



Story Time for Children in July

Anson County Partnership for Children will sponsor "Story Time at the Partnership" for children 3 to 8 years old each Wednesday morning in July, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. (July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30). The story time will take place in the Partnership's Early Childhood Resource Center at 117 South Greene Street in Wadesboro. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Each participating child will receive a free book to take home.

Local NC Pre-K teacher Karen Gerald will share books, stories and songs with children and parents. "Story time at the Partnership" will engage children in literacy activities demonstrating that learning can be fun for the child and the parent. Please plan to tour the Early Childhood Resource Center during your visit to see the many items available for checkout by parents, teachers, and others who love and work with children.

To reserve your place at story time please contact Anson County Partnership for Children at 704-694-4036 or email karen.gerald@windstream.net.

Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information contact Bonnie Morgan at 704-694-4036. www.ansonchildren.org



Jeff Davis, Rodney Eudy and Kenny Brower Were Winners in 2014 Equipment "Rodeo" in Concord

Ansonians Jeff Davis, Rodney Eudy and Kenny Brower won their respective categories in the annual NC Department of Transportation Rodeo held in Concord, NC on April 16. The annual event tests the safety awareness and skill level of NCDOT maintenance employees in Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Union, Stanly and Anson counties who operate heavy equipment. Anson County was the big winner, with wins in three out of the six categories. The men work with Anson County Maintenance.

Participants engaged in friendly competition with their co-workers to determine who can best maneuver a dump truck, tractor, backhoe or motor grader through obstacle courses that model real-life scenarios. The winner in each category will move on to compete in the statewide "Rodeo" in Raleigh July 23.

Davis won the category Tandem Axle Truck, Eudy won the category Backhoe, and Brower won the category Motor Grader.

The overall goals of the Rodeo include helping NCDOT workers advance their skills, emphasizing the importance of safety when operating heavy equipment, fostering a sense of team spirit and recognizing employees who excel at their jobs.

Extension Notes Chill Summer Energy Bills

We had a long cold winter. Then the spring was not as warm and long as we would have liked. Now summer is here before we have had a chance to enjoy really nice moderate weather. And the hot temperatures outside let you know that summer is here to stay.

Did you realize that cooling your home in the summer can require more than half of your energy budget? That is a lot. And the reason behind it is because we put so many demands on our energy resources during hotter months.

So just how do you reduce those energy demands this summer? There are a few simple solutions that can help lower your energy bill. Use the air conditioner only when necessary. If the breeze outside is pleasant, open a window.

Use ceiling fans and other cooling fans to circulate air, but turn fans off when no one is in the room. Educate family members about energy conservation - keep doors and windows shut while the air conditioner is running.

Schedule regular check-ups and maintenance for your heating/cooling units by a qualified heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) technician. Clean or replace unit filters every month.

Keep air registers open, clean and free of furniture, carpeting, or drapes. Use a programmable thermostat. In the summer set your thermostat to 76 degrees F, or your highest comfortable setting. For each degree you raise your thermostat you can reduce your cooling costs by as much as 3-5 percent.

Use kitchen and bathroom ventilation fans wisely - use them for short periods to circulate air as necessary. Running them for extended periods uses energy unnecessarily and allows cool air to escape outside.

Use shade trees and other landscape features to keep the sun from overheating your home. Also make use of awnings and window coverings to keep radiating heat out of your home.

Leaks around windows and doors mean that cool air is getting out. Some leaks will be apparent to homeowners, but frequently larger leaks in the attic and basement lose more cool air than the obvious ones.

Homeowners can frequently find large gaps around pipes, light fixtures, chimneys and soffits. Some sealing projects are appropriate for do-it-yourselfers, while others may require the assistance of a professional.

Reducing your energy needs in the summer benefits you, the consumer, and the larger community. Keeping your cooling bill in check leaves more money to meet other obligations, and reducing your energy needs means cleaner air for everyone. By Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director

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LANDRIC REID'S MISSION STATEMENT

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LANDRIC REID'S GOALS FOR THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF

- I believe the best way for success as being your Sheriff is to truly implement a Community Policing Concept.
- My Department will provide effective law enforcement services that will be guided by integrity and compassion, and will be supported by the trust of those we protect.
- I will work hard to identify and use the best methods possible that will make our community a safe place to live and work.
- I will hold all employees of the Sheriff's Office responsible and accountable to me and the citizens of Anson County.
- I will lead these officers in providing protection for you and your families through the enforcement of civil and criminal laws, operation of a professional and secure detention facility, outstanding public service and upholding the constitutionality of the Office of Sheriff.
- Under my leadership the Office of Sheriff will focus on efforts in crime fighting and crime prevention through a more accountable organizational structure, technology, training and an enhanced strategy of community policing.
- We will provide quality service in a manner that is proactive, fair, courteous, professional and efficient.
- We will partner with all local and state agencies, as well as the community, to identify problems and create solutions to improve the quality of life.



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

EARLY VOTING: July 3 to July 12

PRIMARY ELECTION: July 15

Special Note: **EVERYONE MUST COME TO THE POLLS AND VOTE AGAIN.**

Dedicated to the citizens of Anson County

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"Create healthier KIDS

by limiting TV and screen time. Encourage a bike ride, a game of tag or participation in sports so they get at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day."

George Manousos, MD

Charlotte Pediatric Clinic-Matthews

Small changes can make a big difference when it comes to your kids' health.

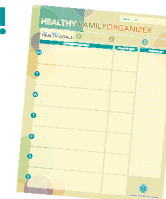
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