

Letter to the Editor

Back to School with Pride Event Needs Your Help

Dear Friends,
 Each year we, the volunteers of Faith-Based Center of Hope, host an annual "Back to School with Pride" project. This project is scheduled the weekend before the first day of school, on Friday, August 24 and Sunday, August 26. The Friday event begins at 4 p.m. at Hatchers Park in Lilesville. The Sunday event begins at 3 p.m. at Centenary A.M.E. Zion Church. Highway Patrol Officer Landric Reid's shoe rally will also be a part of the festivities.
 The Back to School with Pride is open to the less fortunate youth of all diversities. Each year the need grows larger. We were able to offer school supplies and uniforms to over three hundred kids, every school in the Anson County and several in Richmond and Union County area. Through the contributions of great friends and community leaders, I know we will be able to bless more families this year.
 We invite various community leaders, officials, ministers and medical advisors in to speak to the kids. We will have entertainment provided by HOLLA! (DJ Leon Gatewood) and M&L Fun-Fun. I humbly ask for your support as we endeavor to do God's will and help our kids go back to school with the needed supplies.
 All contributions (whether monetary, school supplies or uniforms) will be greatly appreciated. We invite you to come be a part of a very worthwhile event. If you know any youth who would like to come and assist in passing out supplies, please contact me at 704-848-4412 or Ester Lindsey at 704-848-8452.

We Sincerely Love You, Vancine Sturdivant

SPCC's Minority Male Mentoring Program to Become More Inclusive, Proactive

South Piedmont Community College's minority male mentoring program is undergoing some changes – and it will no longer be just for minorities or males. Even though the revitalized program is just getting off the ground, the concept is already drawing interest from other community colleges. Program director Serena Johnson and program coordinator Jonathan Klish presented SPCC's plan to 43 community colleges last month in Durham and have already received calls from other schools requesting assistance with their programs.
 Previously known as IMPACT, the program will transform into a multi-faceted student support initiative. Under the former model, IMPACT was a club that recruited students and most services were delivered during weekly meetings. Club advisors found that the challenges many students face – two campuses 26 miles apart, lack of public transportation in Union and Anson counties, competing adult demands and many classes being taken online – all inhibited participation.
 Club advisors hope to increase student participation by rebranding the program. In its new incarnation, the multi-cultural club will be race and gender inclusive instead of just for minority males. With the help of mentors and staff, members will cultivate the development of peer support systems. The primary emphasis will be on campus tours, leadership development, personal enrichment, and recreation and fun.
 With the help of faculty, an early alert system will be developed to prevent struggling students from falling so far behind that they cannot recover. Instructors will be on the lookout for excessive absences, poor in-class participation, missed assignments, low grades, and behavioral and disciplinary issues.
 The club will also employ something known as Active Outreach Advising – Case Management. The school will take the initiative to reach out to students, especially at critical junctures throughout the semester. All minority male students will be screened for potential intervention. Helping relationships will be built through ongoing contact and students will receive help exploring services and programs that foster academic success.
 The transition to a multi-cultural club has already begun. The program will be fully implemented at the beginning of the fall semester. For more information, contact program coordinator Jonathan Klish at 704-290-5839 or counselingdepartment@students.spcc.edu, or program director Serena Johnson at 704-290-5844 or sjohnson@spcc.edu.

Wildlife Commission Launches Online Interactive Fishing Map

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission recently launched on its website, www.ncwildlife.org, a new interactive map that identifies more than 500 public fishing areas across the state, many of which are owned or managed by the Commission. The North Carolina Interactive Fishing Map allows users to search for and view information about public fishing areas around geographic areas of interest. Visitors can view the entire state, or search locations by address, by zip code or by county. Once they enter a location, they can then click on a map access point to get additional information about the site, such as the name of the access site, the type of access available, the water body name, the primary fisheries present, directions to the site and the entity that owns and/or manages the site.
 They also can select the "zoom to site" button for a closer look at the site's location. Selecting the "satellite" view enables users to view aerial imagery of the access site.
 Visitors can search the map by fish species, specific water body, type of water body and type of access. They also can purchase fishing licenses by clicking on the "Purchase License" icon.
 "We hope that this new map will be useful for anyone who fishes or wants to start fishing in North Carolina," said Kevin Hining, a fisheries biologist with the Commission's Division of Inland Fisheries. "Our goal is for the map to serve as a comprehensive information source for anglers looking for a publicly accessible place to fish in North Carolina, which is why we included sites that are managed by entities other than the Commission, such as municipalities, state parks and other groups."
 The map also shows the different trout classifications for all public mountain trout waters, coastal and joint water boundaries along the coast, game land boundaries and county boundaries.
 Future updates to improve the map's functionality and usability will include links to additional information about the access sites, including photographs, water bodies and fish collected during biological surveys conducted by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission.
 For more information on fishing in public, inland waters visit the Commission's website, www.ncwildlife.org or call the Division of Inland Fisheries, 919-707-0220.

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 Please call 704-694-4036 for more information or to pick up an application. Send resume, application and cover letter to:

Anson County Partnership for Children
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