

Letter to the Editor
**Former President of SPCC Urges Support for
 Connect NC Bond Package**

As a former president of South Piedmont Community College and citizen of Anson County, I would like to express my support for the Connect NC bond package which will be on the ballot as part of the primary election on March 15. The bond will support a wide range of capital improvement projects across North Carolina including the North Carolina Community College System. SPCC will receive \$3.2 million for much needed repairs and renovations in both Anson and Union Counties.

The bond funds allocated for SPCC for facility improvement in Anson County will not require matching funds. It should be noted that no tax increases would be necessary to finance the bond.

I would ask the citizens of Anson County to give serious consideration to supporting the NC Connect bond package. For more specifics go to www.connectnc.ncsu.edu. Donald P. Altieri, Ed.D.

President Emeritus
 South Piedmont Community College

AHS Students of the Month

At Anson High School the Students of the Month is a monthly recognition of students who have exceeded expectations and achieved success throughout the school year. For the month of November and December 2015, the students selected were:

- 12th Grade: Phillip Burns, Destiny Dows, Jason Morris, Jazlyn Rorie
- 11th Grade: Jordan Everette, Shirleen Hall
- 10th Grade: Tia Little, Hannah Williams, Sidnee Williams, Joshua Elliott
- 9th Grade: Deborah Abee, Aaliyah Gainey, Madison Hyatt, Tameran Rorie

The students selected for the months of December 2015 and January 2016 were:

- 12th Grade: Timmy Horne, Lakenya Brown
- 11th Grade: Jala Alexander, Amber Bridges
- 10th Grade: Imani Dunnom-Marant
- 9th Grade: James Harris, Moesha Mercado, Grace Morgan, Anaih Nieto



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Scouts Held Awards and Recognition Banquet

On Tuesday, March 1 the Anson District of the Boy Scouts of America held their annual Awards and Recognition Banquet at Welika Fish Camp. The Anson district had 353 youth participating in Scouting programs for 2015 providing 1,302 hours of community service. Cub and Boy scouts earned 97 merit badges and rank advancements during the year. Two Cub Scouts, Trent Taylor and Caleb Laney, of Pack #530 earned their Arrow of Light rank transitioning them from Cub to Boy Scout status. Three Boy Scouts earned the coveted Eagle scout rank. They are Richard Brice Williams of Troop #589, and Latravious Jameer Tyson and Richard Alexander Tyson of Troop #170. Den Leader of the Year was Jimmy McCormick of Pack #505. Cubmaster of the Year was Theodore Horne, also of pack #505. Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year was Sharon Johnson of Troop #589. Scoutmaster of the Year was Perry Johnson, also of Troop #589. Scouter of the Year was Scoutmaster Kenny Brower of Troop #170.

The highest award of the night, the District Award of Merit, was given to Cubmaster Laura Anne Pack #530. Mrs Ann James was in attendance to thank the boys for collecting 1,492 pounds of food for the Anson Crisis Ministry during the annual Scouting for Food Drive in February.

Bill Hyland, Commissioner for the Central North Carolina Council of BSA, spoke to those in attendance about the tightknitness of scouts to their communities and the country at large.

A special thank you to Yates Almond for allowing the scouts to have their banquet at Welika.

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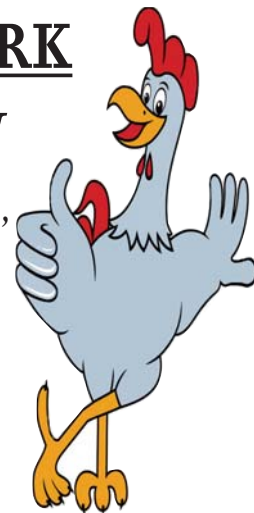


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