

Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers, Can You Help?

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). Please consider volunteering. For more information on helping, call 704-694-4832.

Anson County Animal Shelter is listed on *Petfinder.com*. This is a searchable national database of pets available for adoption that includes a description and photo. All the animals that are up for adoption are listed and have a picture. Just go to *Petfinder.com* and search for any Anson County town or zip code.

A rescue from Animal Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win.
And remember, older animals need a home and love too!

Last Winter Sky for Town Creek Under the Stars this Saturday

Town Creek "Under the Stars" will bid farewell to long winter nights Saturday, March 12, 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site. Participants will gaze up at the constellations Taurus, Gemini, Orion and Cancer as well as get a chance to view the gas giant Jupiter and its moons.

"As we prepare to 'spring forward' for Daylight Savings Time," says Site Manager Rich Thompson, "why not start your night out a little early and do some sky watching with us?"

Other celestial objects, such as nebulas, clusters and galaxies will be available for viewing as well. Interested stargazers are encouraged to dress for the weather. The staff will have a scope available if you do not have one. Advanced registration is requested by calling or emailing the site. The event is free and open to the public but donations are welcome. Please contact the site at 910-439-6802 or towncreek@ncdcr.gov to register.

For more than 1,000 years, American Indians farmed lands later known as North Carolina. Around A.D. 1000, a new cultural tradition arrived in the Pee Dee River Valley. Throughout Georgia, South Carolina, eastern Tennessee, and western and southern Piedmont North Carolina, inhabitants built earthen mounds for their leaders, engaged in widespread trade, supported craftspeople, and celebrated a new religion.

The mission of Town Creek is to interpret the history of the American Indians who once lived here. The visitor center features interpretive exhibits and audiovisual displays. A national historic landmark, Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site is North Carolina's only state historic site dedicated to American Indian heritage. Tour groups are welcome and encouraged. The site is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. It is closed to the public Mondays and most major holidays.

The historic site is within the Division of State Historic Sites and located at 509 Town Creek Mound Road, Mount Gilead. For more information on Town Creek, visit www.towncreekindianmound.com.

Town of Lilesville Catfish Stew Cookoff is Saturday

The Town of Lilesville has issued a challenge to anyone and everyone who cooks catfish stew. Bring it on and find out who the real champion is! There will be a select panel of judges to make this year's decision. Lilesville will hold their 6th annual Catfish Stew Cookoff on Saturday, March 12. If catfish stew isn't your forte, enter the Stew of Your Choice contest! This event is open to anyone who would like to enter, and everyone is invited to come sample the stews too. Prizes are:

- Catfish Stew \$250 to winner, \$100 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd
- Stew of Your Choice \$100 to winner, \$75 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd. Entries judged by patrons.

If you're not cooking, you can join the fun and root for your favorite team. You can also try your hand at being a judge for \$5 - pick up a bowl and spoon and get a taste of each entry and compare your selection with that of the official judges.

Once again there will also be the crowning of Miss Catfish and Master Catfish. This contest is open to two age groups - girls and boys from Kindergarten through 3rd grade (winner has best colored picture of a catfish using outline provided by town hall), and girls and boys from 4th through 6th grade for best colored picture of an original drawing of a catfish. Rules and entry forms are available at town hall.

There will also be special singing, t-shirts for sale, giant slides...and lots of fun for all ages! If you would like to be a vendor or set up a booth, contact town hall at 704-848-4711 by the March 9 deadline.

This event will take place at Hatcher Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The judging will take place at noon. To enter the cookoff you can pick up forms at Lilesville Town Hall, Scotty's Bait and Tackle and Whit's Convenience at all 3 locations. There is no cost to enter, the deadline is March 9.

The Town of Lilesville plans to have lots of fun on Saturday, March 12. Don't mess around and miss this fun-filled event. You will definitely be sorry you did.

Written Permission Required to Hunt & Fish on Private Land

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission reminds hunters and anglers to obtain written permission from a landowner or leaseholder before hunting or fishing on privately-owned posted property - including land, waters, ponds or legally established waterfowl blinds.

The Landowner Protection Act provides two ways for landowners to post their lands to allow only hunters, trappers and anglers with written permission to legally enter their property. Landowners can post their land by using vertical purple paint marks on posts or trees or by placing signs or posters. The Landowner Protection Act document provides detailed instructions on posting property with signs or purple paint.

The Landowner Protection Act specifically relates only to hunting, fishing or trapping on posted lands. It requires that one must obtain written consent to hunt, fish, or trap on posted lands dated within the past 12 months and signed by the landowner, leaseholder, or agent of that land. This written consent must be carried and displayed upon request of any law enforcement officer. A sample permission form can be found on the NCWRC website, www.ncwildlife.org.

If a hunting club has leased the land, a person shall have a copy of their hunting club membership and a copy of the landowner permission granted to that hunting club. The Landowner Protection Act went into effect October 1, 2011.

For more information on the Landowner Protection Act, see frequently asked questions at site www.ncwildlife.org.

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Lilesville's 6th Annual CATFISH STEW COOKOFF & STEW OF YOUR CHOICE CONTEST

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 11am to 3pm
Hatcher Park • Judging at 12 noon

You are invited to enter - no entry fee - deadline to enter is Wednesday, March 9

PRIZES TO CATFISH STEW WINNERS: 1st \$250 • 2nd \$100 • 3rd \$50

PRIZES TO STEW OF YOUR CHOICE WINNERS: 1st \$100 • 2nd \$75 • 3rd \$50

If you're not cooking you can join the fun and root for your favorite team.
 Or you can try your hand at being a judge. For \$5 you get to taste every entry.

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