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## 513 Reported Cases of COVID-19 in Anson County

As of Monday, September 14 the Anson County Health Department posted that Anson County had 513 reported cases of COVID-19. 49 of those cases were active. At that point they had discharged 464 cases, 460 to baseline health and four deaths.

**Recent history:** March 31 - 1 case; April 28 - 23 cases; May 26 - 62 cases; June 22 - 107 cases; July 27 - 285 cases; August 3 - 306 cases; August 9 - 328 cases; August 19 - 376 cases, August 26 - 408 cases, and September 4 - 461 cases.

## Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. Announces Its Brick Paver Fundraiser

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. is again offering the opportunity to purchase laser-engraved brick pavers to honor the memory of someone special, recognize an organization, a business or high school graduating class. The pavers will be placed at the location of your choosing in the uptown area as a lasting tribute.

The bricks come in two sizes, the four-inch brick will accommodate three lines of print and costs \$50, and the eight-inch brick will allow for six lines of print and costs \$100. Clip art may also be added to enhance your brick for free.

You may download the Brick Paver Order Form by going to [www.uptownwadesboro.com](http://www.uptownwadesboro.com) and click on Brochures and Registration Forms and then look for the Brick Paver Form. You may also pick up a form at the REV Uptown, located at 114 West Wade Street.

For more information please call the Uptown Wadesboro office at 704-694-4181 ext. 3.

## Safe Kids Anson Hosting Child Car Seat Clinic September 25

Safe Kids Anson will host a Child Passenger Safety Clinic FREE of charge on Friday, September 25, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 3 p.m. at the Anson County Partnership for Children. In efforts to keep Safe Kids staff and your family safe, register by calling 704-694-4036.

"Safety seats save lives. It's that simple," Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey, who also serves as Safe Kids N.C. Chair.



According to Safe Kids N.C., motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death among children ages 1 to 19. Of those children ages 12 and under who died in vehicle crashes in 2017, nearly 40% were not restrained. Also, children ages 2 to 5 who use safety seats prematurely are four times more likely to suffer a serious injury if in an accident.

Many of our families are struggling with the burdens of COVID-19 and the purpose of this clinic is to help educate as many of our parents and caregivers as possible on the proper way to install their child's seat. The car seat check is free of charge, but safety seats will be available for a donation of \$15.

For more information or to schedule your appointment, please contact Katie Sewell at (704) 694-4036.

## North Carolina's Countdown to College - October 2020

North Carolina's annual campaign to support college access is during the month of October and is named NC Countdown to College. Activities during the month support high school seniors in completing three important college enrollment steps: 1) residency, 2) FAFSA, and 3) applications.

What is traditionally called College Application Week has been extended to two weeks this year: October 19 - 30. During these weeks, many NC colleges and universities waive their application fees.

More information will be presented in an upcoming edition of The Express. Also students can get information from their school.



## Ikia Arianna Williams Earns Degree

Miss Ikia Arianna Williams graduated with her Masters of Social Work (MSW) degree from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte on May 8.

Ikia has also been approved by the North Carolina Social Work Licensure Board for her licensed clinical social work (LCSWA).

Ikia is the daughter of Carroll Marcus Williams, Lee Hardison and Judy Dean Hardison. Her grandparents are the late Mr. Joe Dean and late Mrs. Aggie Gaddy Dean.



The leadership team for Anson's WMU is pictured above. They are, from left: Janet White, Missions Involvement; Karen Gerald, Children and Students; Rosemary Green, Leader in Training; Delores Thomas and Ann Thomas, Co-Directors.

Carolina Woman's Missionary Union and more recently as a missionary with the Church Renewal program of the North American Mission Board. Using the scripture from Hebrews 10:39 which speaks of the challenges we face as Christians and the further challenge that we are experiencing through the Covid lockdown, we should look at how Christian heroes of the past who also went through struggles and yet, found ways to honor God and help people, we should do the same. Noting that she has heard that there are 365 places in the Bible with words such as "do not fear," that we should not be swallowed up in fear, but should find ways to minister in God's name to those around us. There may be single dads or single mothers who need some encouragement. Teachers and students certainly need our help - we should at the very least, be praying for them. She closed with the challenge for each of us to begin our week with a statement to the Lord, "Lord, I have a whole week; where do you want me to go today?"

The next meeting of the Anson WMU is Monday, November 2 at Rocky River Baptist Church, at 7 p.m. for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Call Delores Thomas at 704-695-4448 for information.

## Missionary Speaks at WMU Annual Meeting

This is a release from the Anson Woman's Missionary Union: The Woman's Missionary Union of Anson Baptist Association held its annual meeting on Tuesday, September 8, nearly six months later than originally planned due to the Covid situation. North Wadesboro Baptist Church hosted the event which featured missionary Phyllis Foy.

Mrs. Foy has served as President of the North

## Task Force Invites Public Comment on Initial Proposals to Improve Disparities in Communities of Color Disproportionately Impacted by COVID-19

The Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force and Chair, NC Department of Administration Secretary Machel Sanders, convened on September 2, 2020 to discuss potential recommendations to address and improve the social, environmental, economic, and health disparities in communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

An overview of the initial proposals from subcommittees is available on the Department of Administration's Task Force webpage: [ncadmin.nc.gov/ahtf](http://ncadmin.nc.gov/ahtf).

### How you can comment on proposed subcommittee recommendations

- The Task Force's next action will be to hear comments from the public to inform the next steps in the recommendation development process. Listening sessions will be held on September 22 and 29. The listening session scheduled for September 15 was cancelled. All topics originally scheduled for September 15, will be featured on September 22. The full schedule can be viewed at [ncadmin.nc.gov/ahtf](http://ncadmin.nc.gov/ahtf).
- Members of the public can sign up for a two-minute time slot to offer input on recommendations related to the five focus areas.
- Go to: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4facab23a5f5c25-andrea](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4facab23a5f5c25-andrea).
- Once individuals sign up, they will receive a link to log on to and participate in the session.
- The public comments session can also be streamed live on the NC Department of Administration's YouTube channel.

Additional public comment sessions will be announced in the future and North Carolinians can also make their voices heard by submitting written comments via a form available at: [ncadmin.nc.gov/ahtf-public-feedback-form](http://ncadmin.nc.gov/ahtf-public-feedback-form).

Established under Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order No. 143, the Task Force is comprised of five subcommittees targeting core areas including Access to Healthcare, Economic Opportunities and Business Development, Educational Opportunity, Environmental Justice and Inclusion, and Patient Engagement.

**About the NC Department of Administration** Established in 1957, the Department of Administration acts as the business manager for North Carolina state government. Under the leadership of Secretary Machel Sanders since appointed by Governor Roy Cooper in 2017, the department oversees Government Operations and advocacy programs. The department's advocacy programs provide advocacy, assistance, and services to diverse segments of the state's population that have been traditionally underserved.

**About the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force** Established under Executive Order No. 143, the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force addresses the social, environmental, economic, and health disparities in communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The Task Force is named in honor of the late civil rights activist, Andrea Harris, who dedicated her life to eliminating disparities in North Carolina, co-founding the non-profit Institute of Minority Economic Development in Durham and serving on the state's Advisory Council for Historically Underutilized Businesses.

## NC Insurance Commissioner Reminds Medicare Beneficiaries to Compare Plans During Open Enrollment Which Runs October 15 - December 7

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey reminds Medicare beneficiaries to compare and evaluate their current plans and make necessary changes during the annual Open Enrollment Period. Medicare plans and prices change. It is important for Medicare beneficiaries to take advantage of the Open Enrollment Period by contacting local Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors to save money, improve your coverage or both.

The Open Enrollment Period begins on October 15, 2020, and runs for eight weeks to give you enough time to review and make changes to your Medicare coverage. Changes must be made by December 7, 2020 to guarantee your coverage will begin without interruption on January 1, 2021.

It's important to contact your local SHIIP counselor before making a decision about coverage because you may be able to receive more affordable and better Medicare health and/or drug plan options in your area. For example, even if you are satisfied with your current Medicare Advantage or Part D plan, there may be another plan in your area that covers your health care and/or drugs at a better price.

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. In addition to helping Medicare beneficiaries compare and enroll in plans during the Open Enrollment Period, SHIIP counselors can help people find out if they are eligible for Medicare cost savings programs.

Here are some of the ways to review and compare plans available for 2021:

- Get one-on-one help from your local SHIIP office by calling Grace Senior Center in Wadesboro at 704-694-6616.
- Get one-on-one help from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, by calling 1-855-408-1212, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also request in-person assistance in your home county.
- Visit [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan) to compare your current coverage with all of the options that are available in your area, and enroll in a new plan if you decide to make a change.
- Review the Medicare & You handbook. It was mailed to people with Medicare in September.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

For more information about SHIIP and the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, call 1-855-408-1212 or visit [www.ncship.com](http://www.ncship.com) or call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences at Anson Schools

Schools in Anson County will hold Parent/Teacher Conferences remotely over a five day period. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to schedule a conference during the time periods listed below.

- Anson County elementary schools will hold Parent/Teacher Conferences on September 17, 18 & 21, from 2 to 4 p.m., and September 22 & 23, from 2 to 6 p.m.
- Anson Middle School and Anson high schools will hold Parent/Teacher Conferences on September 24, 25 & 28, from 2 to 4 p.m., and September 29 & 30, from 2 to 6 p.m.

## Upcoming Events at Grace Senior Center

- Drive-Thru Picnic** Tuesday, September 22, 10 a.m. to 12 noon - Bagged Lunch which includes hotdog with all the fixings, chips, cookie and drink.
  - Eat Better, Eat Together** Tuesday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Goodie Bag Handout
- Grace Senior Center is at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA. For more information call 704-694-6616.

## Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride is Saturday

The Misfit Bikers will hold their 4th Annual Charity Ride to benefit Operation Christmas Child this Saturday, September 19. Riders will gather at Papa Joe's Restaurant, with registraton at 9 a.m. and kickstands up at 10:30 a.m.

The cost is \$15 per single rider, \$20 for two-up.

For more information call Kevin at 704-475-0487, Mark at 704-695-4487 or Richard at 704-694-8988.

## Anson Farmers Market is Open

Purchase locally grown vegetables and other items at the Anson County Farmers Market. It is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays through the end of September. The hours are 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Farmers Market is located 1736 Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, just past Wadesboro Primary School.

For more information contact Francis Campbell at 704-690-0638.