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March 15 Primary Election Early Voting Dates Announced

The Anson County Board of Elections has released the dates and times for Early Voting in the upcoming March Primary Election. The election date is March 15. All Early Voting will take place at the Board of Elections office located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For a state and county-wide primary election every registered voter is eligible to vote early.

For more information you can reach the Anson County Board of Elections at 704-994-3223.

- Thursday & Friday, March 3 & 4...6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 4...8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Monday-Friday, March 7-11...6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 12...6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

McGee, Long to Serve as South Piedmont Community College Interim Presidents

The South Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees announced that Dr. Jerry McGee and Joyce Long will serve as the college's interim Presidents. S P C C President Dr. Stan Sidor, who came to the college in 2011, has accepted the position of President at Lake-Sumter State College in Florida. Sidor will continue to serve as SPCC President until the end of January.

McGee, the recently retired Wingate University President, will begin his new responsibilities on March 1. Long, currently SPCC's Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, will serve as interim President for the month of February.

Dr. McGee, Wingate's president for 23 years before retiring last May, is a graduate of East Carolina University and holds a master's degree from Appalachian State University as well as a doctorate from Nova University. He has been recognized for his leadership at Wingate and throughout the state, receiving North Carolina's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, in 2006.

"During the search for the next President of SPCC, it will be my honor to serve the citizens of Anson and Union Counties," said McGee. "I have long been impressed by the fine people associated with SPCC and I look forward to working alongside them."

Long came to South Piedmont 10 years ago to start the college's hugely successful Associate Degree Nursing Program, serving as the program's Dean until moving to her current role as Vice President. Before coming to SPCC, Long was a faculty member at the Presbyterian School of Nursing at Queens University for 18 years. She holds a B.S.N. degree from East Carolina University and a master's degree from the University of South Carolina.

SPCC Board of Trustees Chairman Jarvis Woodburn said, "We are pleased that Dr. McGee and Mrs. Long have agreed to serve in this capacity. Their experience and proven leadership will be a real asset for South Piedmont as we move forward."

The process of identifying the college's next president will begin immediately.

Rep. Mark Brody Appointed Vice-Chair of General Government Oversight Committee

Also to Serve on Economic Development
and Global Engagement

Recently, Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) announced the House Members who will serve on each of the 2015-2016 interim oversight committees. Rep. Mark Brody (R-Anson, Union) was appointed as Vice-Chair of the important Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government. He will also serve as an Advisory Member on the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee, which will ask him participate in meetings and offer recommendations to voting members.

"It is a core conservative principle to ensure government services are necessary, effective, and efficient. Mark is always working to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent judiciously and that our state agencies and programs are functioning properly," Speaker Moore stated. "As Vice-Chair of General Government Oversight, Rep. Brody will be able to monitor progress on new legislation and work to keep our State accountable to the people of North Carolina. He will be an asset in each of his oversight roles this session."

The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government will examine the services provided by the departments and agencies in order to make ongoing recommendations on ways to improve.

The Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee is charged with examining, on a continuing basis, economic development and global engagement issues and strategies in North Carolina in order to make ongoing recommendations on ways to promote cost-effective economic development initiatives.

Each committee is comprised of both House and Senate members, and meets at the call of the Chair.

Wadesboro Town Hall and Trash Schedule for the Week of Christmas

Due to the Christmas holiday on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, the Town of Wadesboro trash schedule will run as follows:

- Wednesday and Thursday routes will both be picked up on Wednesday, December 23.

The trash collection schedule will return to the regular schedule on Monday, December 28. There will not be any changes to the trash collection schedule for the New Year's Day Holiday.

The Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday. Town Hall will also be closed Friday, January 1, 2016, for New Year's Day.



PPES Mighty Milers Participate in Polar Bear 5K

The Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Mighty Milers running group participated in the Shop with a Cop Polar Bear 5k on Saturday, December 12. Over 26 Mighty Milers participated! There are about 50 members of the Mighty Milers, and the group runs on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Overall, the Polar Bear was a huge success, and all the money raised is used to help purchase items for children in need.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Last Week at the Ansonia!!!

The Ansonia Theatre is proud to present *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, which is running through Sunday, December 20. This children's classic is based on the short story by Barbara Robinson and will be directed by Tommy Wooten. The cast features over 50 members from all over the region, and this play is sure to be a favorite among theatre goers.

Due to popular demand, Thursday night performances have been added to accommodate as many people as possible. Tickets are \$15. Groups rates are available for parties of 10 or more at \$12 each. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Call the Anson County Arts Council at 704-694-4950 or visit www.ansoniatheatre.com for tickets. Don't miss this show!

Pictured here are the Herdmans, played by Adam Horne, Charley Williamson, Garrett Smothers, River Pearson, Rocky Moore, Lindsay Thomas and Adeline Cavenaugh.
Photo by Mallory Bricker

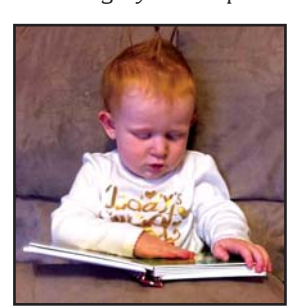


Partnership for Children Announces Photo Contest Winners

In a release from Anson County Partnership for Children: The Anson County Partnership for Children is pleased to announce the 2015 Photo Contest winners. Emma Jean Gulleddge, 17 months, is the winner of the "Reading Matters" category for the photo of her enjoying her touch and feel book about tractors. Karomari Leak, age 3, is the winner of the "Be Happy, Be Healthy" category with the photo of him riding his bicycle wearing his bike helmet. Briana Gaddy, 8 months old, is the winner of the "See Me Safe" category with the photo of her riding safely in her correctly installed car seat.

Each Photo Contest winner will each receive a book and a framed copy of the winning photo at the Anson County Partnership for Children Board meeting on December 10, 2015. Photo contest entries will be displayed at the Partnership office and featured in Partnership news releases, Facebook posts, website posts and other Partnership publications. Visit the Anson County Partnership for Children's Facebook page to view all the photos submitted in the contest. The Anson County Partnership for Children would like to thank everyone who submitted a photo in the contest.

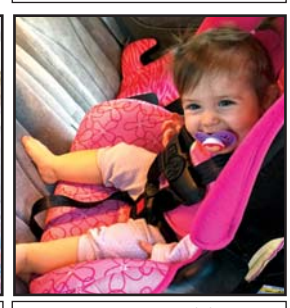
The Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information about the Anson County Partnership for Children, visit the Partnership's website at www.ansonchildren.org.



Emma Jean Gulleddge



Karomari Leak (left)



Briana Gaddy

Disease Reversal Cooking Seminar

Are you suffering from diabetes, heart disease, cancer, arthritis, high cholesterol, high blood pressure or obesity? Learn how to reverse these diseases naturally using foods from "God's garden" at the next Pathway to Peace Healthy Living and Cooking Seminar, Sunday, December 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. The location is Highway 109 South, past Deep Creek (11775 Highway 109 South in Peachland). For more information call 704-695-1441.

Brown Bag Book Club Meets December 21

The Brown Bag Book Club will meet on Monday, December 21 at noon in the Pritchett Room at Hampton B. Allen Library for a covered dish lunch and author talk. The author is Annette Reynolds, a "South Carolinian by birth and by choice." She has written a book, *Trudy and the Bahai's' spiritual Path in South Carolina*. This is a free event, and everyone is invited to attend, bring a dish, a spouse and/or friend and enjoy the fellowship.

For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

Wadesboro Town Council Annual Retreat

The Wadesboro Town Council's annual budget retreat will be held Saturday, January 23, 2016, starting at 9 a.m. at the Carolinas HealthCare System's Anson Community Room.

For more information contact Wadesboro Town Hall at 704-694-5171.

Storytime Every Wednesday at Partnership for Children

The Anson County Partnership for Children offers Storytime in the Early Childhood Resource Center each Wednesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to 8. For more information call 704-694-4036.

Bowman Senior High School Class of 1974

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1974 wants each classmate to submit their current address, telephone number and email address in order for plans to be made for a class reunion. Please send the information to 74bearcats@gmail.com.