

On Friday, January 21, 2022, Mrs. Carole Curran Barnhill, 76, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away peacefully at her home in Lilesville.

Services will be private by the graveside in Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Polkton.

Carole was born into a large and loving family on November 17, 1945, in Stanly County, NC, and was a daughter of the late Roy Frank Curran and the late Margaret Thomas Curran. She was a graduate of Anson High School.

An avid golfer, she was club champion several years at Twin Valley Golf Club in Wadesboro. She and her husband traveled the Eastern part of the United States together playing golf.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband Ronald Barnhill; her daughter Brandee Barnhill Khoshnevis (Amir) of Charlotte; her grandchildren, Royaa, Reza and Lila; her sisters and brother, Cathy Hooks (Jimmy) and Frank Curran, all of Polkton, Sandy McLeod (Alex) of Wadesboro and Sherry Teeter (Hoyt) and Suzette Whitley (Mike), all of Oakboro.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association - Western Carolina Chapter, 4600 Park Rd STE 250, Charlotte, NC 28209.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

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## Employment News for North Carolina's Disability Community

More people with disabilities in North Carolina will have the opportunity to work for at least minimum wage. They will have the opportunity to do this work with others who do not have disabilities. This is because the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and two disability advocacy organizations have a signed agreement to work toward these goals. Under the agreement, DHHS has a plan to move to updated employment services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The agreement and the DHHS plan state that DHHS will stop paying for employment services in sheltered workshops where people with disabilities work and receive less than minimum wage. This change will take place over several years. DHHS will instead pay for enhanced services such as supported employment, customized employment, and other services to help people with disabilities work in the community. This is called Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE). This phased CIE work will require more funds, and DHHS will ask the NC General Assembly for the funding needed to support these efforts.

"Equitable access to employment opportunities with a livable wage should be available to all," said DHHS Secretary Kody Kinsley.

You can read more about this agreement at the DHHS website ([ncdhhs.gov/about/department-initiatives/competitive-integrated-employment](http://ncdhhs.gov/about/department-initiatives/competitive-integrated-employment)). Information is also available at the Disability Rights North Carolina website ([disabilityrightsnorthcarolina.org/resources/changes-to-segregated-employment-in-nc](http://disabilityrightsnorthcarolina.org/resources/changes-to-segregated-employment-in-nc)). Disability Rights North Carolina and the Center for Public Representation are the two disability advocacy organizations that entered the agreement with DHHS.



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## JANUARY 30

**Fellowship Breakfast**  
At Pleasant Hill UMC, located at 126 Church St in McFarlan. All are invited for a hot & delicious breakfast at 8:30am, followed by church program at 9:30am with guest singer John Pruette.

## FEBRUARY 20 - 23

**Spring Revival**  
With Pastor Ron Lynch, 6:30pm each evening at Harmony Community Church, located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland. 704-272-7410

# Events

## JANUARY 31

**Board of Education Regular Meeting** to be livestreamed on YouTube, Closed Session 4pm, Open Session 5:30pm. View at Anson County School's YouTube page. (Search YouTube for Anson County Schools.) Meeting takes place in Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, 320 Camden Rd in Wadesboro. Masks required. For public comment sign up in-person. Sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting.

## FEBRUARY 1

**Board of Commissioners Meet**  
6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. This is the regular monthly meeting. Meeting available online at [youtube.com](http://youtube.com), search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201

## FEBRUARY 12

**Vaccination Clinic**  
Free for dogs & cats, 9am-12 noon at the Anson Animal Shelter. Info & questions call 704-994-2738 or email [mlett@ansoncountync.gov](mailto:mlett@ansoncountync.gov).

## ONGOING EVENTS

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## Statewide Dementia Series

The Alzheimer's Association chapters in North Carolina and the Parkinson Association of the Carolinas are kicking off the first program this February in their Under the Dementia Umbrella Series, a four-part virtual education series from February through August.

Dementia is not a single disease, but rather an overall term - like heart disease - that covers a wide range of specific medical conditions, including its most common form, Alzheimer's disease. This series will take a deeper dive into various disorders that fall under the umbrella of dementia.

"Confusion between Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia is common," said Katherine L. Lambert, CEO of the Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter. "Learning about the differences between them is important and can empower individuals living with any form of dementia, their families and their caregivers with necessary knowledge."

**Part one of the series - "Mind, Movement, Memory: UNDERstanding Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia"** - will take place on Thursday, February 3 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Learn more about Parkinson's disease, Lewy body dementia and their connections. Dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB) is the second most common cause of dementia and leads to a progressive decline in thinking, reasoning and independent function because of the presence of Lewy bodies. Lewy bodies are also found in several other brain disorders, including Parkinson's disease, Parkinson's disease dementia, and to a lesser degree in Alzheimer's disease. Many people with both DLB and Parkinson's disease have hallmark brain changes linked to Alzheimer's disease. This program will be presented by Mark Pippingier, M.D., a specialist in Behavioral Neurology at Novant Health Memory Care - Southpark.

"When people diagnosed with Parkinson's disease hear the phrase Lewy Bodies with Parkinson's they are confused and not sure where to go for information," said Ann Marie Worman, Executive Director of the Parkinson Association of the Carolinas. "Should they seek out Parkinson's or dementia related resources, this educational opportunity will help clear up some confusion related to cognitive/dementia issues in Parkinson's."

Remaining programs in the series are:  
• April - Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) • June - Depression, Addiction and Dementia  
• August - Vascular Dementia and Heart Health for Brain Health

The series is offered in partnership with The Age Coach and Senior Care Authority. Each webinar will offer expert speakers, guest panelists, and time for discussion. Webinars are open to the general public and individuals and families affected by dementia. There is no charge to participate, but registration is required and a recording of each program will be made available to all registrants. Attendees can attend via video/webinar or through a toll-free number.

To sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/DementiaUmbrella2022](http://tinyurl.com/DementiaUmbrella2022) or call 1-800-272-3900.

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