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Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Services

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center offers so many valuable services to our community. They depend on the generous support of the community in the form of volunteering and monetary donations, and regularly hold events to help raise funds. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. The telephone number is 704-826-8737.

- **Emergency Food Pantry** Food given out every Wednesday at 9 a.m. for those who need help with food on an emergency basis.
- **USDA Food Distribution** Food given out the fourth Monday of every month at 2 p.m. for Anson citizens.
- **After School Program** Operated daily from 3 to 5 p.m. Clean, safe environment, convenient location, professionally trained staff, nutritious meals & snacks, physical activities, help with homework & more.
- **Summer Camp** For children • **Adult Computer Classes** • **GED Classes**
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Anson Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers, Would You Like to Help?

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). Please consider volunteering. For more information on helping, call 704-994-2738.

Anson County Animal Shelter is listed on *Petfinder.com*. This is a searchable national database of pets available for adoption that includes a description and photo. All the animals that are up for adoption are listed and have a picture. Just go to *Petfinder.com* and search for any Anson County town or zip code.

A rescue from Animal Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win.

And remember, older animals need a home and love too!

Secretary of State Official Addresses Investor Education in Anson County

Investor and financial education will top the agenda in an event at the Grace Senior Center in Wadesboro on Friday, March 27 at 10 a.m. An official from the North Carolina Secretary of State Securities Division will discuss the risk of fraud in investment schemes and offer tips for making wise investment choices and steering clear of scam artists during a one-hour presentation.

The Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA. This event is free and open to the public.

The Secretary of State Securities Division enforces and administers the State's securities laws, which are designed to protect the investing public. The Division investigates complaints and allegations of fraud involving securities brokers and dealers, investment advisers and commodities dealers. Contact the Division toll-free at 1-800-688-4507 to verify the registration or disciplinary history of a securities salesperson or the salesperson's firm. For more investor education and protection information, please visit the NC Department of the Secretary of State website at www.sosnc.com.

Reed Gold Mine Panning Palooza March 28

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site, located in Georgeville, NC, will open the 2015 panning season with the Panning Palooza event Saturday, March 28. Visitors can try their luck "striking it rich" in the panning area, tour the underground mine and see a restored stamp mill in operation.

Panning tickets are available for at special rate of \$2 plus tax, which includes one pan of ore. Museum staff assists visitors in the panning area search for gold. Parents of children eight and younger will need to help the children pan due to the height of the troughs.

Throughout the day special gold nuggets will be given away in the panning area, ranging in value from \$10 to \$50. Panning for gold will be available from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visitors may tour the site for free, or choose to purchase panning tickets for that activity. Group discounts are not available for this event. The site will close at 5 p.m.

Reed Gold Mine is the site of the first documented discovery of gold in the United States. The underground tour takes visitors 50 feet underground through original tunnels dug to extract the gold bearing quartz. The 1890s era stamp mill, originally used at the Coggins Mine in Montgomery County, demonstrates how the quartz was crushed to separate the heavier material, including gold. Visitors can also see "All That Glitters" and exhibits on gold mining in the visitor center. The trails will be open for those wanting to enjoy a nice walk. The panning area and stamp mill will remain in operation through the end of October.

For more information visit the website at www.nchistoricsites.org/reed.



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Parks and Recreation Spring/Summer Registration

Anson County Parks and Recreation will be offering Tee Ball for ages 4-6, Coach Pitch for ages 7-8, Minor Baseball for ages 9-10, Major Baseball for ages 11-12, Micro Soccer for ages 3-4, Youth Soccer for grades: K-12, Summer Youth Basketball for ages 10-12, 13-15, and Summer Swim Lessons.

You may come to Little Park to register Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or to the schools on these dates below:

- Wednesday, March 18, 3 to 5 p.m. at Lilesville Elementary
- Thursday, March 19, 3 to 5 p.m. at Ansonville Elementary
- Tuesday, March 24, 3 to 5 p.m. at Morven Elementary

The deadline to register is Monday, March 30. The cost for athletic programs is \$25 and the cost for swim lessons is \$18.

For more information call 704-694-5751 or 704-694-5868, or you can email: ws-mall@co.anson.nc.us or mgateway@co.anson.nc.us.

Being a Caregiver is Not Easy!

Learn how to Balance Your Life with the Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class! You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a spouse, parent, or friend that lives at home, in a facility, or across the country. This class will not only benefit those new to caregiving but also those who have been providing care for an extended period.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a free educational series designed to provide the Caregiver with the tools needed to take care of themselves so they can continue to provide good quality care. Classes consist of six 90 minute sessions held once a week. Lisa Ledford and Rita Short co-lead the series and both are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach. Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help you take the "tools" you choose and put them into action.

Classes will be held at the Liberty HomeCare and Hospice office located at 119 West Wade Street in Wadesboro. Sessions will be held each Wednesday, from 2 to 4 p.m. beginning on Wednesday April 1 and ending on Wednesday May 6.

For more information or to register, contact Rita Short at 704-694-6217 or Lisa Ledford at 704-694-5992.

This evidence based program will help family caregivers reduce stress, boost self-confidence, improve communication skills, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough caregiving decisions and locate helpful resources.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is provided by the Anson County Council on Aging and Liberty HomeCare and Hospice.

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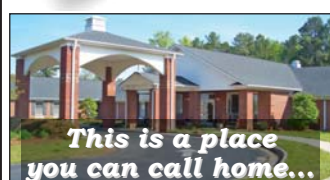
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