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#### **Sheriff Warns of Local Scam**

Sheriff Scott Howell is warning the citizens of Anson County about a scam targeting local residents. People are getting telephone calls from someone claiming to be from a law firm, telling them that a family member is in jail, and asking for an address so that a bail bondsman can come collect money in order to bond them out.

The suspect in question is an Hispanic male who is driving a dark-colored Toyota RAV4.

Residents are urged to be cautious if they receive any similar calls. Do not provide personal information without verifying the situation through legitimate channels.

### **Kindergarten Transition Program Event Scheduled for Thursday**

On Thursday, April 10 Anson County Partnership for Children is partnering with Anson County Schools to host a Kindergarten Transition Program at Wadesboro Primary School at 6:00 p.m. for any child who will be attending kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school vear. Clifford the Big Red Dog will make an appearance, and the first 100 participants will receive items from Scholastic and a hot dog meal.

For more information you can contact the Partnership for Children at 704-694-4036.

### Parks & Rec Easter Egg Hunt is Sat.

The Anson County Parks and Recreation invites all children ages Pre-K to 12 years old to their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, starting at 11:00 a.m. Kids will enjoy pictures with the Easter Bunny, candy, prizes, kickball games...and, of course, the Easter Egg Hunt!

The event is free.

The event takes place at Little Park, located at 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro. For information you can call 704-994-3025.

# **Board of Education Budget Development Workshop is April 14**

### Regular April monthly meeting is April 28

The Anson County Board of Education will hold their budget development workshop on Monday, April 14 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Administrative Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. There will not be a public comment session at the budget

development workshop The Board of Education will hold their regular monthly

meeting on Monday, April 28 in the Administrative Board Room. Closed Session 5:00 p.m. Open Session to the public will begin at about 6:00 p.m. If the public wishes to sign up for public comment at the regular meeting on April 28 they can sign up in-person. A sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting begins for any individual or group to indicate their desire to address the board.

### **Mobile Food Market is April 17** The next Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on

Thursday, April 17, starting at 10:00 a.m. The location is Elderly Services / Uptown Wadesboro Square, at the corner of Greene and Wade Streets. 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,

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.

# **Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Terrific Kids**

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School held its Terrific Kids Celebration for the last nine weeks on Tuesday, April 8. Pictured above are the students who were recognized for this honor. We are proud of these students for

showing good character! • From left, front row: Mia Guevara, Edwin Matias, Jayson Godwin, Aalayshia Osborne, Bear Sheppard, Soleima Castaneda Avila, Phoenix Tran, Jaxson Watkins, Scottland Thompson, Maggie Walden, Jameson Horne,

Goddess Little and Raelyn Eudy. Second row: Jordyn Hancock, Brittyn Bailey, Hunter Sistar, Avalee Powell, Kynlee Tillman, Kase Wright,

Dylan Contador, Riley Tallent, Russell Brown, Calia Kendall, Raylee Treadaway and Eli Shelton. Third row: Stephen Miller, Cooper Wyatt, Owen Wyatt, Riley Moreno, Avery Jarman, Owen Edwards, Marielena Chach-Sanchez, Deason Bricker, Athan Cardozo, Zamora Teal, King Iassc, Alesandro Maldonado Mata,

Lindsey Cortez and Emery Martin. Fourth row: Jax Hyatt, Aubree Rogers, Logan Crawford, Daniel Carpenter, Maria Salvador Flores, Anna Zamora-Saldana, Issac Harbarger, Brendon Horne, Ella Huckabee, Brooks Belk and Noah Grandos. Halie Perez Nava and JaMaad Sturdivant are not pictured.

### "Parents Call To Action" Program Presentation on Friday to Inform Parents About School Mentor Services

Anson County Schools and Dr. Adolph Brown will host a program called "Parents Call To Action" this Friday, April 11 at 4:30 p.m. at Wadesboro Primary School.

This is open for all Anson County Schools' parents to discover the wonders of

professional school-based mentor services. Wadesboro Primary School is located at 1542 Highway 52 South in Wadesboro.

FREE Chick-fil-A Sandwiches will be served!

### Celebrate the Week of the Young Child at South Piedmont's Affordable Lending Library for Ages 0-5

In honor of the Week of the Young Child, South Piedmont Community College invites parents and early childhood educators to explore its Smart Start Resource Center - a convenient, affordable lending library filled with carefully selected books, toys, and learning materials for young children.

"The Smart Start Resource Center is one of our community's best-kept secrets. We encourage parents, caregivers, and educators to stop by and see what we offer. I guarantee you'll be impressed," said Stacey Fleming, director of South Piedmont's Education Stars program, which oversees the center.

Located on South Piedmont's Old Charlotte Highway campus, the Smart Start Resource Center is funded by and in partnership with the Alliance for Children. Designed specifically for children ages 0-5, the center offers a vast selection of educational resources, including:

Costumes, games, and puzzles

Musical instruments and literature kits

• Art supplies and math manipulatives

• Puppets, outdoor play items, and STEM materials With over 5,000 items available, families and educators can borrow materials for

Affordable Membership & Free Delivery Services

• Annual Membership: Just \$5 per year, allowing members to check out up to

• Free Memberships: Available for North Carolina pre-K teachers, as well as South Piedmont employees and students (5-item limit).

• Free Delivery: Offered to Union County childcare centers, preschools, licensed homebased childcare providers, and therapy/support organizations serving children ages 0-5.

'Young children grow and change so quickly. The Smart Start Resource Center helps parents, educators, and caregivers keep their materials fresh - without the high price tag of retail stores," said Fleming. Expert Guidance & Support Beyond lending materials, the Smart Start Resource

Center is staffed by early childhood specialists who help patrons select age-appropriate resources tailored to their child's developmental needs. 'You're not just borrowing books and toys — you're gaining a supportive community

dedicated to helping your child thrive," Fleming said. "We truly care about you and your little one, and we're here to help you find the best resources for your family or students." Visit the Smart Start Resource Center Location: South Piedmont Community College, Mobile Unit 1, located at 4209 Old Charlotte Highway. Hours are Tuesdays: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. & Wednesdays & Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. For information: Call 704-290-5894 or email smartstartresourcecenter@gmail.com.

The Week of the Young Child Designated by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the Week of the Young Child shines a spotlight on the importance of supporting young children and their families. This year's Week of the Young Child takes place April 5-11. Celebrate by visiting South Piedmont's Smart Start Resource Center - where learning begins with play!

Free Food, Clothes and Bags of Hygiene Products Faith- BasedCenter of Hope and PlayazElite Motorcycle Club will be passing out

hygiene bags, clothes and food at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church on Salisbury Street in Wadesboro on Thursday, April 17, beginning at 11:00 a.m. For more information contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-294-0480; Linda Richardson

at 704-465-0243; James Sturdivant at 704-294-8073 or Carol Leak at 704-441-5771.

# **Democratic Party**

**Convention is Sat.** The Anson Democratic Party will host their Annual County Convention this Saturday, April 12 at the Hampton B. Allen Library at 10:00 a.m. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. All Democrats are welcomed, however only Precinct Dele-

gates will be eligible to vote. For more information contact Henrietta Barringer at 704-690-8494.

## **Quarter Horse Band Concert**

The Hampton B. Allen Library proudly announces a bluegrass event music featuring the band Quarter House. The concert will be on Monday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theater. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy the music of this wonderfully talented group. Group members are Anita and John Bishop, and

For infornation call the Library at 704-694-5188.

# **Board of** Commissioners Meets on April 15

The second meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners in April takes place on Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. Meetings take place in the

Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the Information is meeting. available at 704-994-3201. Commissioners

board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit youtube.com and search for Anson Commissioners.