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School Supplies Donations Collected at Walmart this Friday and Saturday

The Faith Based Center of Hope and Harvest Ministries will be set up at Walmart in Wadesboro to accept donations for their Back to School Giveaway which will be held August 19. They will gratefully accept donations of school supplies or funds with which they can purchase supplies. They will be onsite this Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Look for their tents near the doors. They will also be there the following Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, at the same times. 100 percent of the donations will be used to benefit area students who really need that boost to succeed in school. Thank you in advance for any help you can offer.



Anson County 4-H Delegation Attends Annual Electric Congress

A delegation from Anson County 4-H attended the 70th Annual 4-H Electric Congress that was held July 11-13 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. 155 4-H'ers, adult leaders and North Carolina Cooperative Extension agents from 47 counties attended the three-day event. Since 1947 Duke Energy and Dominion Energy have sponsored the annual congress to emphasize electrical energy concepts, conservation and safe efficient use. The 4-H electric program is one of the most popular activities among Tar Heel 4-H'ers. The 4-H program is the youth education program of N.C. Cooperative Extension, based at North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State universities. More than 232,000 young people between the ages of 5 and 19 participate in North Carolina 4-H activities each year with the help of 20,563 adult and youth volunteers. Pictured from left are Betty Garris (Anson County 4-H Volunteer Leader), Quenton Cromartie, Keyshawn Tillman, Na'La Brown and Wayne Huddleston (Account manager with Duke Energy).

HOLLA! Collegiate Cookout Invests In the Future

Gifts, food, scholarships and a charge to stay focused were the highlights of the fourth annual HOLLA! Collegiate Cookout held on Saturday, July 22. The purpose of the cookout was to invite the community to come together to show support for students who have chosen to go to college. Anson County native Ampston Hews hosted the event. He charged the students to stay focused and reminded them that mom wouldn't be there to wake them up. "Build a group of friends that have the same goals as you," he said. Presently a traveling comedian, he left the event headed to a performance at the Ansonia Theatre later that evening. "Being able to perform at home is one of the most exciting things in the world to me," he said in closing. Nearly 25 rising freshman and college students from Anson and Richmond counties attended the event. Among the attendees were Jasmine Lindsey and Marquez Davis, winners of the HOLLA!/M.R. Bell Excellence in Achievement Awards and Melanie Bennett winner of the HOLLA! Mary E. Little Community Service Award. All three award winners received \$500 cash prizes. All attendees received gift bags donated by the Faith-Based Center of Hope (FBCH) as well as a chance to win valuable other prizes donated by other businesses and organizations. "We are here to support you to be the best you can be," said Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant, founder of FBCH. Joseph Gatewood of Gatewood Financial Insurance and Real Estate donated \$100 cash awards to all in attendance who were matriculating at his Alma Mater, North Carolina Central University. "I am happy to be here in support of this program and encourage you to do your best," he said. 2017 North Carolina State University Graduate Carolei Bryan was one of the volunteer organizers of the event. "I enjoyed being able to help put together an event that would celebrate the success of graduating high school seniors," she said. She said the event was a success as students got to socialize with others who will be at their school, as well as listen to words of wisdom from those who were once in their position. "Overall, I am honored to be able to help with such a great cause in Anson county," she added. Bryan was the 2013 Valedictorian at Anson County Early College. HOLLA! officials say they have many people to thank for the success of the event including Subrina Hough and her company, Parents Point of View and Nneka Brown-Massey and her company, Innovation Supplies Worldwide, Inc. from Columbus, Georgia who donated notebooks with covers that are motivating, conscientious and fit for framing for each gift bag. HOLLA! also expressed thanks to, James Robert McCray and Rosezetta Chiselom McCray, Hornwood, Inc., Badcock Furniture of Wadesboro, Belk of Monroe, the 35th District Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliate, Woodforest Bank Wadesboro Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Derwin Marshall, Dr Lillian G. Rorie, Marilyn Bennett, Robon Insurance Company, Harvest Ministries, Office Works of Chesterfield, Caroline Goins, Gatewood Financial Insurance and Real Estate, Comedian Ampston Hews, Artellia Burch, Regina Lloyd-Brown, Dr. Bobbie Little, Sheriff Landric Reid, Ronald Little, Alex Gaddy, Johnnie Pettiford, Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant and many others. "It is a beautiful thing when the village comes together. In times like these, it is encouraging to see young people moving forward and we are fortunate to live in a community that is supportive of their aspirations," said Leon Gatewood, CEO of HOLLA! "The sacrifice made by volunteers like, Johnnie Pettiford, Alex Gaddy, Ronald Little and Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant is nothing short of amazing," he added. Want to support HOLLA!?! Donations can be mailed to: HOLLA! P.O. Box 88 Wadesboro, NC 28170. Or can be made electronically on the website at www.HOLLA.ws. Want to volunteer? Call 704-851-3144 or email to Leon@HOLLA.ws.



Blood Drive Aug. 8

Did you know...The need for blood is constant. By partnering with the American Red Cross, you can help ensure that hospitals have enough blood to meet patient needs. Blood usage varies widely depending on the type of surgery or illness, particular treatments, and whether there are complications. A unit is approximately one pint of blood. What is it used for? A 3-year-old has cancer. Leukemia strikes a high schooler preparing for college. A young mother has unexpected complications after giving birth. A grandfather needs open heart surgery. Every day patients across the United States need an average of 44,000 units of blood. That is about 17 million donations - or nearly 23 million blood products - transfused to 5 million patients a year. There will be a Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 8 at McLeod Health in Cheraw, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. To schedule your donation time please contact Arielle Williams at 843-287-8183. Or you can visit www.redcrossblood.org and put in sponsor code 'McLeod.' McLeod Health is located at 711 Chesterfield Highway in Cheraw.

Connections Family Support Program Monthly Meeting

Richmond County meeting for those serving children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges

The Connections Family Support Program hosts a monthly support group for parents, grandparents and foster parents serving children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 10 at First United Methodist Church, in the Bynum Building, located at 400 East Washington Street in Rockingham, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch and resources are provided free. Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995 or email at connectionsfsp@gmail.com to register. The deadline to register is Monday, August 7.

New Exciting Event: Chamber on the Half Shell!

This is a release from the Anson County Chamber of Commerce: We are excited to invite you to participate in the first annual Chamber on the Half Shell taking place on Saturday, September 30 at the Twin Valley Golf Club from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Anson County Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic, energetic and respected business organization that facilitates both economic and social growth in support of our members and the community. The Chamber strives to provide quality community events for all members and residents of Anson County. Chamber on the Half Shell will be one of our most anticipated fundraisers of the year! Our fundraising goal for this event is \$20,000! We ask you to join us in our efforts to support our organization. There are three ways to support us and contribute to the success of this year's event:

- Become a sponsor - we have opportunities from \$100 to \$2,500.
- Donate a raffle item - we encourage you to be creative, items can range from your products and services, to gift certificates, baskets or experiences.
- Join us at the event! Chamber on the Half Shell will feature an all you can eat buffet complete with steamed oysters, fried shrimp, fried fish, hush puppies, cole slaw and all the fixings! There will also be a complimentary open bar complete with wine and beer to quench your thirst! And, just in case you feel like dancing, the Live House Band will join us beginning at 7:00 p.m. to turn up the volume!

Individual tickets: Chamber members \$50; Non-Members \$60 limited number of tickets available! Get yours at the Chamber today!

We would like to thank the following sponsors: PEARL Presenting Sponsor - Anson Health and Rehabilitation; Cluster Sponsor - Anson County Tourism Development Authority; Half Shell Sponsors - Pee Dee Electric, McCollum Staffing, Poisson, Poisson & Bower, Waste Connections; Shucker Sponsors - B&B Pest Control, Carolinas Healthcare System-Anson, North Carolina Electric Cooperatives, Steampot Sponsors - Brown Creek Animal Hospital, Bates Law Firm, William A. Strayhorn, DDS., Kiker Resource Management, Anson Family Optometric; Wheelbarrow Sponsor - Uwharrie Bank; Goody Bag Sponsors - Vac and Dash, Anson Pharmacy, Peaches n' Cream, McInnis for State Senate.

If you have questions or would like more information about becoming a sponsor or donor for our 2017 Chamber on the Half Shell, please email the chamber at ansonchamber@windstream.net or call 704-694-4181.

New Opportunities to Hunt on Sundays

A new law, "Outdoor Heritage Enhanced," will increase opportunities to hunt wild animals and upland game birds on private lands. The law also gives authority to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (Commission) and other public landowners to implement new options for Sunday hunting on public lands. Sunday hunting for migratory birds, including waterfowl, remains prohibited.

On private lands:

- Hunters may hunt within 500 yards of a residence, potentially opening millions of acres of private land previously off-limits to Sunday hunters.
- Hunters may not hunt at any time on Sunday within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, nor hunt deer with the use of dogs.
- Shooting hours remain unchanged, meaning private lands may be hunted for wild animals and upland game birds with a firearm on Sunday prior to 9:30 a.m. and after 12:30 p.m.
- Controlled hunting preserves are not restricted between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. if they are licensed pursuant to G.S. 113.273(g).

On public lands:

- Public land managers, including the Commission, may authorize hunting on Sundays with a firearm on the public lands for which they have jurisdiction.
- If public land managers allow Sunday hunting on their lands, hunters remain prohibited from hunting with a firearm between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., from hunting deer with the use of dogs and from hunting within 500 yards of a place of religious worship.
- Sunday hunting on the Commission's game lands remains prohibited.
- The Commission will implement a collaborative and inclusive process with constituents to evaluate options and opportunities to open Sunday hunting with firearms on the approximately 500,000 acres of game lands owned by the Commission. The process will include consideration of all user-group perspectives.
- The Commission will work collaboratively with governmental, private and corporate partners to determine interest in allowing opportunities to hunt on Sundays with a firearm on the approximately 1.5 million acres of game lands owned by those partners. If these partners are willing to consider this option, then the Commission will follow the process described for Commission-owned game lands.

Migratory birds:

- Hunting of migratory birds on Sundays remains prohibited.
- The new legislation gives the Commission the authority to lift the prohibition on migratory bird hunting after March 1, 2018.
- The law also mandates that a study be conducted by the Commission to consider the biological and resource management impacts, economic impacts, and social impacts associated with hunting migratory birds on Sundays.

For information on the Outdoor Heritage Enhanced law, visit New Sunday Hunting Regulations at www.ncwildlife.org.

