

Free and Reduced Price Meals, It's Never Too Late To Apply

You may think that in order for your school aged child to receive free or reduced price meals you must apply at the beginning of the school year. And, you may even believe that if you did apply and were denied that you cannot reapply. That is simply not the case. In fact, you are encouraged to reapply at any given time during the year.

It could be that your situation has changed or your household has changed which would carry great bearing on your child's eligibility.

As the cost of everything increases, school meals are still a great value, both nutritionally and economically. "School breakfast and lunch programs are nutritionally balanced and healthy. Research has shown that students who eat school meals perform at their best academically," said Angela Griffin, Child Nutrition Director for Anson County Schools.

Mrs. Griffin encourages all families to consider reapplying for the services. To do so call the Child Nutrition Office at 704-694-4417, extension 255 for more information. This program offers services all year and hopes you will reapply if your child or children were originally denied.

Don't let your children go hungry all day while trying to learn at school. These free and reduced price meals could be the key to their success and a brighter outlook for their future. Please parents, investigate this further. It may be just what your children need for greater performance in school.

By Melanie Morse

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Brooks Celebrated 60 Years Together



Mr. and Mrs. Benny Brooks celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 30. They marked the occasion by enjoying their first flight on an airplane to New York City.

Their whole family sends the Brooks congratulations, love and best wishes.

AHS JOY Club Donated Over 75 Toys to Toys for Tots

Kacie Winfield, one of the JOY Club presidents, presents over 75 toys donated by ACEC students to Vancine Sturdivant for Toys for Tots. They are pictured below.



WPS Students Explore Uptown Wadesboro



Second graders from Wadesboro Primary School spent a day exploring and enjoying uptown Wadesboro. Students toured places of interest, such as the Wadesboro Fire Department, and participated in story hour at Hampton B. Allen Library.

Each second grader had the opportunity to enter the coloring contest for Bully Awareness month. Tamyah Presson (pictured at left) from Mrs. Rivers' homeroom won the prize!

Veterans Day Program at Morven Elementary School

Morven Elementary School celebrated its annual Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 8. As the halls filled with distinguished veterans the students waited eagerly to hear and



see what Veterans Day is all about.

During the event some of Anson County's oldest living veterans were honored with plaques, including Mr. John

Lester Harris, Mr. Joseph Burch and Mr. Pearlie Little. Deceased veterans' family members received medallions too. Among those in attendance were Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant and Magistrate Weaver Thomas

Ella Webster said, "MES would like to thank all contributors, Mr. Lateral Tanner, Mr. Mareco Mcnair (Seasons Clothing Store), Mr. Junior Little (Big Al's DJ Services), Pastor Reco Johnson and First Lady (Believers in Christ Ministry), Wadesboro IGA, MES PTA and Lucy's.

Cyber Monday Was the Largest Shopping Day in History

Tips for what you should do after shopping online

Cyber Monday (Dec. 2) was the largest shopping day in history. "Online sales increased by 20 percent over last year," said Better Business Bureau President Tom Bartholomy. "Buying gifts online is easy; but managing your purchases, shipments, charges, returns and refunds takes work."

If you are one of the 131 million people who spent \$2 billion on Cyber Monday, the BBB has 10 tips for what you should do after shopping online to make sure your holiday gift giving season is merry.

- 1) Keep receipts. If you have products to return, you will need your receipts.
- 2) Save original packaging. Without the original packaging, you may not be able to return products you ordered.
- 3) Review your accounts. Check your credit card and bank statements for charges, return credits and unauthorized charges every few days.
- 4) Watch out for scams. Don't fall for fake phishing emails about problems with your package deliveries or with your credit card or bank account. Scam your computer for viruses that you may have picked up while surfing for the best deals.
- 5) Monitor the "return clock". The return clock starts ticking the day you buy the gift, not the day you give it.
- 6) Understand return fees, restocking fees and shipping fees if you have to return gifts.
- 7) Keep a record of deliveries. If you order products online and don't receive them, your credit card company may refund your money.
- 8) Return purchases promptly. If you bought gifts that aren't quite right, return them as soon as possible.
- 9) Track purchases that are out of stock carefully. Your credit card should not be charged until the product is in stock. Note: If a product breaks, and the online merchant's refund period has ended, many credit cards will refund the purchase to you within 90 days of your order date, NOT the date you received the product. Example, if you buy a product that is out of stock and takes two months to receive, you may only have one month remaining on your credit card buyer protection to return the product if it breaks.
- 10) Check your credit reports and your children's credit reports with all three credit bureaus at least once per year to make sure that no one has opened credit accounts in your names. You can get a free credit report from each credit bureau at www.annualcredit-report.com.

For more information about how you can be a savvy online shopper, please visit www.bbb.org.

Free Movie is Miracle on 34th Street

The Hampton B. Allen Library will be showing the movie *Miracle on 34th Street* next Monday, December 23 at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre. This movie features Maureen O'Hara, John Payne and Natalie Wood. The movie is free. Everyone is invited to join them for this wonderful movie.

For more information call 704-694-5177.

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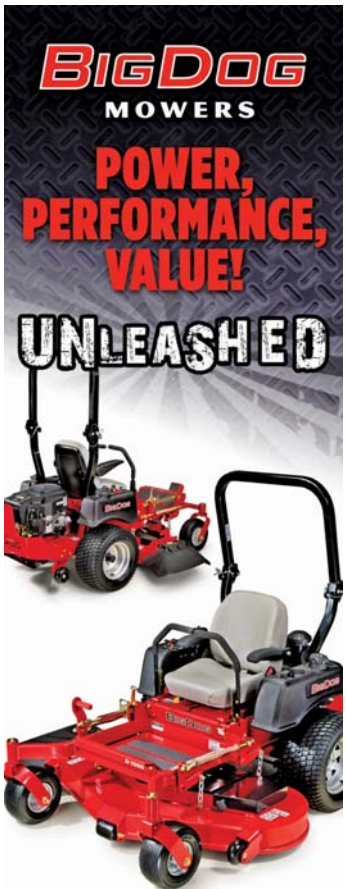


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