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Trunks, Treats and Halloween Fun Coming to SPCC

Halloween is approaching, which means children everywhere are preparing to demonstrate one of childhood’s most important skills: convincing adults that a plastic bucket filled completely with candy is a perfectly reasonable amount of candy.

South Piedmont Community College will help with that mission when it hosts Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the L.L. Polk Campus in Polkton. The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

Families are invited to put on their favorite costumes and make the rounds among decorated vehicle trunks, collecting treats and enjoying an evening of Halloween fun. There should be plenty to see, plenty of candy to collect and probably at least one youngster who changes his or her mind about a costume approximately five minutes before leaving home.

And parents should remember the traditional Halloween rule: inspecting the children’s candy is an important responsibility. Exactly how many miniature chocolate bars must be confiscated in the name of “quality control” remains a matter of parental discretion.

The event will be held at South Piedmont’s L.L. Polk Campus, 680 U.S. 74 in Polkton. Only service animals are allowed at the event, so pets should remain at home. Families should also be aware that some candy may contain nuts or other allergens.

Registration is encouraged and is available at: bit.ly/4jy8PQW.

So get the costumes ready, find the candy bucket and head to Polkton October 29. After all, Halloween comes only once a year, and nobody has ever accused a child of having too much enthusiasm for free candy.

Pee Dee Electric Invites

Young Artists to Enter Coloring Contest

Children ages 4 through 12 can compete for prizes in three age divisions; entries accepted through October 30

Pee Dee Electric is inviting young artists to sharpen their crayons, uncap their markers and put their imaginations to work in a special children’s coloring contest running through October 30. The contest is open to children ages 4 through 12, with three age divisions: ages 4-6, ages 7-9 and ages 10-12. One winner will be selected from each division, giving young artists of different ages an opportunity to show off their creativity and compete for prizes.

The prizes are a LeapFrog learning toy for ages 4-6, a robot for ages 7-9 and a laser tag set for ages 10-12. Winners will be announced November 9.

Participating is easy. Parents or guardians can pick up an official coloring page at Pee Dee Electric, located at 9825 U.S. Highway 74 East in Lilesville, or download and print a copy from the cooperative’s website at pdemc.com/community/kids-zone.

Once the young artist has completed a masterpiece, the coloring sheet can be dropped off at Pee Dee Electric’s office. The child’s first name, age and Pee Dee Electric member number should be written on the back.

Entries may also be submitted by emailing a clear photograph of the completed coloring sheet to community@pdemc.com. The email should include the child’s first name, age and member number in the message.

All entries must be submitted by October 30.

The contest provides a fun opportunity for children to express their artistic talents, practice their coloring skills and perhaps win a prize in the process. And unlike painting the living room wall, this is one artistic project parents are actually encouraged to support!

Pee Dee Electric encourages families to participate and reminds everyone that creativity is the name of the game. Whether the finished masterpiece features carefully coordinated colors or a rainbow of imaginative choices, the important thing is to have fun.

So gather those crayons, markers and colored pencils, and let the coloring begin!

Grace Senior Center Plans a

Frightfully Fun Halloween Harvest Fair

Costumes, candy, games and goodies promise a hauntingly good time for the 60-and-older crowd

Who says Halloween is just for kids? Certainly not the folks at Grace Senior Center, where the ghosts may have a little gray hair, the witches might need reading glasses, and the monsters are old enough to remember when candy bars cost a nickel!

Grace Senior Center in Wadesboro is hosting its Senior Halloween Fright-Day Harvest Fair on Friday, October 30, from 1 to 5 p.m. The celebration promises an afternoon of treats, games, prizes and enough Halloween spirit to wake the dead. Hopefully, nobody takes that literally.

The menu includes popcorn, hot dogs with all the trimmings, pretzels, chips, cotton candy, snow cones and drinks. With that selection, the biggest fright of the afternoon might come when someone steps on the bathroom scale the following morning.

Games and prize raffles will keep the excitement going, while decorated cars and tables will provide a senior-friendly version of trunk-or-treat. There’s just one catch: Participants must be 60 or older. No underaged children allowed! Apparently, Halloween has finally found an event where the youngsters are the ones who can’t get in.

Fire safety will also be part of the festivities, with reminders about safe candles, clear exits and staying alert. After all, the only thing organizers want going up in flames is everyone’s enthusiasm.

The fair will be held at Grace Senior Center, located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro.

So grab your costume, bring your appetite and prepare for some Halloween fun. And remember, at this particular Halloween party, being called an old witch might actually be a compliment!

Farmers Market Plans

Trunk or Treat and Thanksgiving Events

The regular season at the Anson County Farmers Market has ended, but shoppers haven’t seen the last of the market for 2026. Two special events are already planned for October and November.

First up will be a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31, from 1 to 5 p.m. Families can visit and shop with local vendors before staying for Halloween fun. The Farmers Market will also be participating in the Wadesboro Candy Crawl later that day, giving youngsters an opportunity to make quite a haul before Halloween is over.

Then, on Saturday, November 21, from 1 to 5 p.m., the market will celebrate the approaching Thanksgiving holiday with its Thanks & Giving event. Shoppers will be encouraged to “gobble up local goodness,” and a food drive benefiting Anson Crisis Ministry will be held as part of the event.

Both special events will be held at the covered Anson County Farmers Market, located at 1736 U.S. Highway 52 in Wadesboro. Parking is free.

Vendors interested in participating or anyone wanting additional information may contact Leslie Lee at 704-695-4415 or email ansonfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

Library Will Show “The Simple Life of Noah Dearborn”

Sidney Poitier stars in the October 26 movie at Hampton B. Allen Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will show “The Simple Life of Noah Dearborn” on Monday, October 26 at 10 a.m. in the library’s Pritchett Room.

The 1999 television drama stars Sidney Poitier as Noah Dearborn, an elderly carpenter who lives a quiet, self-sufficient life on his Georgia farm. When a developer wants Noah’s land for a major project, efforts are made to prove that he is no longer capable of managing his own affairs. The story becomes a warmhearted examination of independence, friendship and the value of a simpler way of life. The film also stars Dianne Wiest and Mary-Louise Parker.

The movie is free, and everyone is invited to attend.

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