

Safe Kids Anson Hosting Operation Medicine Drop

Safe Kids Anson will host Operation Medicine Drop on Friday, March 20, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Walmart parking lot in Wadesboro. Bring your unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines to Walmart to be safely disposed. Syringes and needles will not be accepted for collection.

The average North Carolinian fills 17 prescriptions annually and studies show that as much as 40% of the drugs dispensed are never used. Abuses of unused and/or expired prescription medications is a public health issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse, as well as contaminating our water system. Poisoning is the number-one cause of injury-related deaths in the United States. The latest statistics show that the number of unintentional poisoning deaths in North Carolina increased from 279 deaths in 1999 to 1,178 deaths in 2014, an increase of 320 percent. From 1999 to 2016 more than 12,000 North Carolinians died from opioid-related overdoses. This epidemic is devastating families and communities.

Over the last 20 years 91% of all unintentional poisonings were caused by prescription or over-the-counter medications according to NC Injury and Violence Prevention, DHHS.

Operation Medicine Drop is a partnership of Safe Kids North Carolina, the River Keepers of North Carolina, NC State Bureau of Investigation, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of North Carolina and local law enforcement agencies working together to encourage the public to safely dispose of unused, unwanted and expired medication.

For additional information please contact Katie Sewell at (704) 694-4036.

Phyllis Foy is Special Guest Speaker for Annual Woman's Missionary Union



On Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. North Wadesboro Baptist Church is hosting the Annual Woman's Missionary Union Meeting with guest speaker Phyllis Foy. Phyllis serves along with her husband Bob in the Church Renewal Ministry. She and Bob have travelled all over the United States, encouraging church members to assist their pastor in ministry, realizing that it takes the church working together to reach their community for Christ.

Phyllis encourages everyone to:

- **PRAY** Pray for boldness to share the gospel and open hearts among the people to whom she speaks. She asks for prayer that through the Church Renewal program that more people would come to saving faith and live on mission.
 - **PARTICIPATE** She prays that she can continue to build relationships with missionaries and their families and sends notes of encouragement to them, learning birthdays and anniversaries so that she can send gifts and cards.
 - **PROVIDE** She encourages others to also learn the ministry strategy and context in order to provide relevant resources and support missionaries financially.
- The community is invited to hear this energetic and enthusiastic speaker. Everyone is invited.

Nominations Open for 2020 North Carolina Awards

Governor Roy Cooper encouraged North Carolinians to nominate esteemed individuals for the 2020 North Carolina Award, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the state. Applications are due by April 15. Created by the General Assembly in 1961, the award recognizes "notable accomplishments by North Carolina citizens" in the fields of literature, science, fine arts and public service.

"Each year, the North Carolina awards honor amazing people from all corners of our state. I encourage everyone to pause and think about extraordinary people in their community and submit their name for consideration," said Governor Cooper.

Past award recipients include Maya Angelou, Doc Watson, William Friday, Gertrude Elion, Branford Marsalis and other noteworthy North Carolinians.

Award nominations may be submitted by anyone and must include a completed nomination form, cover letter, three letters of support and the nominee's biography or resume. Additional letters of support and examples of the nominee's work will also be accepted. Applications may be submitted online [click.icptrack.com] or materials can be sent to the North Carolina Awards Committee, N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, 4601 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-4600.

The North Carolina Awards Committee, as administered by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, will review the nominations and make its selections this summer. The recipients will be honored during ceremonies in Raleigh later this year. Past award recipients have included some of the country's most distinguished artists, poets, writers, performers, journalists, scientists and public servants.

Information on the award and the online nomination process are available online at www.ncdcr.gov/about/special-programs/nc-awards. To receive forms by mail or e-mail contact Jennifer Fontes at Jennifer.fontes@ncdcr.gov or (919) 814-6756.

NCDOT to Host Drone Workshop in Monroe

Drones are an increasingly popular tool for various state and local public safety agencies, as well as many private businesses. The N.C. Department of Transportation wants to help those organizations learn how to safely and effectively leverage this technology into their operations.

To achieve this, NCDOT is bringing back a series of drone workshops for government and commercial operators. The first workshop of 2020 will take place on Thursday, April 9 on the campus of South Piedmont Community College in Monroe. The workshop is hosted by NCDOT's Division of Aviation Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program office. State and local government personnel who are interested in learning about this technology are encouraged to attend. Local commercial drone operators are also invited to attend. Nearly 1,000 North Carolinians attended the previous series of workshops, held from 2017-18.

"Drones are becoming a normal part of day-to-day operations of many public and private organizations, said Basil Yap, UAS Program Manager for NCDOT. "We want to help these groups obtain an understanding of real-world applications for drone technology, and what it takes to safely and effectively implement drones into their operations."

Space is limited, so prospective attendees should register early. The workshop will last from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and feature presentations, exhibitions, and live flight demonstrations. You can register by visiting www.ncdot.gov and searching for "Drone Workshop."



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\$40 per person in advance 21 & over
Tables (reserved seating for 8) \$400 event

Tickets can be purchased at Lacy's
and the Anson Cooperative Extension Office
located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

For questions or additional information,
please call 704-694-2915