

Gives Scammers a New Hook

Medicare cards are undergoing a big change to make them more secure by removing the social security numbers from each card and instead using a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier. New cards will begin mailing in April, but in the meantime scammers are taking advantage of confusion around the launch.

How the Scam Works - You receive a call from a person claiming to work with Medicare. They are allegedly calling about the new Medicare cards, which will be mailed this spring. The cards will be more secure because they use a "Medicare Beneficiary Identifier" instead of a Social Security number. The scammer claims that there's a problem with your card. The con artist may say your new card was lost or someone tried to use your ID number. To resolve the situation, the scammer just needs your Social Security number.

In another version, the scammer claims you must pay money to receive your new Medicare card. They may ask you for payment information, so they can "complete the process" for you. They may even ask you to mail them your old card.

How to Avoid Medicare Scams

- Know how the Medicare card switch works. Understand that Medicare isn't calling consumers about the card switch. Also, the new Medicare cards are being provided free of charge.

- Never provide personal information to a stranger. Don't share personal details with anyone who calls you unsolicited. Do not confirm or give out your full name, address, Social Security number or any other personal information.

Do You Need a Coat or Blanket? Would You Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They distribute coats to those in need as well as to schools in Anson County. Blankets for the elderly are also available.

Gumbys on Highway 74 in Lilesville is a drop off site for donations, or a pick up point for those who need a coat. Just call to schedule it.

To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.



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Church News

MARCH 26 - APRIL 1

Holy Week Services

Inter-church Council of Uptown Churches. Mon-First United Methodist Church, Tue-First Baptist Church (Lee Ave), Wed-Sacred Heart Catholic & First Presbyterian at First Presbyterian, Fri-Calvary Episcopal Church, all at 12:05pm followed by lunch. Sun-Easter Sunrise Service 7am at First Presbyterian Church Garden.

Combined Holy Week Services

Mon-New Grove w/Rev McNair, Tue-Fairview COG w/Rev Maye, Wed-Pee Dee COD w/Rev Rivers, all at 7pm. Sun-The Atmosphere w/Rev Lockhart at 6am

MARCH 27-29 & APRIL 1

Holy Week Services

Observed nightly at 7pm. Tue-Pastor Idrise Strange at Poplar Springs MBC; Wed-Pastor Deidre McBride at Olive Branch MBC; Thu-Pastor Eddie Lee at Life Through the Word Ministries. Sun-Easter Sunrise Service 7am w/Pastor Edward Barrino. All are invited

MARCH 28 - 30

Holy Week Fellowship Schedule

Wed-West Deep Creek Baptist Church w/Pastor Pedro Billinger, Thu-White Oak Baptist Church w/Pastor Sylvia McLendon, Fri-Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries w/Pastor Terry Little, all at 7:30pm

MARCH 30

Seven Last Words Service

at Savannah AME Zion, 7pm

MARCH 30 & APRIL 1

55th Anniversary

Of Rose of Sharon Choir. Fri-7pm & Sun afternoon Min Nathan Davis

APRIL 1

Sunrise Service

At Elizabeth Pee Dee Baptist Church, 6am, followed by breakfast

Easter Services

At Deep Springs Baptist Church. Sunrise Service 7am followed by breakfast. Sunday School at 9am, Cantata at 10am. New Pastor Henry Haney, Jr. welcomes you to come

Sunrise Service

At Savannah AME Zion, 6:30am w/Rev Joletha Dockery

Sunrise Service

5:30am at Divine House of Restoration Ministries

APRIL 1

Ushers' Annual Day

At West Rocky Ford Baptist Church, 3pm w/Pastor Sharon Lockhart

APRIL 7

Health Fair

At First Baptist Church, Sikes Ave in Wadesboro, 10am-1pm with blood pressure check, blood sugar check, cholesterol screening, exercise & healthy living tips, senior citizen tips & lots more. 704-475-0058

18th Anniversary

Of the Poplar Springs Hymn Choir, 6pm. Everyone is invited

APRIL 8

"Pack the Pew"

With Family & Friends at Rock Hill MBC, 3pm w/Pastor Timothy Newton. 9398 Hwy 74, Lilesville

19th Anniversary

Of the Senior Choir at Flat Rock MBC, 3pm. All are invited

Women's Day Service

At Morning Star Redeemed COG, 3pm w/Rev Joletha Dockery

Hats of Many Colors

Program at Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries, 3pm. Please wear your favorite hat!

APRIL 13

63rd Anniversary

Of the Highland Gospel Singers at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville, 6:30pm Also 75th anniversary of the Male Choir

APRIL 18 - 20

Spring Revival

At Lindsey Chapel Fellowship COG, 7:30pm nightly

APRIL 20 & 22

Pastoral Anniversary

For Bishop William E. Taylor at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church. Fri-7:30pm with Pastor Donna McNair & Sun-3pm w/Prophetess Frances Hardison. All are invited

APRIL 22

Seven Up Program

At Divine Unity House of Restoration, 3pm w/7 speakers: Sis Shirley Streater, Sis Lucille Diggs, Sis Fentress Gerald, Lady Donna Everett, Sheriff Landric Reid, Bro Clarence Boggan & Bro Roberty Dockery. All are invited

Family & Friends Day

At Red Hill MBC, 3pm w/Dr Rev Eddie Lee

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Men's Program
At New Life Trinity Church in Polkton, 3pm w/Rev TJ Horne

APRIL 28
Gospel Singing Program
At Parsons Grove MBC, 6pm

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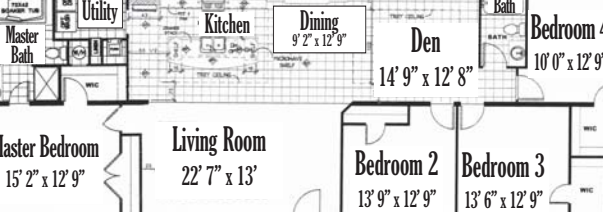
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Events

MARCH 30
Easter Egg Hunt
At Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, 2-5pm w/food & gifts for all the kids. Pictures with She She the bunny rabbit. Everyone welcome, volunteers needed. Info 704-826-8737. Located on Hwy 742 N in Burnsville, across from Fire Dept

MARCH 31
Free Groceries for Families in Need at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, 9-11am. Call 704-826-8737 for eligibility info & details

APRIL 3
Board of Commissioners
Meet 6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201

APRIL 4
Free Tax Help
At Grace Senior Center for seniors over 60 of low or moderate income. Info & register at 704-694-6616

APRIL 6
Free Groceries
For families in need. Mobile Food Pantry at Morven United Methodist Church, located at 411 East Main Street in Morven. Register 9:30am. Call for details 704-694-2445

APRIL 7
Health Fair
At First Baptist Church, Sikes Ave in Wadesboro, 10am-1pm w/blood pressure check, blood sugar check, cholesterol screening, exercise & healthy living tips, senior citizen tips & lots more. Info 704-475-0058

APRIL 8
Lisenby Reunion
Annual reunion at Hopewell Baptist Church in Chesterfield (Hwy 9 West). Church service 10am, reunion 12:45pm. Bring your favorite food & enjoy the fun & fellowship

APRIL 14
Spaghetti Supper
Fundraiser for the Ansonville Historical Society, 5-7pm at the Ansonville Fire Dept. \$10 plate includes spaghetti, meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert & drink

ONGOING EVENTS
NAACP Meeting
Third Sundays, Hampton B. Allen library theater, 5pm, 704-694-6749

Learning Center Hours
Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, Mon-Fri, 10:30-5:30pm. Computer lab (children & adults), copy service, fax service & resource library. All available to the public for a small fee

Cognitive Disability
Caregiver Support Group, second Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro. 7-8:30pm, Nancy Capel 704-694-3156, Cynthia Furr 704-695-3233

Anson Singers Rehearsal, Every Tuesday, 7-8:30pm at First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro. Info Emily Privette 704-475-0491

Compassionate Friends
Meet on the 2nd Thursday of month, 7pm, at the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric, bereaved parents, family and friends invited, 704-826-6063 or 704-694-2425



Polkton Police Department

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

(2) Part-time Police Officer Positions Available

(2) Police Officer Positions \$15 / hour Part-time

The Polkton Police Department is now accepting applications for (2) part-time Police Officer positions. The applicant should be BLET certified and have at least two (2) years of continuous experience with a police agency. Applicants will be required to work rotating shift assignments, every other weekend (Friday and Saturday normally), and any other assignment that is deemed necessary to keep the Polkton citizens safe.

Applicants with North Carolina certifications in radar, DCI, intoximeter, DWI detection, and investigative experience are preferred.

Applications will be accepted at the Police Department or Polkton Town Hall Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applicants are encouraged to pick up an application to the Polkton Police Department in the Town Hall, on the Polkton Police Department website (www.townofpolktonpolice.com), or in person at the Police Department. We also encourage the applicant to provide a F3 (North Carolina Education and Training Standards Division) along with the application. Applicants will be required to submit to an approved background investigation, drug screening, credit history check, psychological examination, and medical screening.

The Town of Polkton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Free Tax Assistance at Grace Senior Center April 4

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, April 4. 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.