The Anson County Kids Expo will be held on Saturday, August 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is the Chamber of Commerce’s new event that focuses on the next generation of entrepreneurs and business owners. The event offers kids grades K-12 an opportunity to create, develop and market a product or service that they are passionate about. Students for trade-only, adults are not allowed to help sell or market the child's product or service. The event is not only a showcase for the children, but an opportunity to understand the elements of owning one's own business. The kids will learn and use real life skills such as math, communication and creative thinking and understand the realities of business development and marketing. This event is free to the child and offer some insight into what it takes to own your own business. Business, shop or stay for lunch and be prepared for a visit from the Anson Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador Program that has brought electricity to people in Bolivia. Students will be encouraged to share with the community the importance of electricity and how it touches our everyday lives.

This event will be held on East Wade Street, between Washington Street and Berewick. If you require a lift chair, please contact the Chamber office. They want every child interested in participating to be able to participate. Please let them know how they can help your child apply! Applications will be available through a committee of Anson County Chamber business leaders. Any questions will be answered. Applications will be available on March 1, 2019. This event is free to the child. For more information contact Shelby Emrich at semrich@ansoncountychamber.org or 704-694-4951.

The Ansonian’s Theatre & Art Summer Camps

Anson’s Theatre & Art Summer Camps has a variety of camps for all ages and interests. The camp includes age appropriate lessons and projects each day. Camp hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., each participant needs to bring lunch. Cost for this camp is $75.

Pee Dee Electric Volunteers Bring First-time Electricity to Rural Bolivian Village

More than 1.2 billion people live without power around the world, according to the International Energy Agency, and only 66 percent of people in the mountainous, agricultural community in central Bolivia now have access to improved education and economic opportunities, as well as power. The Brighter World Initiative brought together 13 expert lineworkers from seven North Carolina electric co-ops to build about 10 miles of power lines.

The locals were shy at first, but the expressions on their faces when the poles started to go up was the best part of the trip, said Proud. “They knew this was a step forward. They wanted to participate.”

“Having electricity in the community opens the door to economic growth, as well as improvements in education and health care,” said Collette Choo, one of the lineworkers who worked on the project. “It represented hope for the Bolivian people.”

When we flipped the power to the school and saw the excitement as the children ran outside, said Proud. “We could tell they were excited for the first time. Jody Keane and Steve Preslar pictured in Bolivia.