

Pressure Canner Dial Gauge Testing

It is that time of year again. Gardens will be coming off and people will start pulling out their canners to put up vegetables. Pressure canning is a must for all low acid foods. This includes all vegetables, meats, poultry, seafood and soups or a combination of any of these items.

Make sure your steam dial gauge is correct. The Anson Cooperative Extension Center is offering Pressure Canner Dial Gauge testing for steam dial gauge lids only. Weighted gauges do not require testing.

The Extension Center will offer free testing beginning on Monday, May 16 for two weeks through Friday, May 27. Simply bring your canner lid, or just the gauge, to the Extension Center at 501 McLaurin Street and drop it off. Gauges will be checked, and you will receive a call when it is ready to be picked up. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Canning publications and information are also available.

Before you get too far into your canning season, have your dial gauge checked. This is a free service to the public. For questions and information contact Janine Rywak, County Extension Director, at 704-694-2915.

Anson County Cattlemen's Association Offers Scholarship

Deadline to apply is May 13

The Anson County Cattlemen's Association is committed to encouraging education and cooperation in the cattle industry and agriculture. The organization feels that encouraging today's youth to pursue educational opportunities in animal science and related fields is important to the future of agriculture and an important endeavor of the association.

The Anson County Cattlemen's Association is offering one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior furthering his/her education in the field of agriculture. Applications may be found online at anson.ces.ncsu.edu, at the Anson County Cooperative Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, or at the guidance office in each Anson County High School.

Applications are due no later than May 13, 2016, by 5 p.m. They can be mailed or delivered to the Cooperative Extension Office at the above address, with Attention: Anson County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship Committee. Any further inquiries can be directed to Jessica Morgan, Agriculture Agent, at 704-694-2415 or Jessica_morgan@ncsu.edu.

HOLLA! 5K Is Saturday

The third HOLLA! 5k Walk/Run Into the Freedom of Literacy will be this Saturday, May 14 in Morven. This year's exciting event will kick off at 8 a.m. with a literacy rally hosted by Olympia D of Old School 105.3 FM of Charlotte.

"The purpose of the literacy rally is to get the hundreds of people we're expecting to be motivated to support HOLLA!'s unrelenting efforts to improve reading, introduce literacy programs to the community, as well as to warm up for the over three-mile trek," said Kishia Dunlap, HOLLA!'s board chair.

Seventeen-year-old sax player Nyjel Graham will provide soothing music during the cool down session of the event.

Three authors, Phyllis Brooks, Karma Banks and Helen Kimbrough, are supporting the event through their books. They will be on hand until 12 p.m. signing books and discussing topics ranging from bullying, foster care, mental illness and techniques to get your children interested in reading. Their presentations are being coordinated by Angelena Castro. Castro is an Anson High School graduate and rising sophomore communications major at North Carolina A&T State University. "It is important we stress reading and expose ourselves to different types of authors. Reading enhances our knowledge on our history and our culture," she said.

Aaron Mehaffey, Branch Director of the Hampton B. Allen Library, will also be in attendance with information on exciting literary services provided there.

Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant, Elissa Sturdivant, Bugga Sturdivant, Ycaza Robinson and Barbara Thomas are the presenting sponsors of this year's event. They are sponsoring the HOLLA! 5K in honor of William "Mr. Gumby" Sturdivant. "We are going to show this good-looking man, 'My Boo,' how much he is LOVED," said Commissioner Sturdivant.

The 5K race begins at 9 a.m. The overall winner will receive \$100 in cash. Medals will be awarded to the top winners in five age groups. Last year's youngest participant to complete the route, six-year-old Julius Corinthian Collins, has registered to return again this year. He is the son of Kendra Buchannon and Warren Collins.

"Free t-shirts will be given to the first 200 to register and they are going fast," said Alex Gaddy, HOLLA!'s activity director.

The HOLLA! 5K is not just a 5K, but a half day of excitement. The annual "Who's Got The Best Ribs" Grill Off begins at 11 a.m. The judges will announce the winner at noon. Also at noon the lucky winner of the Little Flower Literacy Doll will be announced. The doll was donated by last year's sponsor, Anson County native and author Dr. Florita Bell of the Little Flower Literacy Project. There will be other prizes and excitement throughout the day.

The final pre-registration and t-shirt distribution day is Thursday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at the HOLLA! Center in Morven. HOLLA! is encouraging everyone who can to come out at that time so you will be able to enjoy the festivities of the rally on the morning of the event.

According to Leon Gatewood, CEO of HOLLA!, the purpose of the 5K is to raise awareness to the freedom you get from being able to read well. HOLLA! also uses the event to raise funds to support their literacy projects. HOLLA! boasts a reading room in Morven as well as a literacy house located at 809 Ingram Street in Wadesboro. Gatewood said he hopes the event will also be able to generate some outrage. "We know that illiteracy is a ticket to prison for boys and girls of all races, and if significantly less than half of our children in some demographics can read proficiently, where is the outrage," he said.

For more information about the 5K or any other HOLLA! Programs, call 704.851.3144 or visit www.HOLLA.us.

Support Group for those with Children with Behavioral, Emotion and/or Learning Challenges

Connections Family Support Program hosts a monthly family support group open to parents, grandparents and foster parents. This is a time for those with children who have behavioral, emotional, and/or learning challenges to share their experiences and learn from others.

The group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library in the Pritchett Room. Brunch will be provided at no cost. Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995, or by email at connectionsfp@gmail.com to register. The deadline to register is Friday, May 13.



Polkton Police Department

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Full-Time and Part-Time Police Officer Positions:

The Town of Polkton, North Carolina is accepting applications for a Full-Time and Part-Time Police Officer. Must be North Carolina Basic Law Enforcement Training certified and have worked in the Law Enforcement for (2) two years consecutively.

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Full-Time Police Officer:

This position is a patrol position wherein typical police patrol duties will be assigned. The ideal candidate will have experience in sworn law enforcement in a rural setting, as officers in Polkton will handle cases from start to finish (with assistance from supervision and outside agencies as appropriate). The Full-Time position will be required to work a minimum of forty (40) hours per week, split "on-call" services (once fully trained) with the Chief of Police, and work overtime when deemed necessary. Starting salary for this position is \$32,500.00 but may be negotiable depending upon experience and training. This position also offers health, dental, vision, life insurance, vacation and sick time.

Part-Time Police Officer:

This position is a patrol position wherein typical police patrol duties will be assigned. The ideal candidate will have experience in sworn law enforcement in a rural setting, as officers in Polkton will handle cases from start to finish (with assistance from supervision and outside agencies as appropriate). The part-time position will be required to work a minimum of (20) twenty hours per week, but not to exceed (1000) one-thousand hours in a year. Starting pay for this position will be \$15.00 per hour.

The Polkton Police Department will not offer employment or respond to candidates that are not legally employable as a police officer, or persons not legally permitted to possess and carry a firearm, etc.

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