



Partnership for Children Provides Winter Wonderland

In a release from the Anson County Partnership for Children: Did you see the big snow in Wadesboro 2 weeks before Christmas this year? The snow was inside First Presbyterian Church at the Partnership's literacy event. 200 four year old children left the sunny outdoors and entered a Win-

ter Wonderland in the Fellowship Hall, complete with a snowy landscape that seemed to touch the sky.

The Anson County Partnership for Children provides literacy events for children and their parents participating in the Raising A Reader Book Bag Program. The purpose of the events is to demonstrate that books are fun and to encourage parents to read to their children daily. Five sessions of the literacy event were held on December 10 and 11 with two classrooms of children and their parents attending each session. Children from Open Doors Center for Children, Central Head Start, Morven Elementary Head Start and Anson Children's Center participated in the event.

The Partnership received over 200 hard back copies of the book, *The Reader*, by Amy Hest, from First Book which distributes books to non-profits for only the cost of shipping. The Reader features a little boy and his dog that travel together up a snowy hill pulling a sled bearing a small suitcase. When the boy gets to the top of the hill, he opens the suitcase and takes out a book - *Two Good Friends*. The boy becomes "the reader" when he reads the book to his dog before they sled down the hill together toward home.

Partnership staff and volunteers used the beautiful illustrations in *The Reader* to create a massive Winter Wonderland snow scene for the event, making the story come alive for the children. Susan Armstrong, Child Care Services Coordinator at the Partnership, dressed as the little boy and read the book to the children who listened intently facing the snowy backdrop.

Following the book reading, the children decorated mittens, danced to children's music, and played with imitation snow that feels and looks like real snow. Parents and teachers joined in the fun with their children.

Each child who attended the literacy event was given a copy of the *The Reader* to enjoy at home, as well as a small bag of hot chocolate, cider, and crackers - just like the little boy in the story. Each classroom was also given a copy of *The Reader* and *Two Good Friends* to share over and over throughout the winter months and remember the Winter Wonderland of the literacy event.

Travis and Kristie Goodwin of Lilesville announce the birth of their baby girl, Payson Elaine Goodwin.



Payson was born at 10:02 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014, at RegionalHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

Payson's maternal grandparents are Robbie and Susan Henry of Lilesville. Her paternal grandparents are Mike and Debbie Goodwin, also of Lilesville. Great-grandparents are Judy Henry of Lilesville and James and Evelyn Godwin of Peachland.

Payson also has a proud big brother, Landis, who is 4 years old.

NAACP Jubilee Day is January 1

The Anson County NAACP invites you to attend their Jubilee Day at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Wadesboro on Thursday, January 1 at 12 noon. Reverend Tony W. Barr will be speaking.

50+ Club Meeting to Feature Musician Carson Hill

Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ Club will meet on Monday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre. A special treat is on offer because Carson Hill will be entertaining with her music. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every third Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 1 p.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.



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