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WPD Officers Ephriam Davis and Scott Gullede Promoted to Sergeant

Officer Ephriam Davis and Officer Scott Gullede with the Wadesboro Police Department have each been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Chief Thedis Spencer awarded the promotions on Monday, March 7. Sgt. Davis and Sgt. Gullede each have given approximately nine years of service to the department.



Pictured above, from left, are Sgt. Scott Gullede, Chief Thedis Spencer and Sgt. Ephriam Davis.



PPES Celebrates Read Across America

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School celebrated Read Across America on Wednesday, March 2. In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, many of their guests came dressed as characters from some of his popular books such as *The Cat in the Hat*. Board of Education member Lisa Davis and her husband Jeff Davis dressed as Thing 1 and Thing 2. Kindergarten teacher Krista Herold said, "We were very honored to have Dr. Altheria Patton join us and read to our students, along with many other members of our community. Kindergartners through sixth graders enjoyed listening, reading and participating in this celebration of reading!"



March 15 Primary Election Early Voting Dates

The Anson County Board of Elections has released the dates and times for Early Voting in the upcoming March Primary Election. The election date is March 15. All Early Voting will take place at the Board of Elections office located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For a state and county-wide primary election every registered voter is eligible to vote early. For more information you can reach the Anson County Board of Elections at 704-994-3223. • Monday-Friday, March 7-11...6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12...6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Upcoming Election - How to Get Free Photo ID

What documents must I take to the DMV to get a free Photo ID card for voting purposes? The DMV requires that certain documents be presented before it will issue a photo ID. The requirements include:
1) Two documents that prove your age and identity. Examples: a birth certificate, court documents, or tax forms.
2) A valid social security number. A voter's Social Security card is not required unless the DMV is unable to validate the number provided by the voter.
3) One document to prove your North Carolina residency. Examples: a lease, voter registration card, or utility bill. If you do not have one of these documents, you may be able to complete an affidavit of residency at the DMV. Visit www.ncdot.gov to see a list of required documents or contact the State Board of Elections' Voter Outreach Team for assistance at VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov.

It's Time to Take the Plunge with the Sheriff's Office!

The Anson County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a Polar Plunge for Special Olympics North Carolina on Saturday, March 19! This event is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support Special Olympics North Carolina athletes by jumping into our frigid winter bodies of water across the state. In Anson County the event will take place at Griffin Lodge, located at 2063 Redfern Road in Wadesboro. Registration is at 11 a.m. and the event begins at 11:30 a.m. Events like the Polar Plunge help support nearly 40,000 Special Olympics North Carolina athletes. Special Olympics athletes around the world follow the oath "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." The plungers will consist of law enforcement and emergency services personnel and individuals from the community. Special guests include Anson County Special Olympics athletes, a Brown Creek Baptist Church youth group and local leaders in the community. Additionally, there will be two special towel girls, USA National Miss NC Junior Princess Addison Smith and USA National Miss Southern Coast Junior Princess Addison Rayne Williams. This event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to come out and support this unique event. If you have questions or would like to make a donation you can contact Lieutenant Brian Tice at the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188.

Applications Being Accepted for 2016 Citizens Academy

The Anson County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for the 2016 Anson County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy. Applicants 18 and older are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the Anson County Sheriff's Office, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All applications must be completed and returned to the Sheriff's Office on or before March 31. The first Citizens Academy meeting will be on Thursday, April 21 at 6 p.m. at the Anson County Sheriff's Office, Courtroom #2. Classes will be held every Thursday for the next six weeks. Citizens will have the opportunity to have a "behind the scenes" view of law enforcement, and its day-to-day operations. This academy will introduce citizens to the many areas of law enforcement, including the history of the "office of the sheriff," Anson County 911 Center, Anson County Detention Center, District Judicial Offices, NC Highway Patrol, NC State Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and much more. Classes will be informative, insightful and beneficial. The Citizens Academy class is limited to 25 students.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration 2016-2017

Pre-Kindergarten Registration will be held this year at the Elementary School in the attendance area where the child lives. Please check the dates and times below for the school your child will be attending. You must register in your residing district.
Ansonville Elementary School March 24, 9 to 11 a.m.
Wadesboro Primary School March 24, 9 to 11 a.m.
Lilesville Elementary School April 8, 9 to 11 a.m.
Morven Elementary School April 14, 9 to 11 a.m.
Peachland-Polkton Elementary School April 22, 9 to 11 a.m.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Play

The Ansonia Theatre in Wadesboro is proud to present the Tony Award winning Broadway musical *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, running March 11 -13. This hilarious tale chronicles six adolescent outsiders vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. This show celebrates the unlikely of heroes, a quirky yet charming cast of outsiders for whom a spelling bee is the one place where they can fit in and stand out at the same time. This show is a roller coaster of fun! The cast includes Emily Litaker Privette, Matthew Bailey, Jodi Davis, Gage Tarlton, Tommy Wooten, Connie Thomas, Gina Clarke, Steve Lear and Mike Railton. The show is directed by Tommy Wooten and Gail Litaker. Tickets are only \$15 and can be purchased at the Anson County Arts Council at 704-694-4950 or at www.ansoniatheatre.com.

Anson County 4-H Clover Crawl Social is Friday

Get your tickets now before it sells out!
Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise is pleased to announce that the Clover Crawl is back. The event will be held this Friday, March 11 at Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro, from 6 until 11 p.m. The Clover Crawl is an adult event, 21 and over. The event will be sure to bring an evening of fun, food, dancing and great socializing. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and drinks will be served. The DJ again this year is 4-H alumnus Ryan Short of Ryan Short Entertainment (www.ryanshort.net). Advanced tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the Extension Office located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, Lacy's, or from committee members and staff. Ticket price at the door will be \$40. Back by popular demand is the Dance Competition. Individuals and groups can take their talent to the dance floor to vie for the title of "2016 Clover Crawl Dance Competition Winner." Registration will be available at the ticket table the night of the event. Funds raised during this event are used to support on-going 4-H programs in the county. The money raised from the Clover Crawl will support programs that address the well being of youth, families, and communities in Anson County. 4-H programs annually reach over 1,051 young people in the community. Youth participate in activities and programs such as school enrichment, summer camps, after school programming, community service and other year round educational programs. Anson 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise also works with adults, volunteer leaders and youth to provide community projects, parenting skills and enhanced leadership abilities. All 4-H programming is available to any youth between ages 5-19. "Our fundraiser has been a success in previous years," said Roshunda Terry, 4-H Director. "We are optimistic that we will have an even better response this year. 4-H programs have had much impact on the youth in this county through the years. With the public's help and support, programs can continue to make significant contributions to their future, and the future of our county." If you would like to learn more information about this event please contact Roshunda Terry at 704-694-2915.

Carson Hill to Perform for 50+ Club March 14

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, March 14 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Anson's own Carson Hill present a program sharing some of her original music. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the music and exciting news of this talented young lady's career. For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

Community Blood Drive March 22

There will be a Wadesboro Community Blood Drive at the First Baptist Church on Lee Avenue on Tuesday, March 22, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. To schedule an appointment please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "Wadesboro Community."