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

The Faith-Based Center of Hope continues their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program throughout the year. They distribute coats and blankets to several of the churches and schools in Anson County as well as directly to those people in need. Now that winter is over, do you have a coat or blanket that you can contribute to this cause?

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



Mr. Ricky Leon Wall

Mr. Ricky Leon Wall of Houston Texas, formerly of Morven, NC, passed on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

There will be a public viewing from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2019, at Knotts and Wade Funeral Home in Morven. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September, 24, 2019, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Cairo, NC. Officiating the service is Rev. Micheal McLeod.

Nelson Funeral Service of Rockingham, NC is serving the Family.

THE EXPRESS • September 18, 2019 • Page 2 **Medicare Beneficiaries - Compare Plans During Open Enrollment. Begins October 15**

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 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, 2019, to guarantee your coverage will begin without interruption on January 1, 2020.

"Comparing Part D plans annually is imperative to insuring that the Medicare beneficiary has the best coverage for their prescription needs," said Causey. "SHIIP counselors are available to help over the phone or in-person in all 100 counties in North Carolina.

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 2020:

- 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 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 704-694-6616 locally or 1-855-408-1212, or visit www.ncshiip.com.

Youth Employment Certificate

Any youth under the age of 18 who works in North Carolina for any employer must have a youth employment certificate.

Please call 1-800-625-2267 if you have any questions. How to Handle Completed Certificates:

- Certificate needs to be signed by the youth, the parent or legal guardian and the employer.
- · Completed and signed certificates must be given to the employer on or before the first day of work. The employer must verify the youth's age, proposed
- job duties and any restrictions noted on the certificate. The certificate must be maintained by the employer for two years after employment ends or until age 20, as
- appropriate. • It is not necessary to mail the completed certificate to the North Carolina Department of Labor.

September Mobile Food Pantry Info

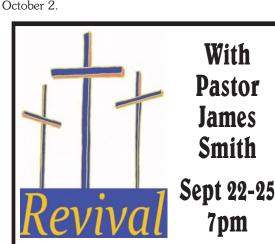
Margot Barnes, Director of Anson Crisis Ministry has released statistics from the September Mobile Food Pantry which was held on Wednesday, September 4 at

First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. Barnes said, "Thank you to the 27 volunteers!"

- Total Families: 105
- New Families: 7
- Children & Youth Under Age 18: 88
- Youth & Adults Ages 19-64: 111

• Adults Over Age 65: 35

The next Mobile Food Pantry and Atrium Health Bus visit will be held at Peachland United Methodist Church, located at 19 Allen Street in Peachland, on Wednesday,



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