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Anson Middle School Beta Club Induction Ceremony Held March 25

On Monday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. Anson Middle School, held their National Beta Club new member induction. Mrs. Takesha Wall and Mrs. Donna Marshall, as well as the Beta Club officers, introduced and congratulated the new members. Each member received a pin and a certificate.

Congratulations to the newest members as well as all the other members of the National Beta Club!

The current 8th grade members are: Layla Britt, Landon Chaney, McKenna Clarke, Devonne Cox, Camille Hyatt, Christopher Johnson, Megan Kiser, Isabella Osborn, Walker Stinson, Emily Wilson, Jasmine Yang, Kenoah Byrd, Katelyn Dial, Caleb Gaddy, Jared Horne, Angeline Lee, Elin Lockhart, Walter Marsh, Ellie Melton, Adamaris Miranda-Gomez, Zachariah Runnels, Madilyn Sasser, Sarah Senko, Gabriela Temich, Ella Watson, Lorelei Woodall and Carlee Gaddy.

The new 8th grade members are: Kyah Davis, Anna Dutton, Jaiden Easterling, Deandra Gabriel, Nyshawn Lilly, London Williams, Karmen Strickland, Kaleb Martin, JaHaryon Wall and Makayla Maye.

The current 7th grade members are: Alexis Brown, Leo Dong, Liberti Horne, Hallie Huntley and Addison Miles.

The new 7th grade members are: Kylee Blakely, Ava Clarke, Jaylen Moses, Za'Nayah Woodbury-Horne and Josiah Henry.

The Beta Club officers are: Emily Wilson, President; Gabriela Temich, Vice-President; Angeline Lee, Secretary; Madilyn Sasser, Treasurer; and Walker Stinson, Historian.

Man Reported for Impersonating a Health Department Worker

This is a release from the Anson County Health Department that was released on Tuesday, April 2:

An incident was reported to the Anson County Health Department on Tuesday morning, April 2 about a man impersonating a health department worker. He was driving a type of white station wagon. He told the property owner he was "looking at land," flashed a quick badge and refused to leave the property when asked.

Please note that our environmental health workers will only come to properties that have outstanding applications for services or to follow-up on a complaint. We will always show proper ID and will leave if asked to do so by the property owners.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at 704-694-5188. Stay Safe and Aware!!!

Devonte Lamont Duncan Arrested, Charged with Shooting Two People

On Tuesday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m. officers from the Wadesboro Police Department responded to a residence on Wheeler Street in Wadesboro for a report of shots fired. Officers arrived to find two victims suffering gun shot wounds. The name of the victims are being withheld at this time. One victim was transported from the scene and flown to a nearby medical center with life threatening injuries. The other victim was treated at the scene and released.

After an investigation the Wadesboro Police Department has charged 31 year old Devonte Lamont Duncan of Wadesboro with one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious bodily injury. Duncan was placed in the Anson County Jail without bond. Additional charges against Duncan are pending, but no additional suspects are being sought at this time.



Devonte Lamont Duncan

Atrium Health Women's Care Mobile Health Event is April 13

'Drive to Thrive' provides a wide range of services

Atrium Health Women's Care Drive to Thrive is mobile care unit that provides a range of women's care services in a warm, welcoming environment. It will be in the front lot of Atrium Health Anson this coming Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Services include:

- Cervical cancer screening (Pap smear)
- Screening for urinary tract infections
- Screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections
- Birth control (contraception), including same-day access to long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs), like intrauterine devices (IUDs)
- First-time prenatal visits, if not established with an OB/GYN
- Postpartum visits
- Ultrasounds
- Mammogram referrals
- Social worker on-site to help connect with other resources

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. You can call 704-468-0137 to schedule an appointment.

Visit AtriumHealth.org/MobileHealth or scan the QR code for the Drive to Thrive schedule, locations and more information. The website includes information on the Community Sliding Fee Discount Program that can provide up to a full 100% discount for qualifying patients.



SPCC is Hosting a Free Science Event for Kids in Wadesboro

South Piedmont Community College will host a Hands-On Science for Kids event at the Hampton B. Allen Library, located at 120 South Greene Street in Wadesboro, on Monday, April 15, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The event is free, and all kids are invited to attend. During the event participants will take part in hands-on science activities and crafts.

The event is being presented by SPCC in partnership with the Hampton B. Allen Library.

For more information contact Marissa Cominotti at mcominotti@spcc.edu.

Anson Women's League Scholarship Information

For many years Anson Women's League has held the AWL soup luncheon in order to raise funds to support graduating female students by offering scholarships to help defer costs associated with higher education. Anson Women's League is pleased to announce that it will offer three scholarships in the amount of \$750 each for young women from Anson County who will graduate in 2024 and will enter an accredited two or four year U.S. college or university in the upcoming academic year. Community colleges are included.

For information and application please see your guidance counselor or email: ansonwomen@yahoo.com. The deadline for applications is April 10, 2024.

Join the Ability Leadership Project 2024 Cohort!

ALP-NC Now Accepting Applications for Cohort 2 - 2024

This is a release from the ALP-NC: The Disability Rights movement in NC needs advocate leaders - your story is important! The Ability Leadership Program - North Carolina (ALP-NC) is an inclusive program that prepares people to engage in disability rights advocacy. And, it is currently accepting applications for the next Cohort!

Read below for more details on the program, the dates, and how to apply.

- Deadline to apply is April 10, 2024.
- Who can be an ALP-NC Leader (participant)? Adults with an intellectual and/or developmental disability (IDD); Family members or caregivers of persons with lived experience; In-field professionals supporting people with IDD.

Each class is chosen to represent a range of experiences, demographics, and access needs. Up to 15 participants will be accepted for this cohort. Those not selected for this cohort will be invited to apply for future cohorts.

How does the cohort work? In the cohort, we will: 1) develop personal advocacy stories; 2) practice self and collective advocacy skills and; 3) network with others who can help solve problems and remove barriers to access

Sessions are held on Zoom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be breaks provided during each online session. The dates are as follows: May 17; May 31; June 14; June 28. Small group meetings are also held between sessions.

Apply for Cohort 2! Applications must be submitted by 5 pm EST on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. The application is an online Google form. If you need accommodations or assistance, please contact us at Education@communitybridges.com. Please remember to click "Submit" when you are finished. You will receive a message letting you know it has been sent.

Here is the ALP-NC Cohort 2 application link: forms.gle/KrzYKpbx9yJhmu7WA.

Over 400,000 North Carolinians Have Enrolled to Receive Lifesaving Health Care Under Medicaid Expansion

New Enrollees Disproportionately Live In Rural Counties and Are Between the Ages of 19 and 29

Governor Cooper announced that more than 400,000 North Carolinians now have access to health care through the state's Medicaid expansion following record enrollment numbers and a coordinated campaign to enroll North Carolinians across the state.

"So many younger, working people desperately need affordable health insurance and Medicaid Expansion fills the bill for thousands of them and with people all the way through age 64," said Governor Roy Cooper. "This milestone and the speed at which we've reached it shows just how lifechanging Medicaid expansion is for our state and we will continue to get more eligible North Carolinians enrolled."

"We got it done and we got it done well!" said N.C. Health and Human Services Secretary Kody Kinsley. "We continue to see how truly life changing access to health care is for all North Carolinians, as a growing number of people each day are able to see a doctor to address physical health, behavioral health, and dental care, get prescriptions filled, and much more."

This number represents more than two-thirds of the 600,000 people North Carolina expects to enroll over the next two years. Since December 1, North Carolina has enrolled an average of more than 1,000 people per day in Medicaid expansion – a pace faster than other states that have expanded Medicaid.

Many people who have enrolled through Medicaid expansion are young adults between the ages of 19 and 29 and work part-time or full-time. New enrollees also disproportionately live in rural communities. The number one county with the highest number of enrollees per population is Robeson County.

For the more than 400,000 new enrollees, Medicaid has already provided more than 705,000 prescriptions for things like heart health, diabetes and other illnesses, and covered more than \$11.2 million in claims for dental services since the December 1 launch.

The NCDHHS Medicaid Expansion website includes information on eligibility, FAQs, how to apply and a sign-up form to receive the latest news and updates.

To learn more or apply for NC Medicaid, visit Medicaid.nc.gov.

Chair Exercise Classes at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting chair exercise classes with instructor Sheila Raye on Thursdays: April 11 & 25. The classes begin at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room. Everyone is welcome.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Joye Gfeller in Concert at the Library April 8

The Hampton B. Allen Library will present a music program on Monday, April 8 featuring Joye Gfeller. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theater. Joye will be accompanied by some of her music students. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Anson Ag Advisory Board Meeting

The Anson County Ag Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. to review applications for the Anson County Voluntary Agricultural District Program. The meeting takes place at the Cooperative Extension office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

Day Trip to the Greensboro Arboretum is Cancelled

The trip scheduled by Grace Senior Center to the Greensboro Arboretum on Thursday, April 18 has been cancelled.

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