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## Anson County Experiencing a Rash of Property Crimes

**You can help by being observant and reporting anything suspicious**

Anson County is currently experiencing a high volume of property crimes according to the Sheriff's Office. Protecting citizens and their property is a major priority for the Sheriff. Sheriff Reid has these recommendations for all Ansonians.

- There is no particular time of day when these crimes are happening. The Sheriff's Office is asking citizens to be their eyes and ears of the community by being observant.
- Sheriff Reid recommends that you record serial numbers for all of your personal items that have one.
- Store your possessions in a safe place.
- If you have any information regarding a crime you may have seen or heard about, or know anything about who may be responsible for these ongoing breaking and enterings and larcenies throughout the county, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 704-694-7083 or Captain Tim Watkins at 704-695-6314. Any information will remain confidential.



## Anson Youth Enjoy a Free Trip to Great Wolf Lodge

For the second time in as many months a group of Anson County youth were able to enjoy a free trip to the Great Wolf Lodge. This trip was provided by Miss Gloria Howard and Pastor Brad Humphries of First Fellowship Ministries in Charlotte. Transportation was provided by Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro.

Pastor Tim Adams, Founder of Harvest stated, "Thirty youth were able to attend a once in a life time trip to enjoy the water park and facilities of the beautiful Great Wolf Lodge." Adams added that a few of the youth told him, "I've never been to Concord," so this trip was truly a blessing to many.

Gloria Howard shared, "It's such a blessing to be able to give to the wonderful community and children of Anson County, my home."



## Law Enforcement Torch Run For Special Olympics is April 29

The 2016 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics will be held on Friday, April 29. Participants will line up at Lanesboro Correctional Institution in Polkton at 8:30 a.m. and the run will begin at 9:00 a.m. Walkers will leave Lanesboro Correctional and walk to Highway 74. Runners will pick up the pace along Highway 74 and travel through the town of Wadesboro, with the finish line at Lilesville Elementary School.

Shirts and hats will be available at the Torch Run, or you can order them. Be sure to order early! To order items or for additional information about the Torch Run please call Donna McAllister at 704-694-1690.

## Pee Dee Electric Kicks Off Bright Ideas Education Grants

**Teachers apply for education grants up to \$2,000**

Pee Dee Electric, along with 25 other co-ops in the network of North Carolina's electric cooperatives have collectively pledged nearly \$600,000 to the state's teachers in Bright Ideas education grant funding for the 2016-17 school year. Educators can submit an application for grants of up to \$2,000 for creative, hands-on classroom projects that would not otherwise be possible. Teachers can learn more and apply online at [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

"For more than 20 years, Bright Ideas grants have helped teachers bring innovative ideas to life and get students excited about learning," said Ashley Haynes, Communications Specialist for Pee Dee Electric. "Pee Dee is committed to the communities we serve, and we believe there is no better investment than in the education of our youth."

Pee Dee Electric expects to award over \$13,000 in Bright Ideas grants this year to teachers in Anson, Moore, Montgomery, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly and Union counties. The grants are available to K-12 teachers for innovative projects in any subject and teachers can apply individually or as a team.

Applications will be accepted through September 23, but teachers are encouraged to apply early. Teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of Monday, August 15 will be entered to win a Visa gift card. All applications must be submitted online at [NCBrightIdeas.com](http://NCBrightIdeas.com).

To apply, teachers must include a budget, explain the implementation, goals, creative elements and evaluation of the project and have approval from the school principal. Applications will be judged in a competitive evaluation process, and judges will be on the lookout for projects that feature innovation and creativity. The application and grant-writing tips can be found at [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

Since 1994, Pee Dee Electric and North Carolina's electric cooperatives have worked to enhance education by engaging students in meaningful learning projects that encourage creative approaches. In the past two decades, North Carolina's electric cooperatives have contributed more than \$10.2 million to teachers for 9,800 projects benefiting more than 2 million students.

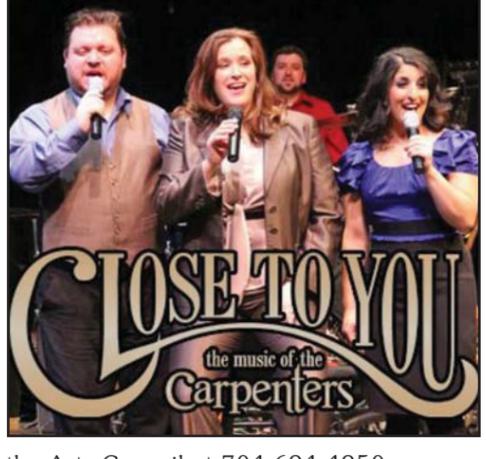
"Teachers have amazing, creative ideas that are designed to help students succeed, and we never want a lack of resources to limit the implementation of those ideas," Haynes said. "The enthusiasm and dedication of educators never ceases to amaze us, and we are proud to support their efforts."

Pee Dee Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative whose goal is to provide reliable, dependable electric service for its members while focusing on value, quality customer service, and enhancing life in the communities we serve. Pee Dee's service area consists of Anson, Richmond, Union, Stanly, Montgomery, Moore and Scotland counties. For more information about Pee Dee Electric, please visit [www.pdemc.com](http://www.pdemc.com).

## Close to You, the Music of the Carpenters Musical Presentation is at the Ansonia Saturday

The Ansonia Theatre is proud to present the fabulous Lisa Rock and Company as they pay tribute to one of the greatest vocal groups of all time, Karen and Richard...The Carpenters. The show is called *Close to You, the Music of the Carpenters*. This wonderful show will take place this Saturday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are only \$15 for general seating, and there's not a bad seat in the house! For information call the Arts Council at 704-694-4950.



## Relay for Life Survivors' Social

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Anson County invites all cancer survivors and two guests to attend the 2016 Anson County Survivors' Social. This event will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro, located at 208 South Greene Street.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Amy Turner as soon as possible at 704-826-8407. It is best to call after 6 p.m., and you may leave a message with your contact information.

## Free Movie is Born to Win

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie for Monday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pritchett Room. It is the inspirational drama *Born to Win*, which follows one man's journey to find his faith as a teacher at a school for the physically disabled. Based on a true story *Born to Win* comes from the producer of the hit faith-based film *Faith Like Potatoes* which sold over 2.2 million DVDs in 17 languages worldwide. The movie stars Gregg Kriek, Leone Pienaar, Nadia Beukes, Cobus Venter and Marie Cronje. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the film.

For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

## Special Olympics Set for April 26

The Special Olympics Anson County Spring Games will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at Anson High School Football Stadium. Opening Ceremonies begin at 9:30 a.m.

The rain date is Thursday, April 28, same time and place. For more information about Special Olympics, including community volunteer interest, please contact Coordinator Sylvia Tillman at (704) 694-4417.

## Learn How to Feel Better...Healthier...Happier

Living with or caring for someone with Diabetes can affect your quality of life. This six-week Living Healthy with Diabetes workshop is designed to help you better manage your Diabetes and live a happier, healthier life! You don't have to stop doing the things you love to do. The key to getting the most out of life is learning to manage your symptoms. No matter your situation, Living Healthy with Diabetes can assist you in taking control. Whether you have been recently diagnosed with diabetes or have had diabetes for years this workshop will give the support you need to find practical ways to deal with your stress, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, and learn better ways to talk with your doctor and family about your health.

Previous participants have stated they have benefited from this class more than any other diabetes class they have attended.

The Living Healthy with Diabetes classes will be held at the Grace Senior Center, located at 199 Highway 742 South (just past IGA) in Wadesboro. This is a six week class that is scheduled for every Thursday, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. starting May 5 and running through June 9. Class size is limited and registration is required. Call Rita Short at 704-694-6217 or 704-994-3494 and start living healthy!

## Computer Skills Classes Offered at BRLC

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center offers computer skills classes for adults. Classes are tailored for beginners or intermediate students.

If you are interested please contact BRLC to register. They are located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. The telephone number is 704-826-8737.

## Anson New Tech RoboWolves Robotics Team Won First Place in Recent NC District Competition



The Anson New Tech High School RoboWolves Robotics Team won First Place in the 2016 FIRST North Carolina District Wake County Robotics Event that was held March 11-13 in Raleigh. The team continued their success with a Third Place in a competition held at Campbell University on April 3. Congratulations to the RoboWolves for your terrific performances!

## Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 9 a.m. at the BCSWCD office, located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. Information is available at 704-694-3516.

## Pee Dee WALL Meets April 28

Pee Dee WALL will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 7 p.m. in the Hampton B. Allen Library. They will be discussing coal ash and gas tracking developments. The public is welcome to attend.

For more information contact Denise Lee at 704-694-8577 or visit [www.peedeewall.org](http://www.peedeewall.org).

## Aware? Or Beware!

This is a release from Mary Lynn Railton at the Anson County Health Department: We are created male and female, sexual creations, created by the act of sexual intercourse. Sexual health and behavior is part of every person's life. Our behavioral choices are based upon our knowledge, our environment, our belief system and our culture. Risky sexual behavior results in unplanned pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STI's), including HIV.

Now we know that the STI called the Human Papilloma Virus causes cancers that can be debilitating and fatal years after the initial infection. At the Anson County Health Department we have a vaccine to inhibit the infection and spread of this virus. It is recommended for males, ages 11-21, and to females, ages 11-26.

The Health Department's Family Planning Program is dedicated to providing education and resources for the promotion of healthy attitudes and behaviors. Our Mission Statement is "To protect our environment, prevent the spread of diseases and promote the health and wellbeing of all the citizens of Anson County."