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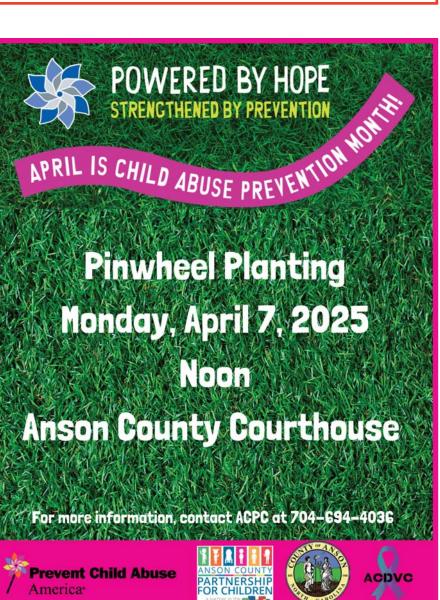
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Can you help with donations of items or money to support Anson parents of newborns?

This release is from Brian Ellerby, Health Director at the Anson Health Department:

Dear Community Member:

I hope all is going well with you, your fellow co-workers, your friends and family. Our Anson County community has navigated complicated pathways over the past five (5) years. We continue to work together to help our citizens and our community. This effort is continually needed in our Country and its communities.

As we look into the future and see the challenges that will be faced by our youth, it is critical that we implement systems that will help our newborn youth achieve better health and well-being. The Anson County Health Department plans to hold a Community Baby Shower aimed at promoting better health and well-being for the newborn members of our community. The event will include educational activities for the new parents to enhance their ability to care for their children. The Baby Shower will take place on June 6, 2025, from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 N. Washington St., Wadesboro, NC 28170. We are expecting 150 moms for

this event and one of them will have twins. Please make your donation by April 30. Along with the education of the parents and the new child's caretakers, we seek to provide critical supplies that will improve the care of the newborn child and support of the family. We are seeking donations from our community that will be used to acquire the items shown below.

Here is a list of the items we will provide for the parents who attend the event through the donations you make:

- Nursery: Bassinet, crib, Mattress pad and cover, fitted sheets for crib, diaper and wipes storage, baby size hangers, nightlight, baby clothing, changing table.
- Baby Hygiene: Baby bathtub, baby washcloths, towels, baby toys, baby shampoo
- and conditioner, baby wash, baby lotion. Health and safety: Baby monitor, outlets cover, door stoppers/jammers, baby gate,
- humidifier, teething gel, baby grooming set, thermometer. · Clothing: Sleep suits, onesies, socks, any baby clothes, and children's clothes
- Feeding: Baby bottles, breast pump, nursing pads, bottle warmer, highchair, cups,
- plates, and utensils.
- Toys: Soft toys, teething toys, car seat toys, books, baby walker.
- Travel: Car seats, baby on board sign, baby mirror for car, diaper bag, shopping car
- Mom essentials: Maternity pads, nursery tops, nursing covers, water bottles, heating pad, ice pads, baby album.

Please let us know if you would like to donate any item and let us know what item on the list you will donate. Donated items can be delivered to the Health Department. If you prefer to make a monetary donation or gift card, we can accept that too and will let you know what we purchase with the monetary donation. Please make your check to: Anson County Health Department.

Your donation checks can be mailed to: Anson County Health Department, Attn: Brian Ellerby, Health Director, 110 Ashe Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Should you have questions, please contact Noelia Chumpitaz, Health Educator at 704-694-5188.

If each member of our Anson County community is Strong, Anson County our Community is Strong! Sincerely, Brian Ellerby, Health Director

Free Tax Assistance at Grace Senior Center April 2

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County Residents sixty years of age or older of low-or moderate-income, needing help in preparing their income tax returns. The assistance is a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Cen-Volunteer counselors trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will

be at Grace Senior Center on April 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Car-Persons using the service should bring a picture ID, this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from

the bank (form 1099-INT), a copy of last year's tax return, and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. All persons who have an appointment must pick up a Tax Package at Grace Senior Center before their scheduled appointment and bring the completed package to the

Electronic filing of returns will be available. If you are interested call Grace Senior Center to schedule an appointment and for additional information at (704) 694-6616.

New Mega Millions Brings Bigger Jackpots & Better Odds to Win, Along with Ticket Price Increase from \$2 to \$5

Mega Millions will get a mega makeover in April with jackpots that start at more than double their current size, grow faster and offer better odds to win. These changes will go into effect after the final drawing of the current game on Friday, April 4. The first drawing under the new prize structure will be held Tuesday, April 8.

"Players love Mega Millions for its massive jackpots and this new version of the game will provide better chances to win even bigger life-changing prizes," said Mark Michalko, chief executive officer of the N.C. Education Lottery. "This is truly an exciting time to be a Mega Millions player in North Carolina." Check out a few of the big changes coming soon:

Following a jackpot win, the new jackpot will reset to \$50 million, an increase

winning ticket equals the cost to play.

- · Jackpots are expected to grow faster in the new game. The Mega Millions
- Consortium estimates that the average jackpot win in the new game will be more than \$800 million vs. approximately \$450 million in the current game. Odds to win the jackpot will improve to 1 in 290 million from 1 in 302 million. Overall odds to win any prize will improve to one in 23 from one in 24 because the
- new game will feature 24 Mega Balls instead of the 25 in the current game. Every non-jackpot win will multiply its base prize by 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X or 10X automatically. Prizes in the new game will range from \$10 to \$10 million vs. the \$2 to \$1 million in the current game.
- The "Megaplier" add on feature that is currently available for an additional \$1 will be replaced with the built-in multiplier so all wins will be automatically multiplied · Since the new Mega Millions game features higher value prizes throughout the

game, the price of tickets will increase to \$5 per play. That is the first price change Players will win a minimum prize of \$10 on a winning ticket. That means every winning ticket will pay out at least double its cost. Currently, the minimum prize on a

Online Play on the lottery's website, www.nclottery.com, or with the NC Lottery Official Mobile App. **BRLC News**

Players can buy Mega Millions tickets at any lottery retail location, or through

This is a release from the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: Members of the Ansonville Book Club have been very instrumental in providing

snacks to the BRLC Kids Cafe annually. Mrs. A. Martin along with her assistant presented snacks items to the after school program. Volunteer Deloris Hammonds

was on hand to receive the items. The poundages were approximately 70 lbs. Students who attend this after school program enjoy the snacks and meals that Hammonds and other volunteers prepare for them weekly. As organizations such as the Ansonville Book Club give food donations together we are making sure that no

child who comes into BRLC leaves hungry. The after school program has a family night Family Night Second Friday of each month. Family night is for family in the community to enjoy popcorn and beverages at no cost. It is headed up by volunteers

Victoria Horne and Michelle Kiser. Citizens are invited to come out, enjoy a good movie, and get to know your neighbors. If you like to join in, you only need to show up. Financial donations are accepted, but not required. Remember the second Friday evening in each month. Movie time begins at 6:00 p.m. and lasts until about 8;00 p.m.

Because of the Easter Holidays in April, BRLC will view and enjoy the movie The 10 Commandments. Portions of this iconic movie will be played each Friday evening throughout the month of April. Once the movie has ended for the evening

a short discussion will take place as well as an introduction of neighbors. Come, Enjoy, Meet and Greet your neighbors. The movie The Forge was viewed during the months of February and March and the interest was great.

BRLC Volunteers would like to thank all who have contributed to helping this

community become stronger together. Your support is needed.