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## Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Terrific Kids

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School held its Terrific Kids Celebration for the first nine weeks on Tuesday, January 30. Pictured above are the students who were recognized for this honor. Peachland-Polkton Elementary School is proud of these students for showing good character!

Pictured from left are, front row: Anson Northcutt, Goddess Little, Garrison Honeycutt, Hailey Wilson, Kyrie Thomas, Len Ching Lee, JR Hampton, Aalayshia Osborne, Trinity Wall, Rylee Capps, Lennon Cook and Orion Stanley.  
 Second row: Maddux Smith, Maddox Currie, Abby Trexler, Karenatiy Hailey, Avery Jarman, Emerson Gordon, Landon Scarborough, Da'Zriah Gaddy, Ryliegh Ashber, Kyndal Medley, Max Davis, Bernardo Rodriguez, Silas Rodenberger, Nylah Gaddy and Gracie Chappell.  
 Third row: Autumn McMullen, Ethan Tarlton, Caris Jackson, Shermiya Faulker, Allie Smith, Zaymein Little, Shyla Ronquest, Deason Bricker, Tyler Mullis, Zyriana Parham-Bivens, Logan Crawford, Charley Nance, Jesus Castrejon Mercado and Mason Bryant.  
 Fourth row: ZyiNiyah McDuffie, Valerie Brown, Jiya Shah, Londyn Coppedge, Azucena Venegas Alvarado, Alexis Stephens, Corneilus Rorie, Zaveion Marsh, Sharice Robinson, Telaeya Chambers and Makayla Carpenter.  
 Not pictured: Holden Cook and Brantley Horne.

## Primary Election Information

**The deadline to register to vote is February 9.**  
**If you miss the deadline you can register and vote during Early Voting.**

**ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING** The Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, but you can vote early at the Anson County Board of Elections Office from February 15 through March 2. The schedule for One-Stop Early Voting is printed below.

The Board of Elections Office is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-3223. On Election Day, March 5, the polls are open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. and you will vote at your normal voting precinct. There will be no voting at the Board of Elections Office on March 5.

**REGISTERING** Anson County residents may register to vote by mail or in person at the Board of Elections Office. The deadline to register to vote on Election Day is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2024. If you are registered to vote in Anson County (and your name or address has not changed) you DO NOT need to register again to vote in this election.

**Voters who are not registered in the county by the February 9 deadline may register and vote during One Stop Early Voting.** They will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence: Current and valid photo identification - or a copy of one of the following documents that show the name and address of the voter; a current utility bill; bank statement, government check; paycheck; or other government document.

**ABSENTEE BY MAIL VOTING** Is available upon request from the voter or a near relative or a legal guardian. State law requires that all requests must be made on the official Absentee Ballot Request Form, which is available online. Application may be made in person at the Board of Elections Office, or by writing to this address: Anson County Board of Elections, PO Box 768, Wadesboro NC 28170.

**The deadline to apply for an Absentee by Mail ballot is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.**

To apply or request an Absentee by Mail Ballot, a voter or near relative must complete the state issued Absentee Request Form. Absentee By Mail requests can only be turned in by the voter or a near relative.

(Near relatives as defined by statute are: spouse, brother sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, step-parent, or step-child.)

**IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO VOTE** Acceptable IDs include NC drivers license, military or veteran ID cards issued by the federal government, and college student and public employer ID cards that the State Board approved for use in voting.

For a full list of acceptable forms of photo ID for voting, see the website: [ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id](http://ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id).

Registered voters who do not have an acceptable ID card for voting in North Carolina can go to the Board of Elections office to get a free ID.

**ABSENTEE MEETINGS** The Anson County Board of Elections will meet to approve applications for absentee ballots for the March Primary Election at the Board of Elections Office, 402 Morven Road, Wadesboro NC pursuant to G.S. 163.230.1(c1). Other business may be transacted by the board at this time.

Absentee by Mail ballots will be counted on March 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Results for Absentee Mail and One-Stop Early Voting will be reported after polls close at 7:30 p.m. Overseas (UOCAVA) Ballots must be returned by the close of polls on Election Day, March 5, 2024 (7:30 p.m.), or the covered voter shall submit the ballot for mailing, electronic transmission, or other authorized means of delivery not later than 12:01 a.m., at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the date of the election AND the County Board of Elections receives the ballot the last business day before the County Canvass.

**CANVASS DAY MEETING** Will be held in the Board of Elections Office on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 11:00am.

**QUESTIONS** Any questions about registration, voting locations, or other election matters may be answered by calling the Anson County Board of Elections Office at 704-994-3223, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

## Law Enforcement Disarms Man Threatening to Harm Himself with Weapon

**Sheriff Scott Howell bravely approached and spoke with the man, distracted him, and safely pushed the weapon away.**

On Thursday, February 1, Wadesboro Police were called to the area of McDonalds and Pizza Hut for a subject with a gun. They arrived to find an individual in a mental crisis holding a firearm, threatening to harm himself. Wadesboro Police requested the assistance of the Anson County Sheriff's Office and deputies quickly responded, assisting in blocking the entrances to the nearby restaurants and keeping the subject contained in the Harvest Ministries parking lot.

The Wadesboro Police kept the subject engaged in conversation for several hours while other resources were enroute to the scene to assist. Sheriff Scott Howell arrived and began to speak with the subject. Howell was able to distract him with pictures on his cell phone, and when the subject took his hands off the gun Sheriff Howell took this opportunity and pushed the barrel of the weapon away from the subject. Immediately other officers joined Sheriff Howell and they were able to secure the weapon and the subject.

Wadesboro Police had the subject transported to Atrium Hospital for treatment for his mental crisis. Due to mental health regulations, no identifying information will be released at this time.

Sheriff Howell commends the Wadesboro Police Dept. and his deputies for not only keeping this individual safe, but keeping the public safe from a very dangerous situation.

If you think that you or someone you know may be going through a mental health crisis, please reach out for help through Daymark, Atrium Health, your local Law Enforcement, or the Mobile Crisis Hotline 1-877-626-1772.



## Harvard Street Band Concert February 12

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host a music program with the Harvard Street Band on Monday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m. Band members are Brady Greene, Robbie Griffin, Rick Hanson and Don Shell. The program will be in the library's Little Theater. Come, bring a friend and enjoy the music of these talented artists. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Oil Painting Workshop in February

Charleston artist Joyce Hall will return to Cheraw on February 23-25 for a three-day oil painting workshop. Joyce is an international award-winning oil painter and has exhibited in galleries and museums nationally. [www.thestudiosc.com](http://www.thestudiosc.com)

The focus of the February workshop is Painting Water, Surf and Reflections. The classes will be held at the Cheraw Community Center - 200 Powe Street from 9:00 am until 4:00pm. Space is limited.

Cost for the three-day workshop is \$200.00. A supply list will be provided upon registration. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for additional information @ 843.537.8420 x 12.

## East Polkton School Alumni is Hosting a Local Motown Review and Dinner

The East Polkton School Alumni are hosting a Motown Review and Dinner on Saturday, March 23, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Harvest Ministries Event Center in Wadesboro.

For tickets, or if you would like to participate, call 704-408-2729. Please leave call back information.

## Anson Mobile Food Market is February 15

The Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on Thursday, February 15, starting at 4:00 p.m. at Wadesboro Elementary School, located at 321 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Food will be given away, including fresh vegetables, fruit and bread (if available). There will be blood pressure and blood sugar checks, along with other healthy living topics and booths.

This free event offers citizens of Anson County six to eight different types of fresh produce monthly. This is a free initiative, so please come and get some produce. Nothing is required for you to receive produce, just come.

The event is sponsored by the Anson County Extension and its partners. This event is to assist in the scarcity of fresh, healthy food in the county. It will also serve as an educational event to offer education on the two targeted areas of the county health assessment which are tobacco use and hypertension. Agencies will be set up offering services and information in those two targeted areas.

## Upcoming School Early Release Schedule

- Thursday, February 8: Early release for elementary students only at 12:30 p.m. for Parent/Teacher Conferences (elementary only) that run 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 12: No school for students. Optional teacher work day.
- Thursday, February 15: Early release secondary students only at 1:00 p.m. for Parent/Teacher Conferences (secondary only) that run 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 28: Early release for students for staff professional development. Elementary schools dismiss at 12:30 p.m. Middle & high schools dismiss at 1:30 p.m.