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McLeod Health Cheraw Targets Breast Cancer Awareness in October

October 2016 marks National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to help raise awareness in our region, McLeod Health Cheraw is offering women's education presentations at public libraries in Cheraw and Bennettsville, as well as mammograms at the hospital.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. Studies show that early detection can lead to survival rates of 95 percent or better.

Death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1990. This is believed to be the result of earlier detection through screening and increased awareness, as well as improved treatment. The best tool in early detection is the mammogram, which can identify breast abnormalities before they can be felt.

McLeod Health provides mammograms at each of their hospital locations. They also have a mobile mammography unit that travels throughout the region. To schedule a mammogram today, please call (843) 777-2095.

About McLeod Health Cheraw - McLeod Health Cheraw serves the residents of Chesterfield, Marlboro, Anson, Richmond and Scotland Counties. The 59-bed hospital joins six other McLeod Health not-for-profit hospitals providing advanced heart, vascular, orthopedic, surgical, cancer, women's and children's services from the midlands of South Carolina to the coast.

Anson County Writers' Club Annual Contests

This is a release from the Anson County Writer's Club: The Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC) is pleased to announce its Twenty-Seventh Contest in Prose and Poetry. The ACWC will award over \$400 in prize money to the winners of the annual writing contests.

First, second and third place winners in the adult prose and adult poetry categories will receive \$50, \$30 and \$20, respectively. Youth winners (grades 10-12) will receive \$20, \$15 and \$10, respectively. Grades 3-6 and Grades 7-9 will compete separately in the children's division. Prizes are \$15, \$10 and \$5, respectively, for prose and poetry winners in both categories.

All winners will receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be honored at a reception for friends and family on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017. Winning entries of the contests will be published in an anthology, Anson Pathways X, which will be released in 2019. Previous issues of Anson Pathways, which has been published every three years since 1991, are available at the Anson County Arts Council.

The adult contests are open to anyone residing in, having resided in, attending school in or working in Anson County; or members of the ACWC. There is a \$1 entry fee, which is waived for students at any institution of higher learning.

There is no entry fee for students. Entries will be accepted from students living in or attending school in Anson County. Rules and entry forms will be provided to all schools. Deadline for the 2016 contests is 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5.

A complete copy of the rules and an entry form that must accompany each entry are available at the H.B. Allen Library; the Anson County Chamber of Commerce; or by writing to ACWC 2016 Contests, P.O. Box 363, Wadesboro, N.C., 28170 (enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope).

The contest committee urges writers to study the contest rules carefully. In past years, some excellent entries that might have won were disqualified because the writers did not follow instructions.

For more information, call contest co-chairman Beverley Getzen at 704.694.7022.

NC Insurance Commissioner Opposes \$600 Million Rate Increase

Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin filed a response to the appeal filed by the Rate Bureau in the North Carolina Supreme Court. The appeal is based on the North Carolina Court of Appeals decision affirming Commissioner Goodwin's rejection of a 2014 homeowner's insurance rate increase of approximately \$600 million.

"I am disappointed the insurance industry has decided to not only ignore but actively challenge my attempts to protect consumers regarding homeowner's insurance rates," said Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin. "I rejected the insurance industry's proposed rate increase because I felt it was unjust and the Court of Appeals upheld my decision."

In January 2014, the insurance industry requested a 25.6% increase in homeowner's insurance rates across the state. That request was rejected by the department and a hearing was held on the filing later that year. In December 2014, Commissioner Goodwin ruled that the industry's proposed rate increase was unsubstantiated by presented facts and ordered that no increase be awarded. That ruling was appealed by the industry to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, who presented their decision upholding Commissioner Goodwin's ruling on Aug. 2, 2016.

The Court of Appeals concluded their decision with "Upon a full review of the Commissioner's order, we hold the order reflects a careful, thoughtful, and thorough consideration of the evidence. The evidence in the record supports the Commissioner's critical findings and ultimate conclusions. This Court will not second guess the Commissioner's determinations as to the credibility of the witnesses or the weight to be given their testimony. Therefore, the order of the Commissioner is affirmed."

A full copy of the Court's ruling can be found here: appellate.nccourts.org.

It is up to the North Carolina Supreme Court to decide whether or not to hear the case.



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