



Ansonville Elementary School Terrific Kids

Ansonville Elementary School would like to recognize the following students who were chosen by their peers as "Terrific Kids" for the second 9 weeks of the 2012-2013 school year. The character traits honored were Caring and Fairness. Congratulations and keep up the good work because character counts!

Caring Lindsay Thomas, Ellie Gibbons, Jasmine Polk, Leah McLaurin, Kenneth Brown, Daylen Sellers, Ava Hill, Lexi Springer, Amber Napier, Emily Edwards, Kurstin Hartsell, Emoria Cuthbertson, Mary Griffin, Keith Owens, Sarah Allen and Jaquaris Smith.

Fairness Drevonte Davis, Dallas Lilly, Wyatt Ruppe, Zariah Massey, Jada Harrington, Katie Billingsley, Lane Thomas, Emma Streater, Esperanza Veronica-Martinez, Carolina Veronica-Martinez, Amber Walsh, Madison Threatt, Subree Hall, Parker Simpson, Jordana Sikes and Sakinah Scott.

First Presbyterian Church Holds Supper, Talent Show



In a release from the First Presbyterian Church: The First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro welcomed a record number people to their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show on Tuesday, February 26th. Jeanne Price said, "Not only did we see many members of our own congregation, we welcomed neighbors and friends from all over the county. Proceeds from the event will go to our Mission fund."

Member Care thanks the ever-present team of cooks, the scout troop for serving, and Jim Boylin and John Witherspoon for their special reading. And, many thanks go out to Anne and Luke Hyatt and Ginger Trexler for organizing the outstanding talent show. Luke Hyatt, as usual, was a natural in his role as Master of Ceremonies, and now we know he can sing too!

We were certainly proud to see the talent of our own children and Handbell Choir, but we were especially proud of the invitations extended to members of the community who do not normally visit or worship with us. An almost tangible feeling of love and belonging flowed among the diverse group all throughout the program. First Presbyterian Church - Where All are Welcome!

Pictured here are Anne Hyatt, Anson High Majorette Coach, and Trinity Trexler from Majorettes by Melanie.

It's Tax Time! Here are Some Tax Preparation Tips

The IRS began accepting 2012 tax returns on January 30, 2013. "If you expect to get a refund, you are probably anxious to get your taxes done quickly," said Better Business Bureau (BBB) Tom Bartholomy. "We recommend that you understand your options for getting your taxes done and the costs associated with the tax preparation method you choose."

- The BBB has information about tax preparation options.
- Do your taxes yourself - If your tax situation is not complicated, you may decide to do your taxes yourself. The IRS has all the forms and instructions you will need on their website.
- Use a tax preparation software like Turbo Tax. This is a popular option chosen by millions of people. It is inexpensive, less time-consuming, user-friendly and includes the option to e-file. Turbo Tax is a product of Intuit, Inc. which is a BBB Accredited Business with an A+ rating. Consumers have filed 1,415 complaints with the BBB against Intuit, Inc. in the last 36 months, all of which have been resolved.
- Use a local tax accountant. If your taxes are more complex, you may need to use an accountant. There are many well-qualified experts in the Southern Piedmont area of NC and SC. Visit the BBB to find a BBB Accredited Accountant.
- Use a tax preparation service. The BBB suggests that you do your homework to check out the tax preparation service before you contract with them or agree to a refund loan advance. For more information on tax-related issues, please visit www.bbb.org.

Health Insurance Smart NC Helps People Find Coverage

Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin is pleased to announce that Health Insurance Smart NC is the winner of Inclusive Health's 2012 John Friesen Award for a consumer advocacy organization. Smart NC, a consumer assistance program of the Department of Insurance, was recognized for its outstanding work in helping North Carolinians find affordable health insurance through Inclusive Health, the health insurance risk pool in North Carolina. Since Smart NC launched in April 2011, the program has referred more than 680 people seeking health insurance to Inclusive Health.

"Smart NC's top priority is to help people understand their health insurance options," said Goodwin. "When you turn to Smart NC, you can trust you will receive accurate and unbiased information about health insurance. I am very proud of Smart NC for providing such an invaluable service to consumers in North Carolina."

- Smart NC helps North Carolinians:
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For more information, contact Health Insurance Smart NC toll-free at 1-877-885-0231 or visit www.ncdoi.com/smart.

Republican Party Holds Lincoln-Reagan Day

In a release from the Anson County Republican Party: On Friday, February 22nd the Anson County Republican Party held its annual Lincoln-Reagan Day Celebration and dinner at the Rocky River Springs Fish Camp. Special guest speakers included Blake Underwood, a senior and chairman of the North Stanly High Teenage Republicans, and Rep. Mark Brody. Underwood is also Vice-chairman of the North Carolina Teenage Republicans as well as a National Honor Society student.

Donna Wells, Chairman of the Anson County Republican Party, hosted the event and reminded everyone that the Anson County Republican Convention will be held March 9th at 11 a.m. at the Hampton B Allen Library. All Republicans are invited to attend.



Children Offer Cookbook for Sale

The Children and Youth of Gum Springs Baptist Church in Lilesville have Cookbooks for Sale.

The cookbook committee, Lynn Whitlock, Melissa Phillips, Holly Blackwelder, Brenda McCormick and Susan Poe would love to deliver a cookbook to you upon your request. All proceeds from the \$15 Cookbook will help to send the youth at Gums Springs Baptist Church to Camp Caswell this summer.

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