



Kids Enjoy a Day of Learning at the Refuge

Anson County second graders from Wadesboro Primary, Morven, Peachland-Polkton, Lilesville and Ansonville Schools and third graders from Morven, Wadesboro Primary, Lilesville and Ansonville schools recently enjoyed a day at Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge. The Environmental Field Day and Refuge Adventures programs are an annual weeklong event, which was held April 4-5 and 11-15.

This year students explored wildlife, forestry, and reptiles. Third graders learned about birds of prey, water ecosystems and soils. They also learned about the Refuge and its management, and were invited to come back with parents and friends. A total of 470 youth in 25 classrooms gained first-hand experience about environmental education during this two-week time span.

Classes and instructors included Ken Knight and Rupert Medford, of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission; Janet Gilreath and Greg Walmsby of the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; Samuel Cole and Quantelya Dumas of 4-H Youth Promise; Roshunda Terry and Aimee Colf of the NC Cooperative Extension Service; and Gary McLendon, Jonathan Ross, Brandon VanBuren and Scotty Comer of the NC Forest Service.

These programs are a joint effort of Anson Cooperative Extension, Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge and Anson County Schools. They are coordinated by Anson County 4-H.

Pictured here, Horticulture Agent Aimee Colf is with teaching youth about soil in Anson County by playing bingo with them. Each group of youth got a soil survey map of the county and learned that the county has 81 soil types. She called out a soil type and code and the youth looked to see if that type of soil is located on their map. This teaches what soils are located where in Anson County.



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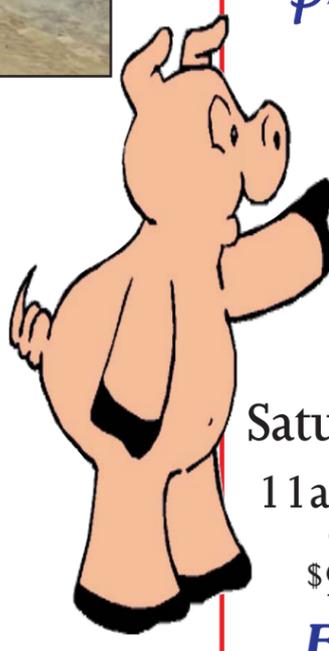
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Due to generous support by the sponsors of our Union County Farm Show and Festival, the Club had moneys available to match the member's donation. This resulted in a total donation of \$880 that allowed them to provide razors, razor refill cartridges, shaving cream, and men's belts that were needed by our veterans.

For more information on the Union County Antique Tractor & Power Club contact Jim Nolen at 704-272-7502.

Pictured above, Jim and Fredia Nolen of the Union County Antique Tractor & Power Club display some of the donated items.

**50+ Club Meeting Features
Music by Betty Moore Griffin**

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, May 9 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Betty Moore Griffin from Indian Trail will be the featured guest. Betty will be doing the music of top country female artists from the 60's and southern gospel music. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy the music of this talented lady.

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