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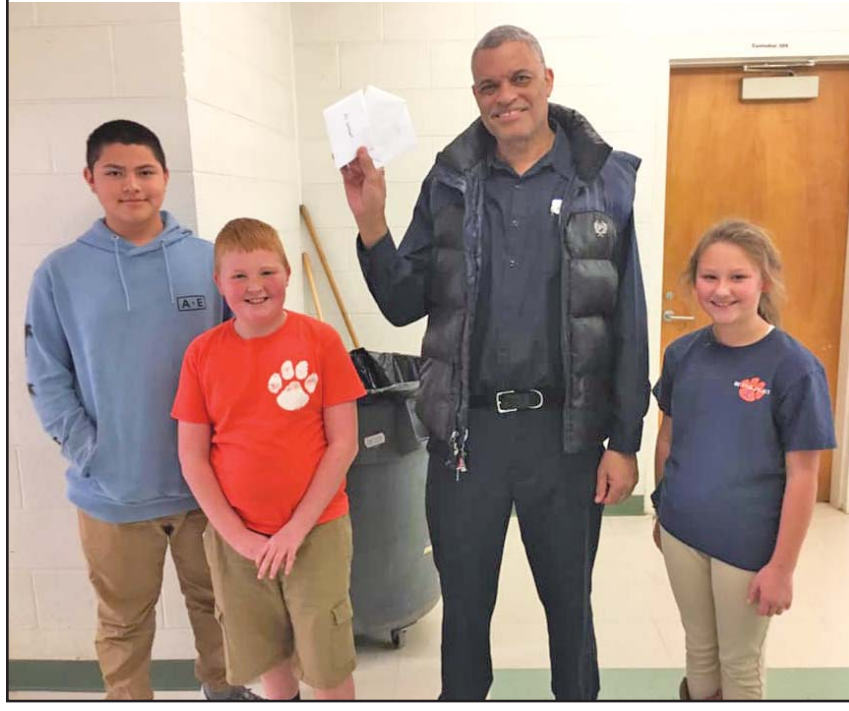
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Gratitude Project at PPES

Mrs. Edwards fifth grade ELA Reading class surprised Peachland-Polkton Elementary School with a Gratitude Project the week before Thanksgiving break! Students wrote detailed and thoughtful letters of appreciation to any staff member in the building who is special to them.

Mrs. Edwards said, "It was so rewarding to hear why they chose each staff member. Our staff works hard to build positive relationships with our students. It is a day we will never forget!"

Pictured is Mr. John Lockhart with three students who surprised him with a letter of appreciation. One student's letter mentioned that Mr. Lockhart gives him confidence. The student said he enjoys the encouraging words Mr. Lockhart always shares in the hallway.

Thanks, Mrs. Kimberly Edwards for leading this surprise project!

Anson County 2040 •

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update Last Meeting is Thursday

Over the next year Anson County will update its comprehensive land use plan. The county has held a series of open houses in November and December for residents to provide input on what they value about where they live and what they hope for the future. The content and process has been the same at each open house. Light refreshments and activities for children are provided. There is one last Open House scheduled for this Thursday, December 12.

The Open House is open to the public from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please plan to drop in any time.

For more information contact Anson County Manager Barron Monroe at BMonroe@co.anson.nc.us.

Open House Schedule

• Thursday, December 12 - Wadesboro (Central Anson) at South Piedmont Community College, Lockhart-Taylor Center's Ingram Room, 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro

Farmland Preservation Grants Available Through NCDA&CS

Application deadline is December 13

Since October 14, county governments and nonprofit groups may apply for funding assistance from the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for farmland preservation projects. This year's request for proposals includes statewide funding for conservation easements, agricultural development projects and agricultural plans. Applicants have until December 13 to apply.

"With the new changes to the application, especially those involving donated easements, we can partner with our applicants to do even more to preserve farm and forestland in North Carolina," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.

This cycle, applicant organizations may submit up to a total of six proposals regardless of category (perpetual easements, term easements, agricultural development projects/agricultural plans). A maximum of three applications per category per applicant may be awarded during this funding cycle.

Applications for donated easement proposals requesting only transaction cost assistance are not considered as one of the six proposals per funding cycle or as part of the maximum limit. Each organization or agency may submit up to four donated easement proposals per funding cycle.

The trust fund's purpose is to support projects that encourage the preservation of qualifying agricultural, horticultural and forest lands to foster the growth, development and sustainability of family farms.

The grant application and guidelines are available at www.ncadfp.org/CycleXIII.htm. Call 919-707-3071 with questions. Applications are due by 5 p.m. this Friday, December 13.



WASTE CONNECTIONS



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The Landfill / Polkton Collection Center will be closed on:

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