Peachland-Polkton Elementary School's Terrific Kids

Peachland-Polkton School held its Terrific Kids Celebration for the first nine weeks on Tuesday, November 4th. Pictured are the students who were recognized for this honor.

From left, front row: Faith Fincher, Samantha Tucker, Terrell Marsh, Natorian Smith, Lela Chaney, Natalee Griffin, Caydence Tadlock, Marcus Jackson, Dock Hyatt, Nicole Horne, Adisun Taylor, Shelby Hasty, Hannah Austin, Adam Beam and Nate Williams. Second row: Hannah Turner, Erin Lookabill, Gracie Stinson, Nathan Houseman, Aidan Carpenter, Yenzi Gomez, Des Horne, Romeo Robinson, Mackenzie Beamer, Mayci McCollum, Davis Wright, Maddox Valler, Bethany Smith, CaMya Little, Carson Thomas, Jackie Vang, Natalie Hicks and Adrianna Anastas. Third row: Alexis Gomez, Keon Gray, Bailey Winfield, Tynlee Strawn, Desmond Wall, Keeylan White, Dequan Sturdivant, Tony Blalock, Caleb Henry, Kayla Dutton, Derika Brown, Fuesu Vang, Colin McCormick, Jacob Taylor, Seth Baucom and Taylor Helms. Kenley Napier, Emanuel Gomez, Alana Wegner, Micaela Gomez Elizabeth Thomas are not pictured.

Free Energy Audits for Homeowners

Homeowners in a 14-county area of North and South Carolina have until December 31 to apply for free energy audits. The audits will identify home improvement options that can save energy and money, while also increasing comfort and improving indoor air quality. An initiative of Connect Our Future and funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Neighborhood Energy Profile Database and Energy Efficiency Recommendations (NEPDEER) program will select 30 homes to receive two free seasonal audits, one in the winter of 2014 and one in the summer of 2014. NEPDEER also will choose 12 homes from this group to receive in-home energy monitoring services.

An energy audit is a combination of tests and inspections performed by a trained professional in order to assess the energy efficiency of a home. An energy auditor will typically test for air leakage and infiltration in the building's structure and in the ductwork of the heating and air conditioning system. The auditor also will do a thorough walk-through inspection of every room of the house including the crawl space and attic. Homeowners must be present during the energy audits. In-home energy monitoring consists of collecting data over a six-month period about how the 12 selected homes use energy.

Participants in the program will learn how to make their homes more energy efficient through corrective home improvement measures and modifications to their own energy consumption. Their participation also will contribute to the development of a much-needed database about residential energy use in the region.

To qualify, applicants must meet three basic requirements. First, they must be homeowners who have lived in their homes at least one year. Second, only single-family detached homes are eligible for the program. Third, homeowners must live in one of the following counties: Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly and Union in North Carolina or Chester, Lancaster, Union and York in South Carolina.

Interested homeowners can find more information about the program and applications at *connectourfuture.org/home-energy-audit-program*. The deadline to apply is December 31.

CONNECT Our Future is a three-year collaboration between communities, counties, businesses, educators, nonprofits and other organizations in a 14-county area. Its purpose is to promote: 1) a strong, diverse economy, 2) sustainable, well-managed growth, 3) a healthy and safe environment, 4) increased collaboration among regional and local government, 5) enhanced social equity, and 6) educational opportunities that are available to all residents. CONNECT Our Future is a Sustainable Communities initiative, funded by a HUD grant.

LES Students Learn About Healthy Foods

Deborah Seigler, R.N. with the Anson County Health Department, presented a program to 3rd graders at Lilesville Elementary School focused on education of healthy food choices for breakfast. The kids were challenged to think of their favorite breakfast foods and give a short presentation to their classmates. The various food groups were discussed as follows: grains, proteins, and fruits. Lists were then offered to the students encouraging them to choose a food from each of the food groups that they would consider as a new food to try for breakfast one morning. This was done to encourage an exploration of the various foods available for kids to partake of at breakfast.

At the conclusion of the presentation, energizers were then offered to the students. These are fun and simple exercises that get kids motivated to go through the day's activities with a fresh burst of energy. The exercises were offered at the end of the health related presentation to encourage students to be more active.

Crisis Ministry Now Has Drop-Off Building

The Anson Crisis Ministry, located at 117 North Rutherford Street in Wadesboro, has purchased a drop-off building from Wadesboro Lumber for the convenience of their donors. This small building is located at the rear of the Crisis Ministry. It will be available for drop-off donations during inclement weather and after hours.

The Crisis Ministry is not affilated with drop-off buildings located anywhere else in Anson County. For more information please call 704-694-2445.

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1 ROOM OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE IN EXPRESS BUILDING
205 West Morgan Street in Wadesboro. Renovated, features common area waiting room outside of office. Includes utilities & remodeled bathroom. **$300 per month**

3 ROOM OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE 208 SOUTH RUTHERFORD ST.
Waiting room, office with window open to waiting room, and back office. Street frontage, good parking. Freshly painted and new floor covering to suit tenant. **$500 per month**

CHURCH SANCTUARY FOR SALE OR LEASE IN ROCKINGHAM
Highway 1 South at Highway 74 Bypass: Brick construction, large sanctuary seats approx 200. Large classrooms, pastor's study, separate fellowship hall building. Includes pews & pulpit furniture. **Sale $375,000 or Lease $1,000 per month**
Additional home/parsonage next door also available.

RICHMOND COUNTY LAND FOR SALE
Development Potential: Approximately 7.5 acres on Fifth Street in Hamlet. Close to 800 feet frontage on Fifth Street. Located at intersection with Old Cheraw Highway, across from WKDX Radio Station, about 1 mile from Highway 74. **$25,000**
Development Potential - Investor Price: Approximately 15 acres on Fifth Street in Hamlet. Approximately 575 feet of frontage on Fifth Street, approximately 350 feet frontage on Old Cheraw Highway. Beside WKDX Radio Station in residential area, approximately 1 mile from Highway 74. Sold as one parcel. **$30,000**

Call 704-681-5776