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Be on the Lookout for Fraud

From Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer: It has come that time of the year again where the Wadesboro Police Department is seeing a rise in reports of attempted fraud. Citizens should be aware of this and take extra caution when dealing with others over the phone.

The biggest key to identifying fraud is if it sounds too good to be true then it probably is. Police urge residents to not give out personal information over the phone to anyone that you do not know.

There are a few frauds that Wadesboro Police have seen so far and that you as citizens should be aware of;

- The first is a sweepstakes fraud/scam - the caller will advise that the victim has won a sweepstakes and a car. The caller will want your account numbers to put the money in the bank, or they will deliver it to your address.

- The second type of fraud/scam is the jail scam. The caller will say that a family member of the victim is in jail and will ask for the victim to purchase some type of green dot card or prepaid visa card. The caller will then want the victim to read the number over the phone. In this case if it was an actual jail or officer calling they would want you to come to their department for jails do not take information over the phone.

- The third type of fraud/scam will be done by mail, email or phone. The suspect in this fraud/scam will mail or email out checks, have you cash them and want a portion of the money sent to them.

- The fourth type of fraud/scam is the power bill scam. The caller will state that they are from a power company usually Duke Energy. The call will state that the victim owes on a power bill and will want payment over the phone using some type of prepaid card.

These are four types of fraud/scams that the Wadesboro Police Department is seeing at this time. There are many more types of frauds/scams in existence and circulating. If you feel uneasy about information you have received over the phone, internet or mail feel free to call the Wadesboro Police Department at 704-694-2167. Again if it sounds too good to be true than more than likely it is.

Scouting Activities for the Summer

This is a release from the NC Scouting Council: Here are scouting events coming up for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. If your son is not a scout, no problem! Visit www.beascout.org or call Chris Ratliff at 919-441-7143 to enroll your son into scouting. Registration into scouting is only \$2 per month to become part of the world's largest youth organization with over 100 years of experience. For more information visit www.centralnccouncilbsa.com.

- **Cub Scout Day Camp** This year we have a fantastic day camp program planned as we Take Flight and offer great summertime activities like archery, bb, crafts and much more. We would love to have your son join us. Registration will include a week of fun, t-shirt, event patch and insurance. You will need to provide a bag lunch for each day. It's not too late to make plans to Take Flight this summer! Dates: June 8 - 12, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Anson New Tech High School. Cost is \$35. Contact Chris Sanford at 704-242-3345 or sanfordsays2@aol.com.

- **Cub Scout "Sneak in Weekend"** This is the perfect way for your family to enjoy a weekend camping experience. Join us Saturday morning, July 11 for an overnight event at Camp John J. Barnhardt. All tents and meals are included for the low price of \$30 per scout and one adult. Each additional person is \$15. This event is open to all Cub Scouts and their families.

- **Webelos Adventure Resident Camp** Enjoy four days of summer camp fun at Camp John J. Barnhardt. There will be campfires, flight school, games and loads of fun! Meals will be provided in the air conditioned dining hall. Sleeping will be in the platform tents with 2 cots per tent. Cost is \$135 per scout and \$75 per leader / adult. Dates are June 25 - 28. Webelos camp is for boys who will be in the 4th or 5th grade next school year.

- **Boy Scout Summer Camp** Enjoy seven days of summer camp at Camp John J. Barnhardt filled with fun and exciting events celebrating "Barnhardt Heros." All activities and meals are included for only \$210 per week. Camp runs during June and July. Summer camp programs are for boys who will be in the 6th grade next school year or who are 11 years old.

Julian and Jackie White Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary

Julian and Jackie Livingston White recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. After dating since they were teenagers, the couple was married on March 19,



1965, in Cheraw at the home of the bride's sister, Robbie and J. W. Goodwin. Mr and Mrs White have built a home, family, and a life in the small town of McFarlan.

The couple celebrated fifty years of memories surrounded by their family at an elegant dinner hosted at Twin Valley Country Club given

by their children: Julie and Brian Melton, Jacquelyn White, Joel and Lenelle White and Joye White.

They are the proud grandparents of Leslie and Elizabeth Melton, Eric Saverance and Luke White. The couple has also been blessed with great grandchildren, Hailee and Baylee Melton and Garrett Cox.

Circles of Hope Hot Dog Sale

The Circles of Hope Hot Dog Fundraiser will be held this Friday, May 15. Plates will be available from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. Cost is \$6 for two grilled dogs, chips and dessert. Drinks are available for dine-in only. Orders of 10 or more plates will be delivered free by calling 704-994-2333.

Proceeds benefit the Circles of Hope initiative to end poverty in Anson County.



Anson High School Spanish Comes to Wadesboro Primary School

Ms. Ashley Acosta's Spanish II students from Anson High School visited Wadesboro Primary School recently. They delivered lessons that taught the numbers 1-15, the alphabet and greetings in Spanish to each third and fourth grade classroom. As part of the lesson, students had to design their own creative activities to address the topics.

Ms. Acosta had a representative from King College come in and do a presentation on Design and Deliver to give the high school students an idea how their tone should sound. The representative also discussed proper dress attire to model professionalism.

Memorial Day Ceremony to be Held May 23

The Anson County Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 10 a.m. in front of the courthouse. Come out as we remember those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

For more information please contact Theodore Ward, Anson County Veteran Services Officer, at (704) 696-4418.

Gleaners Perform Well at Regional Youth Day Event



The Pride of Joy Gleaner Branch #25 participated in the North Carolina Western Regional Youth Day on April 25 in Charlotte. They won First Place in Group Dance and First Place in Group Vocal. Members of Pride of Joy #25 also placed individually in their age division.

Zadadria Clark won First Place in Oratorical and Second Place in Individual Dance and Second Place in Individual Vocal in the 15-18 age group. Adeajianna Hamilton won First place in Oratorical in the 11-14 age group, Angel Richardson won First Place in Individual Dance in the 11-14 age group, Raquel Lowery won First Place in Oratorical in the 11-14 age group, and Karisma Lowery won First Place in Individual Vocal in the 8-10 age group.

Gleaner Branch Pride of Joy #25 will go on to Raleigh to compete in the State competition at the Annual Youth Assemblage in July.

Anson County Democratic Party Convention

The Anson County Democratic Party hosted their annual County Convention April 11 at the Hampton B. Allen Library, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a full breakfast. The guest speaker was 2016 Governor-Elect, Attorney Kenneth Spaulding of Durham. The theme for the Convention was "Lets Do It Again," emphasizing what the Democratic Party accomplished in 2008 and 2012 during the Presidential Election.

Attendees were greeted by Chair Vancine Sturdivant during registration. The Convention was called to order and welcome was given by Dr. Bernice Bennett, 2nd Vice- Chair. Commissioner Ross Streater, Sheriff Landric Reid, Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer and Superior Court Clerk Mark Hammonds were present to welcome everyone to Anson County.

Governor-Elect Spaulding spoke avidly about his vision for the citizens of North Carolina. His vision included education for all youth, creating jobs, womens' rights and the environment. Spaulding stated how citizens in North Carolina are hurting and that he would be a governor for all the people. He spoke of how much respect he had for teachers, state employees, law enforcement and the middle class workers. He said the Democratic Party is known for their courage to stand up and address issues.

During the Convention the late Pecolia Dixon Leak was recognized for her dedication to the Democratic Party. Her daughter, Rev. Josephine Harris, and her siblings were presented an award in their mother's honor. Spaulding also commented on Mrs. Leak's dedication to her community and stated, "When you want to serve, you want to give back to your community."

All officers remained the same except a new treasurer was voted in - Wanda Talbert. Kim Hargett of Union County was present and presented Sturdivant with four tickets to a Charlotte Hornets basketball game. Sturdivant presented the tickets to Holla CEO Leon Gatewood and instructed him to bless some underprivileged youths with the tickets, not his girlfriend.

Clerk Hammonds, 1st Vice-Chair, recognized candidates and elected officials, Register of Deeds Joanne Huntley, Richmond County Superior Court Clerk Vickie Daniel and others. Pastor Michael McLeod, 3rd Vice-Chair, challenged all citizens present to go into their communities and encourage others to get prepared for the 2016 Election.

Sturdivant concluded the Convention by stating, "The Democratic Party is a party that is known for helping others. I know no other way."

Anson County Board of Education Meets Monday, May 18

The Anson County Board of Education will meet in regular session on Monday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Veterans Meeting is Thursday

Anson County veterans will be meeting this Thursday, May 14 at the National Guard Armory on Anson High School Road. Carolinas HealthCare System-Anson will be performing free blood pressure screenings at 5 p.m. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. All Anson County veterans are invited to attend.

Balloon Release for Deceased Children is Thursday

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for families who have lost a child of any age, will have its annual Balloon Release on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Polkton Depot. Following the release there will be a covered dish supper. All family members are invited.

For information call Irvin Thompson at 704-694-8774.

Healthy Living and Eating Seminar is Sunday

Pathway to Peace Ministries presents ANEW-START, healthy living seminar and cooking class on Sunday, May 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. Learn how to cook plant-based foods that will heal you. Learn how to lose weight, have more energy, reduce cholesterol, reverse diabetes, lower blood pressure, and much more.

Interested? Come! Seminar and cooking class is FREE! It will be held at 11775 Highway 109 South in Peachland.

For more information call 704-695-1441.