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Fraud Seminar at Grace Senior Center

Grace Senior Center will sponsor a fraud seminar entitled "Standing Up, Fighting Back" on Thursday, April 18th at 2 p.m. The seminar will feature interviews with North Carolinians who explain how scammers operate and how to avoid the tricks they use, including:

- Telemarketing and sweepstakes scams
- Health Care Scams
- Annuity and Investments Scams
- Home Construction and Repair Scams.

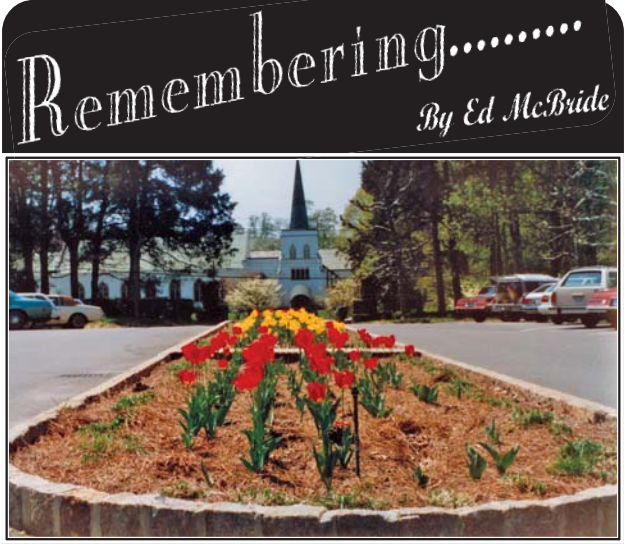
The information is provided by the Attorney General Office and local Wadesboro Police Department's Sgt. Kristen Ray. They are interested in available for questions and comments. If you are interested in attending please call Grace Senior Center to register or for additional information at 704-694-6616. Refreshments will be served.

Free Self Defense Classes Offered

The Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition is offering free self defense classes. These classes are offered in conjunction with the month of April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Classes will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15 and Monday, April 22 at Just for Kicks, 718 Highway 52 South in Wadesboro. Weaver Thomas is the instructor. All classes are free, but donations will be gratefully accepted if you would like to do so. All proceeds go toward victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Anson County. For more information call ACDVC at 704-694-4499.

New Beginnings Cancer Support Group

The New Beginnings cancer support group will meet on Monday, April 15 at 6 p.m. at the Lady Bug Restaurant.



Reynolda Gardens in Winston-Salem

Pictured here are some of the beautiful colors at Reynolda Park in 1987. I thought it was quite unique, the temperature was "matching up good in our comparisons." The above picture was one taken back then also. This was a visit that we had made to see Wanda and Tommy as well as to see the spring at Winston. There was a lot to see - blossoms, trees, etc. too. Even the small plants were growing well as they are here in today! Of course, that we were driving our new 1987 Chevrolet made the trip "more gooder too!" Looking back with interest and comparison, is has been only 26 years! Ed

CAREFUL PLANNING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

The Anson County Health Department offers Family Planning Services for Pregnancy Prevention

Services are offered regardless of inability to pay, and services are kept confidential.

Services offered are: Physical with Pap Smear
Methods of Contraception: Pills, Injections
Emergency Contraception, Nuvaring, IUD & Implanon

For Appointments Call the Anson County Health Department
704-694-5188 ext. 3320

Funded by Title X Family Planning Services

Special Election Period for Some Medicare Beneficiaries

Universal Health plans terminate; beneficiaries have one-time option to change coverage

More than 2,700 Medicare beneficiaries in North Carolina are eligible for a special election period due to the cancellation of Medicare Advantage plans issued by Universal Health Care and Universal Health Care Insurance Company. Universal was ordered into receivership by the state of Florida for the purposes of rehabilitation and liquidation. Contracts for coverage provided by Universal through plans such as Any Any and Hassle Free were terminated on April 1, 2013. Beneficiaries will not experience a lapse in coverage; the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have automatically enrolled those affected in Original Medicare and stand-alone prescription drug plans offered through Humana, United, Coventry and Envision. Beneficiaries are to be notified of the contract termination and coverage changes by mail. Through May 31, 2013, affected beneficiaries have a one-time option to:

- Select another Medicare Advantage or Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plan; or
- Stay with Original Medicare and also enroll in a Medicare Supplement (or Medigap) policy; or
- Stay with Original Medicare but change the CMS-generated enrollment to another prescription drug plan.

SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, can provide free, unbiased information and enrollment assistance to former Universal beneficiaries. SHIIP, a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance, can be reached during standard business hours at 800-443-9354.

"We want to make sure that everyone affected by the termination of Universal's Medicare plans understands their rights and options," said Wayne Goodwin, North Carolina insurance commissioner. "SHIIP staff members stand ready to assist with any questions about Medicare coverage."

Beneficiaries can also call 1-800-MEDICARE for assistance. If calling Medicare directly, beneficiaries are instructed to tell the operator that they are a "Universal beneficiary" and that they need to discuss their new coverage.

In North Carolina, Universal policies were issued in 26 counties. In Anson County there were 52 policies.

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance that offers free, objective information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance information. SHIIP's trained counselors provide one-on-one counseling in all 100 counties. For more information about SHIIP or to get answers to Medicare questions call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616. Or you can call SHIIP directly at 800-443-9354 or visit www.ncshiiip.com.

Carolina Farm Credit to Issue Patronage Checks

In April, member-borrowers of Carolina Farm Credit will receive patronage refunds checks for 2012, Michael R. Morton, CEO, announced. The amount of patronage to be paid and revolved in the future for borrowers of Carolina Farm Credit will total \$14.7 million. Borrowers will receive a refund of 20 percent of the interest that accrued on their loans in 2012. A cash refund of \$4.4 million will be paid, and the remainder will be placed in allocated capital accounts for future revolvment.

"Carolina Farm Credit had another successful year in 2012. We're pleased to be able to share our success with our borrowers by putting our profits in their pockets," said Joe Lail, Chairman of the Carolina Farm Credit board. "This is the 25th consecutive year we've paid a patronage refund. In addition, the board of directors plans to continue to retire the allocated surplus according to their plan in 2012. Since 1988, Carolina Farm Credit has distributed patronage totaling more than \$385 million to be paid to its member-borrowers through patronage refunds and retirements of allocated surplus." "When we distribute our profits to our borrowers, it reduces their effective cost of borrowing," Michael R. Morton stated, "and it proves that there are distinct financial benefits in doing business on a cooperative basis."

Top 7 Reasons to Toast North Carolina Beer Month

Cheers! Inaugural NC Beer Month Has Begun

Brewing a new tradition, North Carolina rings in spring with its inaugural Beer Month as a testament to the state's influence in the craft beer business. Sponsored by the North Carolina Brewers Guild and the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Beer Month takes in special tours, tastings, dinners, classes, the festivals and lodging packages celebrating local variations on this heady beverage.

Toast North Carolina's beer craftsmanship and the destinations where it thrives with these seven fun facts in honor of the month-long beer fête:

North Carolina is home to nearly 85 breweries — more than any other state south of Pennsylvania and east of Texas, according to a Beer Week survey. The newly released "State of the Craft Beer Industry" report for 2013 shows North Carolina setting the pace for growth of new breweries with a 23 percent increase in 2011. Three major craft breweries have chosen the Asheville area for East Coast expansions: Oskar Blues (which opened in Breward in December), Sierra Nevada (Mills River, opening mid-2013) and New Belgium (Asheville, opening 2014).

In the space of a year, Charlotte saw three breweries — NoDa, Birdsong and Heist — open within half a mile of each other in the lively NoDa neighborhood. Asheville has reigned as Beer City USA since 2009, either winning the poll or tying for the top spot every year. The city has 14 breweries, half a dozen beer festivals and the popular Asheville Brews Cruise. North Carolina is home to the nation's first solar-powered brewery (Outer Banks Brewing Station in Kill Devil Hills) and the first LEED Gold brewery (Mother Earth Brewing in Kinston). North Carolina has become synonymous with craft beer, from Spring Brew, a 2012 World Beer Cup Gold Award winner from Wilmington's Front Street Brewery, to First Frost, a Good Food Award winner from Durham's Fullsteam Brewing, and a host of "bucket list" beers.

Visit www.NCBeerMonth.com for details and more activities. For information on planning a North Carolina vacation, explore www.VisitNC.com.

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