

Anson Correctional Institution Staff and Inmates Join Efforts with Local Charity



Faith Based Center of Hope (Vancine Sturdivant), Harvest Ministries Outreach Center and Pastor Michael McLeod are working with Anson Correctional Institution to deliver blankets, hats, scarfs and footies to our homeless, elderly, sick and shut-in. Anson Correctional Institution is an all female prison in Polkton, formerly known as Lanesboro Correctional Institution. Jennifer Cole, a prison official, was aware of Vancine Sturdivant's program that is called "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" where she pass out coats, jackets and supplies to everyone across the county each year. Jennifer made the officers and administrators at Anson Correctional aware of the program, and now the inmates are making items to support this effort.



Vancine stated, "I want to get area pastors on board. Not only our pastors, but our law enforcement, too. A special 'thank you' goes out to Centenary AME Zion Church, Pastor Fred Miller, Elder Tim Adams, Pastor Steve Adams, Pastor Michael McLeod, Willam "Bugga" Sturdivant, Evangelist Tangula Diggs, Minister Mary Neal and Sarah Crawford, Fire Chief Marty Morton and Lilesville Police Chief Bobby Gallimore, all of whom have agreed to support us in passing out the supplies."

Vancine continued, "There is something for us to do daily. I truly want the law enforcement agencies to please come on board. They see our brothers and sisters daily. They can have the blankets in their vehicles, and after they give them a ticket they can say 'We love you' and give them a blanket. Just playing! We are our brothers keepers."

To get blankets contact Vancine at 704-294-0480, Pastor Steve Adams at 704-695-2879 or Pastor Michael McLeod at 704-475-0710.

Be Careful with Online Romance

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning consumers about online romance scams. With the spread of online dating sites and apps, romance scams have become even easier to commit. Victims in the US and Canada have reported losing nearly \$1 billion over the last several years, and BBB estimates there may be more than a million victims in the U.S. alone. Because most people do not file complaints about romance scams with BBB or law enforcement, this may just be the tip of the iceberg.

Online Romance Scams: A BBB Study on "How Scammers Use Impersonation, Blackmail, and Trickery to Steal from Unsuspecting Daters"

Romance scams are different from other scams. They prey on lonely people looking to connect with someone, and can often take months to develop to the point where money changes hands. The emotional harm to the victim can be even more painful than the monetary loss.

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BBB's study, "Online Romance Scams: How Scammers Use Impersonation, Blackmail, and Trickery to Steal from Unsuspecting Daters" looks at how these scams work, who the scammers are, and what is being done to combat them. You can read the full study online at www.bbb.org.

Anatomy of a Romance Scam

Experts identify several distinct stages of the scam:

- **Contacting victims** Romance scammers use dating websites, apps, Facebook, and other social media. Many use stolen credit cards to join the sites and post fake profiles. They meet victims, interact with them, and quickly try to get them to move to a different form of communication such as email or texting. This way, if the dating site identifies the scammer as being bogus and shuts them down, they are already in contact with their victims elsewhere. The scammers will often make fake Facebook pages for their aliases to help bolster their fake identity.

- **Grooming** This is when the fraudster learns about the victim's life and builds trust. This stage can go on for months. It may include daily texts or messages. Some scammers even send flowers and small gifts. This is also when scammers may request small favors. This can help them test how open a victim ultimately may be to helping when an "emergency" pops up and the scam kicks into high gear.

- **The grooming process** also focuses on isolating victims from their friends and families so they don't have help when making decisions. The scammers will convince victims that their friends and families have questionable motives to criticize the scammer.

- **The sting** The scammer will finally ask for money; usually for an emergency, business problem, or plane ticket to finally meet. If the victim sends money, the scammer will find ways to keep asking for more. These scams can also be dangerous: victims have unknowingly been pulled in to money laundering or drug trafficking and, in a few cases, even convinced to fly overseas to meet their love interest only to be kidnapped and held for ransom.

- **The fraud continues** Even if targets realize they have been victims of a scam, the fraud may continue with a new scam pretending to help them get their money back. A fake law enforcement official may reach out to say the scammer has been caught and the victims can get their money - if they spend several thousand dollars in fees. The original scammer will also sometimes reach out and admit that the "relationship" started as a scam but then claim they actually fell in love. And the cycle continues.

BBB's study gives much more detailed information on where the scams originate, how the scammers trick their victims (including by posing as military personnel), and how they get their money. It also details what we know about the victims, why they fall for the scams, and how they can be pulled into other scams. You can read the full report online at www.bbb.org.

The research shows that all types of people - male, female, young, old, straight, gay - can be victims of romance scams. For BBB's tips on protecting yourself from romance scams visit www.bbb.org.

Wadesboro Tree Trimming and Limb Removal Guidelines

The Town of Wadesboro provides the service to collect and dispose of tree trimmings and limb removal to the citizens of Wadesboro. The following rules apply:

- The service is intended for homeowners who trim trees and shrubbery on their property by the homeowner. The service is NOT intended for home owners that hire tree surgeons, contractors, etc. to cut trees/limbs and cuttings.
- The Town will NOT remove trees/limbs, etc. from lot clearing operations.
- Please limit the size of limbs to four inches in diameter and six feet long.
- Place the debris near the street, away from power poles or other obstacles. Do not place limbs in the ditches. Do not place debris where it blocks the view of traffic.

For further information or questions please contact Hugh James, Public Services Director, at 704-694-5171.

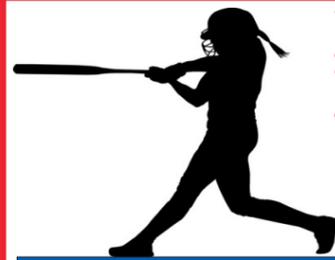
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Umpire Training Session Sat, Feb 29
1pm at Field of Dreams

Anyone interested in becoming
an umpire should attend this session.

Highway 74 in Polkton (Beside Anson Animal Shelter)
704-272-8060 Email: aayafieldofdreams@yahoo.com

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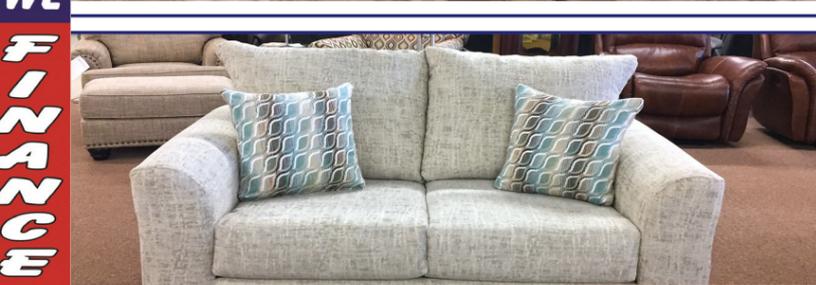


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