety officials, and law enforcement personnel. The purpose of the Eddie Eagle Program isn't to teach whether guns are good or bad, but rather to promote the protection and safety of children. With firearms found in about half of all American households, it's a stance that makes sense.

Along with the Eddie Eagle Program guidelines, Gulledge and Horne also talked briefly about "bullying" at school and at home. They challenged every student to be a helper or friend to their classmates instead of possibly being a nuisance. The officers also encouraged students to always tell someone, whether it be a teacher or parent, if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable or if they are ever afraid.

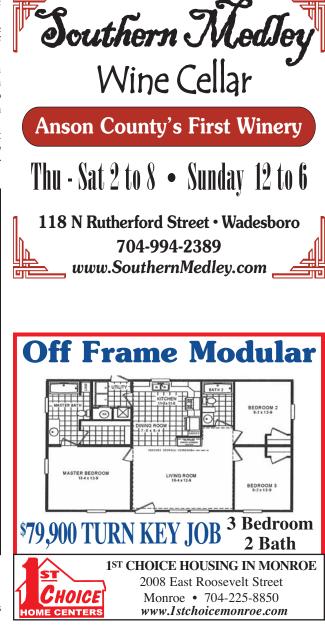


Anson Middle School Staff Dress Up for Christmas

On Friday, December 20 some members of the Anson Middle School staff wore their favorite "ugly" Christmas sweaters and ties to bring Christmas cheer to their students before leaving for the holidays. Principal Josh McLaurin wished everyone a very happy and successful new year!



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Remembering Martin Luther King

The Gleaner Branch Pride of Joy #25 of Ansonville, in collaboration with the Holla Community Center in Morven and founder of Holla, Mr. Leon Gatewood, honored slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for the month of January. The Gleaner Branch Pride of Joy #25 put a window display sharing how they can keep the "Dream" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had for everyone alive today in their community.

The Holla Community Center is located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. Everyone is invited to stop by and see the exhibit.

Labor Department Urges Businesses to Apply for Safety Awards

The N.C. Department of Labor is now accepting applications from businesses that qualify for a workplace safety award. Safety awards are given to companies that have above-average worker safety and health programs.

"A safety award shows employees and the community that you are committed to a safe work environment," state Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry said. "A good safety record is something to be proud of, and businesses deserve to be recognized for their efforts."

Businesses that qualify for the award must meet two requirements. They must be free of fatalities at the site for which they are applying. The site's injury and illness rate also must be at least 50 percent below that of their industry's average rate.

Award recipients will be honored in their communities throughout the state at safety awards banquets co-sponsored by the N.C. Department of Labor and local chambers of commerce and other organizations.

For more information on the Safety Awards Program or to download an application, go to the NCDOL website, *www.nclabor.com* or call 919-715-3233. The deadline for submissions is February 15.

Do You Need a Coat or Blanket? Would You Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope has begun their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They have distributed coats to several of the churches and schools in Anson County.

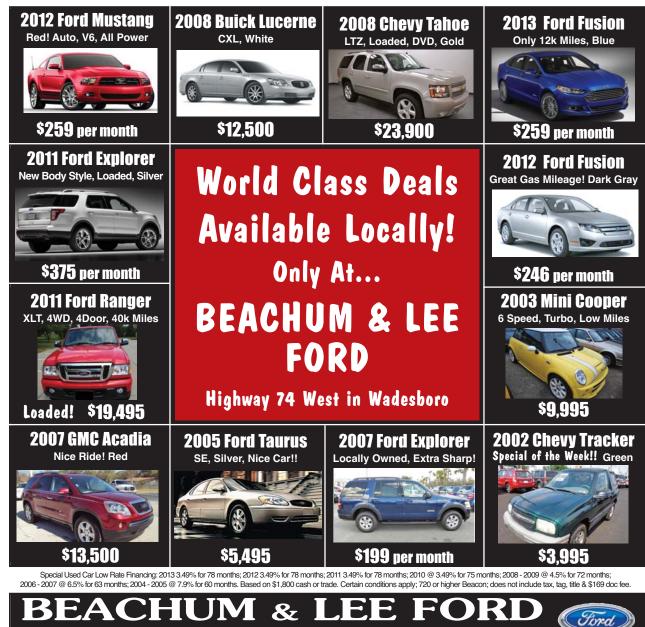
Blankets for the elderly are also available.

To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

FIRE DEPT. 🗐

Sunday 3 to 5 p.m.

The Gulledge Fire Department will have an Open House this Sunday, January 19, from 3 to 5 to celebrate and dedicate our new station. Light refreshments will be served. We hope you can come and celebrate this Dream Come True.



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