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Penguins Invade the Ansonia Theatre on April 17



The public is invited to the free family-friendly performance of "Mr. Popper's Penguins" by the Charlotte Children's Theatre on Tuesday, April 17 at the Ansonia Theatre. Children of all ages will watch in amazement and laugh out loud as the comical story of Mr. Popper's Penguins is brought to life on stage. It's the story of a family whose world is turned upside down after they unexpectedly come into possession of penguins. Before long, something must be done before the penguins eat the Poppers out of house and home. The play is based on the popular chil-

dren's book Mr. Popper's Penguins written by Richard and Florence Atwater, with illustrations by Robert Lawson.

The performance of "Mr. Popper's Penguins" is proudly sponsored by Anson Family Optometric, PPLC, Anson County Arts Council and Anson County Partnership for Children. Although the performance is free, attendees are asked to reserve tickets by calling at 704-694-4036 or coming by the Anson County Partnership for Children office in uptown Wadesboro.

This event is part of a weeklong celebration for Week of the Young Child sponsored by the Anson County Partnership for Children. Each year the Partnership joins communities nationwide celebrating young children and those who serve young children as caregivers and child care providers. Kindergarten and NC Pre-K students from across the county will have a private viewing of the play Tuesday morning in conjunction with the Week of the Young Child Literacy Parade.

Anson County Partnership for Children is a nonprofit public-private organization formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. Its mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information contact Alexandra Harrington at 704-694-4036 or *alexandra.harrington@ansonchildren.org* or visit *www.ansonchildren.org*.

Civitan Club Announces Scholarship Opportunities!

This is a release from the Wadesboro Civitan Club: The Wadesboro Civitan Club, the oldest civic organization in Anson County, will be accepting applications for college scholarships from now through May 4, 2018. The club will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to four college bound students from Anson County this year.

Applicants will be judged on academic achievement and financial need. In addition, because good citizenship and community involvement are important Civitan goals, applications will also be judged on the evidence of students' involvement in, and leadership roles in clubs, churches, extracurricular activities, and charitable service to the community. A written essay addressing these activities and the individual applicant's goals will provide further support in the evaluation process. Finalists will be interviewed by the scholarship committee in May so that the awards can be announced at Anson Schools Awards Night scheduled for Tuesday, May 29.

We welcome applications from all Anson County students, including those who are home schooled. The applications must be received on or before the deadline. Students may return the completed applications to their guidance counselors, or mail them directly to the Wadesboro Civitans at PO Box 751, Wadesboro, NC 28170. Late applications will not be accepted.

Application forms are available through the various high school guidance counselors, from the Hampton B. Allen Library, by telephoning Beverley Getzen at 704-694-7022, or sending an email message to *bbgetzen@gmail.com*, Chairperson of the Civitan Scholarship Committee. You may also write to the Wadesboro Civitan Club at PO Box 751, Wadesboro, NC, 28170 to request a copy of the instructions and form. We welcome the applications from all Anson County students, including those who are home schooled.





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