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## Board of Education Meets March 26

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its regular meeting on Monday, March 26 in the Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Closed session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Open session to the public should begin around 5:30 p.m.

## Pre-Kindergarten Registration Begins this Thursday, March 26

Pre-Kindergarten Registration will be held this year at the Elementary School in the attendance area where the child lives. Please check the dates and times below for the school your child will be attending. You must register in your residing district. All locations will be held 9 to 11 a.m.

- Wadesboro Primary School Thursday March 22
- Ansonville Elementary School Friday March 23
- Lilesville Elementary School Thursday March 29
- Morven Elementary School Thursday March 29
- Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Friday, April 20

To attend Kindergarten, your child has to be 5 on or before August 31, 2018. North Carolina Law requires a certified birth certificate (hospital/mother's copy birth certificates will not be accepted). Prior to the Pre-kindergarten registration clinics, forms can be picked up at the elementary school or on the Anson County Schools website ([ansonschools.org](http://ansonschools.org)) under the Parent and Student Resources link.

Anson County also requires at least 2 proofs of residence (911 address on Driver's License, address on a bill, etc.) to place the child in the proper attendance area.

- Do not forget to bring:
- 1) Certified birth certificate for your child
  - 2) Shot record
  - 3) Social Security card for the student
  - 4) Health assessment (if already completed)
  - 5) At least two (2) proofs of residence showing your 911 address

If you have questions please call the school in your attendance area and speak to the school nurse.

## Anson County's January Unemployment Rate Was 5.3%

Anson County's unemployment rate for January was 5.3%, up slightly from December's 4.9% rate. Statewide the unemployment rate was 4.7% in January.

Anson's total labor force in January was 10,375. Of that number 9,830 were employed and 545 were unemployed. In December the total labor force was 10,312 with 9,802 employed and 510 unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 93 of North Carolina's counties in January, decreased in one, and remained unchanged in six. Hyde County had the highest unemployment rate at 14.6 percent, while Buncombe County had the lowest at 3.6 percent.

Fourteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases while one remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount at 6.9 percent had the highest rate and Asheville had the lowest rate at 3.7 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 15 metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in January by 7,551 to 4,705,785, while those unemployed increased 16,597 to 230,510. Since January 2017, the number of workers employed statewide increased 97,857, while those unemployed decreased 23,674.

## BRLC Helps the Employed, Unemployed and Under-Employed

Anson County NCWorks Career Center leader Monica Gamling recently provided training for Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center volunteers. The volunteers who attended the session were trained to provided information and instructions to assist individuals desiring employment throughout North Carolina.



NC Works Career Center Leader Monica Gamling of Centralina Workforce congratulates BRLC volunteer Jeremy Sikes for completing the NC Workforce training.

The training consisted of the NCWorks registration process, how to complete job searches and how to upload resumes.

The trained BRLC volunteers will assist neighbors as they search for employment on the [NCWorks.gov](http://NCWorks.gov) website.

BRLC is open daily, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. BRLC staff will assist you on the days of operation, which are Monday through Thursday. Faxing, copying, reading and limited computer use for a small fee is now available. For more information call 704-826-8737.

BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

## Town of Wadesboro Sets Special Meeting for Thursday

A special meeting of the Town of Wadesboro has been set for Thursday, March 22 at 5 p.m. to discuss the following closed session item:

- Personnel: N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

The meeting will be held in the Town of Wadesboro City Hall Conference Room.



Pictured above are the winners in the recent Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. They are, from left, Luke Crawford, Jackson Huntley, Asher Padilla, Cayden Minks, Logan Thompson, Joseph Johnson, Mr. Tommy Burr and Landis Goodwin. The event was sponsored by C&M Auto in Wadesboro.

## Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Held March 10

The annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby was held on Saturday, March 10 at the Fireman's Training Center in Wadesboro. The Derby, sponsored by C&M Auto Supply in Wadesboro, allowed Cub Scouts from the Pee Dee District (Anson and Richmond counties) to build their own unique wooden cars from a kit and race against their peers.

The benefits for Cub Scouts and their adult partners are discovered through the derby process itself - strengthening bonds, sharing responsibility, developing teamwork, learning new skills, exercising creativity, building sportsmanship and making new friends. The Racemaster was Kenny Brower and the Assistant Racemaster was Tommy Burr.

### Overall Winners

- 1st place - Logan Thompson, Pack 505
- 2nd Place - Cayden Minks, Pack 1215
- 3rd place - Asher Padilla, Pack 1215
- 4th place - Jackson Huntley, Pack 530
- 5th place - Luke Crawford, Pack 530
- Most Unique - Joseph Johnson, Pack 1215
- Best Looking - Landis Goodwin, Pack 530
- People's Choice - Logan Thompson, Pack 505

For more information about all Boy Scout Programs, including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Crews, including the location and meeting times, visit [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org) or contact Melissa Ewing at 910-334-2050 or at [Melissa.Ewing@Scouting.org](mailto:Melissa.Ewing@Scouting.org).



## Board of Elections Meets March 26

The Anson County Board of Elections meets on Monday, March 26 at 5 p.m. The agenda for the meeting is:

- Approval of Minutes (if applicable)
- Approval of Amended/Changed May 8th Precinct Official Assignments
- Other Concerns and Matters

The meeting will take place in the Boardroom at the Board of Elections office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

To appear on a meeting agenda you must provide notice in writing by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the next meeting.

During all board meetings, those in attendance are asked to refrain from comments and questions to the board unless they are called upon by the board. At the end of each meeting the board will open the floor for comments and questions.

## Third Annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics is Saturday

Take the plunge if you're brave...or come to see the fun!

The Anson County Sheriff's Office will be hosting its third Annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics North Carolina on Saturday, March 24! This event is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support Special Olympics athletes by jumping into our frigid winter bodies of water across the state. The fun starts at 11:30 a.m., and it will take place at Griffin Lodge, located at 2063 Redfern Road in Wadesboro.

Events like the Polar Plunge help support nearly 40,000 Special Olympic athletes in North Carolina. Special Olympic athletes around the world follow the oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

The plungers are law enforcement, emergency services and individuals of all ages from the community. Each plunger is asked to either raise or donate a minimum of \$100.

Special guests include Anson County Special Olympics athletes, local leaders in the community and DJ Brandon Little.

New to the event this year will be an area designated for those participants who want to enter the water without jumping from the pier. Also, there will be prizes for best costume and most money raised.

This event is open to public - whether you are a plunger or not. The Sheriff's Office encourages everyone who can attend to come out and support this unique event, and have a lot of fun at the same time!

If you have questions or would like to make a donation you can contact Lieutenant Brian Tice at the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188.

## Blood Drive at PPES is Thursday

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, March 22, from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. It will take place in the school gym. Students who recruit one presenting donor will be awarded a Red Cross medal.

To schedule your life saving appointment please contact Amanda Drake at 704-272-8061 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter 'Peachland-Polkton Elementary.'

## Parks and Recreation 'Spring Takes Flight' Event is this Saturday

Anson County Parks and Recreation is hosting a free event called Spring Takes Flight on Saturday, March 24 that includes kite flying, face painting, trail hiking and fun games. Bring your own kite or borrow one of theirs. There will also be free fun and healthy snacks for all ages.

Spring Takes Flight will be held from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Little Park, located at 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro. For more information contact Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.

## 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.