

Workshop to Focus on Forestry and Wildlife Management

Nov. 5 event will highlight financial assistance programs for forest landowners

Anson and Montgomery counties are among North Carolina’s leading counties for forest-related income, making forestry and natural resource management important parts of the regional economy. Landowners interested in improving their timberland, managing wildlife habitat and taking advantage of financial assistance programs are invited to attend an upcoming workshop.

The Landowner Resource Workshop will be held Thursday, November 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Montgomery Community College in Troy. The event will include dinner and presentations on state and federal cost-share programs that can help landowners with tree establishment, prescribed burning and wildlife habitat improvements.

Jacob Comer, Coordinating Wildlife Biologist with Quail Forever, will discuss available cost-share opportunities. Comer previously served as a senior Farm Bill biologist, helping private landowners navigate conservation programs and receive assistance for land management projects.

Gregory Godwin, Wildlife Conservation Biologist with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, will provide guidance on habitat management. Godwin works with private landowners across nine North Carolina counties, helping develop wildlife management plans and providing technical assistance.

The workshop will also give participants an opportunity to connect with forestry professionals, natural resource experts and fellow landowners while learning how timber production and wildlife conservation can work together.

The event is a collaboration among Anson and Montgomery County Cooperative Extension, N.C. State University Extension Forestry, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and Quail Forever. Sponsors include Kiker Resource Management LLC, Henderson Forestry Consultants and Troy Lumber Company.

Attendance is limited to 100 participants, with registration deadline Friday, October 30.

For additional information, contact Aimee Colf, Anson County Extension Horticulture and Forestry Agent, at 704-694-2915.

Pee Dee Electric Invites Young Artists 4 to 12 Years Old to Enter Coloring Contest

Hurry! The entry deadline is this Friday, 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 for Seniors on Friday

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

Who says Halloween is just for kids? At Grace Senior Center, the ghosts may have gray hair, the witches might need reading glasses, and the monsters remember when candy bars cost a nickel!

Grace Senior Center in Wadesboro will host its Senior Halloween Fright-Day Harvest Fair on Friday, October 30, from 1 to 5 p.m., promising plenty of treats, games, prizes and spooky fun.

The menu includes hot dogs, popcorn, pretzels, chips, cotton candy, snow cones and drinks. Games, prize raffles and decorated cars and tables for trunk-or-treat will add to the festivities. Fire safety tips will also be shared.

There’s just one catch: You must be 60 or older to participate. That’s right, youngsters, this Halloween party has an age requirement, and for once you’re too young to get in!

The fair takes place at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro. For information call 704-694-6616.

So grab your costume, bring your appetite and get ready for a frightfully good time. And remember, the best thing about Halloween over 60 is that you can take your teeth out before eating all that candy!

Sheriff’s Office’s Halloween Trunk or Treat is Saturday

The Anson County Sheriff’s Office is getting into the Halloween spirit with a Trunk or Treat celebration this Saturday, October 31, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Sheriff’s Office in uptown Wadesboro.

The Sheriff’s Office will be part of the uptown Wadesboro Candy Trail, offering treats and Halloween fun for youngsters and their families.

So grab your costumes, bring your candy buckets and get ready for a frighteningly good time! And remember, even superheroes and monsters have to behave when the sheriff is handing out candy!



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