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**GRADUATION SPECIAL EDITION CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE ANSON COUNTY GRADUATES**

## WPD Hot Car Display Demonstrates the Danger of Leaving Children and Pets Unattended in Vehicles

Summer is here and with it comes the rising temperatures. Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer has a growing concern for both children and pets left unattended in vehicles during these times of high temperatures. Since 1990 almost 800 children have died in these preventable tragedies. An average of 37 children die needlessly every year from vehicular heatstroke. In 2016 a total of 39 children died. One of the biggest challenges; nobody thinks this could ever happen to them.



**Safety steps include:**

- Put something in the back seat so you have to open the back door when leaving the vehicle - cell phone, employee badge, handbag, left shoe, etc.
- Every time you park your vehicle open the back door to make sure no one has been left behind. "Look Before You Lock."
- Ask your childcare provider or babysitter to call you within 10 minutes if your child hasn't arrived on time.
- Keep a stuffed animal in your child's car seat and move it to the front seat to remind you when your baby is in the back seat.

Over the next week you may see a vehicle set up with a sign showing inside temperatures of the vehicle as compared to the temperature outside. Temperatures inside the vehicle can raise drastically compared to those outside and this sign will help to show just how quickly the difference can become deadly.

Wadesboro Police Department obtained the equipment from the Office of the State Fire Marshall in conjunction with the Governor's Highway Safety Program. Wadesboro Police Department is hoping to spread the word county-wide and will be loaning the equipment out to other agencies within the county to help raise awareness and hopefully prevent these tragedies in our area.

## Lynn Whitlock Honored by NC Association of Municipal Clerks

Lynn B. Whitlock, Town Clerk for the Town of Lilesville, has been awarded the prestigious designation of "North Carolina Certified Municipal Clerk" (NCCMC) from the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks (NCAMC), along with the School of Government of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for achieving its high educational, experience and service requirements. Whitlock attained the designation through the completion of the NCAMC Program conducted in cooperation with the School of Government of the UNC-Chapel Hill.

As an established member of the NCAMC, Whitlock joins the 2017 class of municipal clerks from North Carolina who are receiving this State designation. The NCAMC is a professional organization of city, town and village clerks from across the state, dedicated to the continued growth and development of clerks and their municipalities. Established on November 5, 1975, the Association, among other things, promotes educational and professional development opportunities for municipal clerks to enhance their knowledge and effectiveness. This is no small task, considering the wide array of duties performed by municipal clerks, which often vary from municipality to municipality. The Association partners with the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill, and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) to meet the needs of each individual municipal clerk.

The NCCMC Program is a five-year designation with requirements for continuing education to sustain and develop the ever-changing knowledge of the profession of municipal clerks. The NCAMC, together with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, strives to promote educational and professional development to enhance the clerk.

## Free Groceries Available to Eligible Families this Saturday

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) Emergency Food Pantry will distribute free food products this Saturday and next, June 24 and July 1 at 9 a.m. These foods are provided by the NC Department of Agriculture through the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. Families will be served until the food runs out - first come, first served. Also, due to changes with the schedule, neighbors will be served only once monthly with these items.

The US federal income guidelines will be a determining factor for each individual's eligibility and food items will only be available to Ansonians who qualify. Individuals who have not registered before nor received food from the BRLC Emergency Food Pantry must have financial documentation as proof of income to be served. A neighbor who does not have the necessary documents will not be served. Families that receive food stamp assistance automatically qualify. Each family will only be provided these commodities this month. Parents are asked not to bring small children. Neighbors, please park in parking lot behind center.

BRLC distributes free groceries to eligible families on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and at other times. You can contact them at 704-826-8182 for information. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

## Valedictorians and Salutatorians 2017



Congratulations to the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from Anson County Early College, Anson High School and Anson New Technology High School for your achievement. They are pictured above, from left: **Anson County Early College** Katelyn Stovall-Valedictorian, Kellie Sue Knight-Valedictorian and Ashley Lynn Teal-Salutatorian. **Anson High School** Jared Michael Griffith-Valedictorian and Emily Mikhaila Bennett-Salutatorian. **Anson New Technology High School** Christopher Wayne Kelly-Valedictorian and Jessica Ellen Wiersum-Salutatorian.

