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**It's time to take the plunge with the Anson County Sheriff's Office!**

The Anson County Sheriff's Office will be hosting its third Annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics North Carolina on Saturday, March 24! This event is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support Special Olympics athletes by jumping into our frigid winter bodies of water across the state. The fun starts at 11:30 a.m., and it will take place at Griffin Lodge, located at 2063 Redfern Road in Wadesboro.

Events like the Polar Plunge help support nearly 40,000 Special Olympic athletes in North Carolina. Special Olympic athletes around the world follow the oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

The plungers will consist of law enforcement, emergency services and individuals of all ages from the community. Each plunger is asked to either raise or donate a minimum of \$100.

Special guests include Anson County Special Olympics athletes, local leaders in the community and DJ Brandon Little.

New to the event this year will be an area designated for those participants who want to enter the water without jumping from the pier. Also, there will be prizes for best costume and most money raised.

This event is open to public - whether you are a plunger or not. The Sheriff's Office encourages everyone who can attend to come out and support this unique event, and have a lot of fun at the same time!

If you have questions or would like to make a donation you can contact Lieutenant Brian Tice at the Anson County Sheriff's Office at 704-694-4188

**Anson Women's League Scholarship Program**

The Anson Women's League (AWL) once again is pleased to announce its scholarship program. Open to Anson County high school seniors in various programs, and also to students in home school curriculums, four \$500 scholarships will be awarded. By special family requests, two of the scholarships will be offered in memory of Jeanne Price and Eloise Rywak. Applications are available now, through April 6.

The applications will be judged primarily on academic achievement and financial need. Evidence of students' involvement and leadership in extracurricular activities, churches, clubs and charitable service in the community will be welcomed. A written essay addressing these activities will provide further support in the evaluation process.

Finalists will be interviewed by the Women's League Scholarship Committee.

Application forms will be available through the high schools and Early College guidance counselors or by telephoning Terri Carpenter, Chairperson of the AWL Scholarship Committee at 704-694-0301 (Room K-206) at Anson High School. You may also mail: Anson Women's League, PO Box 94, Wadesboro NC 28170 or visit the Hampton B. Allen Library for an application.

**Health Luncheon Scheduled for April 7**

Kesler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church is sponsoring a health luncheon to bring a focus to the issue of health for all Ansonians. The luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 7 at Anson High School. Activities will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m. The theme of the luncheon is "Take Charge of Your Health in 2018: A Lifestyle Choice."

Luke Hyatt, a teacher and head coach at Piedmont High School, and Dinikia Savage, health educator with the Anson County Health Department, will be on hand to share important health information and stress the importance of healthy living. This event builds on the first Health Luncheon sponsored by Kesler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church that was held in 2016.

For more information contact Winnie M. Bennett at 704-851-9269 or Denise Robinson at 704-694-3056.

**Blood Drive is March 20**

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas will hold a Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at South Piedmont Community College in Polkton.

Please give blood and save local lives! Donate blood with the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas by calling 1-888-59-BLOOD, or visit [www.cbcc.us](http://www.cbcc.us) to make an appointment at any location.

More public drives can be found at Community Blood Center of the Carolinas' website [www.cbcc.us](http://www.cbcc.us). CBCC has donation centers in Charlotte, Concord, Gastonia, Hickory and Greensboro.



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