

Ester Crowder Selected as Kesler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church Woman of the Year



Ms. Ester L. Crowder has been selected as Kesler Chapel's Woman of the Year. Each year, the church recognizes a woman who has shown outstanding commitment and faithfulness to her church.

The Kesler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will hold its annual Woman of the Year program on Sunday, March 10 during the morning service, which begins at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Tony Lindsey, Ms. Ester's grandson, will bring the morning message. The theme for this year's program is "Fearless Women Built for a Purpose."

Ms. Crowder was born on March 14, 1946, in Anson County to the late James and Cassie Simon. She was the ninth child of fourteen children. Ms. Crowder's surviving siblings are Lee Simon of Columbia, SC and Kenny Simon of Morven, Virginia May Simon of Baltimore, MD and Diane Crowder of Wadesboro. Her deceased siblings are Collie, TWillie, Snap, Paul, Bill, Charles, Margie, Barbara and Lois.

Ms. Crowder married the late Otis Crowder in 1961, and was blessed with seven children. Her children are Ivy Crank of Rockingham, Sharon Wall and James O. Crowder of Wadesboro, Marcella Ford, and Lee Crowder White and Alice Crowder of Charlotte. Henry Thomas Simon is deceased. Ms. Crowder has eleven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ms. Crowder attended Deep Creek School, and was an employee of Holly Farms for thirty years. She enjoys her ministry of assisting the elderly with daily activities and helping young women to get a fresh start at life.

She is an active member of the Stewardess Board, Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society, and the Relay for Life Committee at Kesler Chapel.

Ms. Crowder's hobbies are fishing, planting flowers, family gatherings and keeping everyone laughing.

Ms. Crowder, Kesler Chapel appreciates and salutes you as our 2019 Woman of the Year.

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Parks & Recreation Spring Registration

Registration ends this Friday

Anson County Parks & Recreation is holding their spring registration, with a deadline of March 1. The sports are:

- Tee Ball (ages 4-6) • Coach Pitch (ages 7-8)
- Minor Baseball (ages 9-10) • Major Baseball (ages 11-12)
- Girls Softball (ages 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 & 13-15)
- Micro Soccer (ages 3-4)
- Youth Soccer (grades: K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 & 10-12)

The cost for these programs is \$25.

You may come to Parks & Recreation office at Little Park (845 Airport Road in Wadesboro) to register Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or you can also go to their website at www.co.anson.nc.us and fill out a registration form and send it by email or text

For more information, contact: Jeff Waisner (704) 695-2550 jwaisner@co.anson.nc.us; Wendell Small (704) 695-2782 wsmall@co.anson.nc.us; or Allen Jackson II (704) 694-5751 ajackson@co.anson.nc.us.

Black History Month Event Set for Saturday

Members of the Anson County Black History Month Planning Committee are hard at work planning an event for the Anson County community to celebrate the life and achievements of African-Americans in this country and in this county. The event, titled "From These Roots," will be held this Saturday afternoon, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of South Piedmont Community College in Wadesboro.

Prior to the main event at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, a Black History "Wax Museum" of characters from Black History will visit three restaurants in Wadesboro - Lady Bug, La Fogata, and Oliver's. The visits will commence for the lunch crowd at each location at approximately 12:15 p.m. Characters will share important information about the person from history that they are impersonating.

The evening program will include dance, drama, praise and gospel, and fashion from a period in history beginning in the decade of 1940. However, earlier times will also be portrayed by performers.

For more information about the events and/or to participate in any activity, contact Winnie Bennett at 704-851-9269 or Marlene Richardson at 704-694-2337.

Free Groceries for Families in Need March 6

For families in need, free groceries will be available. The Mobile Food Pantry and CHS Mobile Health Unit will be at Marshville First Baptist Church, located at 1636 Old Highway 74 in Marshville, on Wednesday, March 6. Please arrive and register between 8 and 10 a.m. The food distribution begins upon the truck arrival, usually between 9 to 9:30 a.m.

- Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food.
- Arrive between 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to be sure you can receive food.
- If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445.
- You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

Are you or your organization interested in volunteering for the Mobile Food Pantry? Email tschumpert@wnccumc.net. The goal of the Mobile Food Pantry is to feed the hungry and serve those in need.

If you are in need before or after the distribution of food date, please contact Anson Crisis Ministry at (704) 694-2445 or Union County Crisis Assistance at (704) 225-0440.

Free Tax Assistance at Grace Senior Center

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County Residents sixty years of age or older of low or moderate income needing help in preparing their income tax returns. The assistance is a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center.

Volunteer counselors trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will be at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, March 6 and Wednesday, April 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. This free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return.

Persons using the service should bring a picture ID, this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from banks (form 1099-INT), a copy of last year's tax return, and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. Electronic filing of returns will be available.

If you are interested call Grace Senior Center to register and for additional information at 704-694-6616 or 694-6217. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

Insurance Companies Have Requested

Homeowners' Rate Increase for Mobile Home Policies

Flood insurance continues to be covered under such policies

The North Carolina Rate Bureau has filed a request to increase homeowners' insurance rates for mobile home policies with the N.C. Department of Insurance.

The NCRB, which represents insurance companies and is not a part of the N.C. Department of Insurance, has requested an overall statewide average of 19 percent increase for MH-C (Casualty) policies and an overall statewide average of 19.9 percent increase for MH-F (Fire) policies. Both MH-C and MH-F programs provide property and liability coverage.

Unlike standard homeowners' programs, both the MH-C and MH-F programs include flood coverage. The two programs are similar. However, the MH-F program provides coverage for a broader range of perils. The requested effective date for the increase is Feb. 1, 2020.

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the NCRB proposal. There are two ways to provide public comment:

1) Emailed public comments should be sent by March 20, 2019, to 2019MH@ncdoi.gov.

2) Written public comments should be mailed to Mary Sanders, Administrative Specialist, 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1201 by March 20, 2019.

All public comments will be shared with the NCRB. If N.C. Department of Insurance officials do not agree with the requested rates, they will either be denied or negotiated with the NCRB. If a settlement cannot be reached, Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey will call a hearing within 50 days.

Wadesboro Fire Department Spring Raffle

The Wadesboro Fire Department is holding a Spring Raffle with four great prizes.

1st Prize 2019 Hustler Raptor SC 54" Cut Zero-turn lawn mower

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3rd Prize Stihl BG 56 C Blower

4th Prize Stihl MS 170 Chain Saw

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from any Wadesboro Firefighter or at the Wadesboro Fire Department. The drawing is scheduled for May 6, 2019, and you need not be present to win. For more information call 704-694-2167 ext. 1.

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