

Evangelist BJ Pratt's Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Anniversary

Everyone is invited to come enjoy an evening of music celebrating Evangelist Brenda "BJ" Pratt's 5th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Anniversary. This event is jam packed with dynamic performers, and will take place on Saturday, November 19 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. The doors open at 4 p.m. and the program starts at 5 p.m. This event will feature Evangelist BJ Pratt & Destined, Joe Wilson & Redeemed, Retha & the Caravans, Anointed McGirt Sisters, Aris Smith & Made Men, New Chosen Disciples, Rev. Maria Moore, and many more. Food will be available. Vendors are invited to call Brenda at 704-475-5199. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Children 6 to 12 get in for \$5. For ticket information call Brenda at 704-475-5199.

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Fire Safety Day

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School had a few special visitors for Fire Safety Day! Robert Bolick, City of Monroe Division Chief Fire Marshal, read an educational book and taught students about fire safety procedures. Gary McLendon, Jonathan Ross, Parks Marsh and Brandon VanBuren with the North Carolina Forestry Service taught students about the dangers of forest fires. The day ended with Johnny Faulk, Polkton Fire Chief, giving students a fun tour of the fire truck!

All of the students were extremely excited to see Sparky the Dog and Smokey the Bear! We are thankful for supportive community members who invest in the safety and education of our students!

Mrs. Wendy Hildreth's Kindergarten class is pictured here with the visitors.



Meteorologist John Ahrens Fascinates Seventh Grade Students at Anson Middle School

WSOC-TV meteorologist John Ahrens engaged seventh grade students Tuesday, October 11 during his visit to Anson Middle School. Students had been studying weather and atmosphere in their science classes and Ahrens was able to reinforce their studies utilizing unique and entertaining methods to describe weather issues.

Ahrens shared some of his stories from chasing tornados, being rescued in the ocean, to covering Hurricane Matthew in Myrtle Beach. All seventh graders were able to be entertained by his talk and explosive actions. Several students volunteered to be representations of weather attributes such as the sun, earth, high pressure, low pressure, cold weather and hot weather. Students were able to gain a new perspective on weather by this visit.

Ahrens shared safety tips and the dangers associated with the current societal need to video and record natural disasters. Ahrens is an American Meteorological Society Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM) and also carries a degree in Broadcast Journalism from Kent State University.



2017 Barn Blast Plans are Underway

Tickets for the 11th Annual Barn Blast fundraiser are available now at the Anson County Partnership for Children! The 2017 Barn Blast will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017, from 5 to 11:30 p.m. in the Ingram Room at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. This event will feature dinner, dancing, drinks, games, silent auction, live auction and lots of fun.

Reserved tables for 8 are available for a \$400 donation (\$50 per ticket). General admission tickets are \$60 each. After January 6th, prices for reserved tables increase to a \$480 donation (\$60 per ticket) and general admission tickets will not be sold. Be sure to purchase your Barn Blast tickets early before they sell out!

All proceeds from Barn Blast are used in Anson County for the Partnership's many programs for young children. These programs include Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, where more than 1,100 Anson County children under the age of five are mailed a developmentally-appropriate book each month to their homes. A new program funded by the Partnership is ReadyRosie, an online literacy program where parents and caregivers receive a short video each weekday by email or text, modeling activities they can do with their young children to promote learning using simple, daily events.

For tickets or more information about the 2017 Barn Blast, please call or come by the Anson County Partnership for Children, located at 117 South Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170. The telephone number is 704-694-4036.



Dear Friends,

The results are in for the 2016 General Election, and although it did not end the way many of us had hoped, we are very proud of you and our Campaign. It has been an honor for me to be the Democratic NC SENATE Nominee for District 25 serving Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly, and parts of Rowan County. I had a great time getting to know you and others across the District.

I am a proud Democrat and I believe in the core values of the Democratic Party which includes: 1) the opportunity for everyone to live out their dreams and fulfill their God-given talents; and 2) Responsibility from everyone to build an American community that cares for its citizens, protects the environment, and protects the civil rights of all of its citizens.

Right now too many of our children are piled into overcrowded classrooms, creating barriers to teaching and learning. Too many teachers are challenged to compromise teaching strategies due to a lack of resources due to funding, and many teachers are underpaid and working two jobs to make ends meet for their families. Every child deserves a great public education, and somehow we must come together to make it a reality. To accomplish this goal we must pay close attention to our behaviors, and challenge leadership to expand and adapt to the needs of our children and communities.

This election may have ended, but the fight for great public schools with appropriate funding and resources will continue. We will continue to stand firm for expanding Medicaid, and challenging elected officials to bring higher paying jobs to our communities.

If I attempted to call names, I would surely omit someone. So, please let me say thank you to all my supporters, including my current and former students! Thank you for the words of encouragement and inspiration, financial contributions, house parties and gatherings, telephone banking, knocking on doors, handing out literature, yard sign displays, poll workers, meals and refreshments! Whatever the deed, "Thank you!"

Dannie M. Montgomery

North Carolina State Senate District 25 Candidate

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