

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting on Monday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. Dr. Leon Smith (banjo) and David Napier (bass guitar) will be presenting a program with the theme *Banjo in North Carolina*. Leon will be demonstrating techniques of skilled local banjo pickers and entertaining with some wonderful favorite banjo songs. Everyone is invited to join in for this special program.
Any questions call 704-694-5177.

Senior Citizen Self Defense Class

Crime is a real concern in the world today, and seniors are often targets. While basic precautions and prevention efforts, like staying in groups and walking in well-lit areas, can go a long way, you may want to take a more proactive approach in a face-to-face confrontation.
Consider enrolling in the Senior Self Defense Class which begins on Monday, September 11 at 4 p.m. at Grace Senior Center. The class, instructed by Sensei Weaver Thomas, costs \$10 per session. Persons interested should call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

Girl Scout Event in Anson County to Rally New Scouts and Volunteers

In September the Girl Scouts Hornets' Nest Council will be in Anson County to rally tomorrow's female leaders and today's adult volunteers. With a century-old mission of instilling courage, confidence and character in girls to make the world a better place, the Girl Scouts welcome school-age girls and their parents to learn how its leadership development curriculum is essential on the journey of self-discovery and enrichment.

- The Girl Scout Research Institute recently shared a study that found:
- Girl Scouts exhibit stronger leadership outcomes than non-Girl Scouts;
 - Girl Scouts are more likely than non-Girl Scouts to participate in out-of-school-time activities that engage them in active learning;
 - Girl Scouts helps girls do well in the classroom and beyond;
 - Girl Scouts are twice as likely as non-Girl Scouts to participate in activities that shape their character and open new worlds to them; and
 - Supportive adults and the Girl Scout processes help Girl Scouts develop the Girl Scout Leadership Experience outcomes.

These results demonstrate the value the organization has on shaping the lives of girls. For full study results, please visit the Girl Scouts Research Institute at <http://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/research.html>.

"We truly believe Girl Scouts is the best girl leadership experience in the world," said Angela Woods, CEO of the Hornets' Nest Council. "This is why we are so passionate about giving every girl, parent and potential volunteer the opportunity to connect with us throughout the fall. We don't want to miss one single girl who deserves the opportunity to grow, learn and lead. The same applies for parents and volunteers. Girl Scouts creates unforgettable memories and the opportunity to shape the character of tomorrow's leaders."

An essential ingredient to the Girl Scout success story are leaders and volunteers to guide girls on their leadership development journey. The Girl Scouts rely on volunteers to manage troops of an average of 10 girls and provide adult learning opportunities to equip volunteers for success.

An information session is currently scheduled in Anson County for girls (K-12) and interested volunteers. The session is Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lilesville Elementary School. For a current schedule, please visit www.hngirlscouts.org.

To obtain details on all information sessions or to learn more about starting a troop or volunteering, visit www.hngirlscouts.org.

Blood Drive is September 12

There will be a Community Blood Center of the Carolinas Blood Drive at South Piedmont Community College in Polkton on Tuesday, September 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Give blood and help save local lives! Donate blood with Community Blood Center of the Carolinas. Call 704-972-4700 or go to www.cbcc.us to make an appointment at any location.

Please note CBCC's minimum weight requirement for blood donors is 120 pounds. More public drives can be found at Community Blood Center of the Carolinas' website www.cbcc.us. CBCC has donation centers in Charlotte, Concord, Gastonia, Hickory, and Greensboro.

Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market Open Every Thursday

The Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market is open every Thursday at 4 p.m. on the Town Square through the end of September. All vegetable, fruit, baked goods as well as arts and crafts vendors who wish to participate should contact Uptown Wadesboro at (704) 695-1644.

For further information call or email uptownwadesboro@windstream.net.

Artists & Crafters Sought for Christmas in November Sale

Calling all area artists and crafters! The Anson County Arts Council's Christmas in November Art and Crafts Sale will return for its seventh year on Saturday, November 11, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

The Arts Council offers this event as a service to the residents and creative community of Anson and surrounding counties, so admission for shoppers is free, and vendors keep 100% of their sales.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting event, contact the Anson County Arts Council at ansonart@windstream.net or at 704-694-4950. The fee for an 8-foot table is just \$40, or \$65 for two. Reserve your space today!

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