

EasterFest at Harmony Community Church is Saturday
Everyone is invited for fun and fellowship

Harmony Community Church invites you to attend their annual EasterFest. The event, scheduled for this Saturday, April 19, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. will feature food, an Easter egg hunt, monster truck rides, bounce houses, and more. It promises to be lots of fun!

Harmony Community Church is located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Road in Peachland. The telephone number is 704-272-7410. The Pastor is Rocky Carpenter.

UNAUTHORIZED HYDRANT USE



Don't steal water!

The use of Anson County Water Department fire hydrants for obtaining water for agricultural or any other purpose without written consent of the Anson County Water Department is a violation of state and federal law.

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The Anson County Water Department will take legal action against any individual or business that unlawfully obtains water from the Anson County water system.

PLEASE REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY to the
• Anson County Sheriff's Office 704-694-4188, or the
• Anson County Water Department 704-694-5208.

Hydrant use permit information is available from the Anson County Water Department. Information is available at 704-694-5208.

Easter Closings

All Anson County offices will be closed this Friday, April 18 in observance of Good Friday. The Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Friday. Wadesboro Town Hall will also be closed on Monday, April 21 for staff training. Garbage pickup will run on the regular schedule. All emergency and law enforcement agencies will be in full operation during this time.

Health Education Session Presented by the Health Department

Anson County Health Department's Health Educator Noelia Chumpitaz recently conducted an education session at Grace Senior Center. Attendees at the event, held on Monday, April 14, were able to get information about Cholesterol, know their numbers and what it means. Seniors were engaging and asking questions about subjects such as Diabetes, Kidney Disease, Vaping, High Blood Pressure, Heart Attack and Stroke. All of the questions were answered, and Ms. Chumpitaz will be providing further information at the event that is planned for next month. The next event will also include a salad making demonstration. Information brochures were available at the April 14 event on these subjects: ACHD, Cholesterol information presentation, What is Cholesterol, Cholesterol and medicines, LDL myths, What is LDL, and Quitline NC. The event also included giveaways of Ensure and notepads. Ms. Chumpitaz organizes health educational events such as this to enhance the health and well-being of our community's residents by improving their knowledge of the actions they can take to help themselves achieve better health outcomes. You can contact Ms. Chumpitaz at 704-994-3381 or 704-694-5188.

Governor Josh Stein Awards 17 Counties, 11,816 Households & Businesses with High-Speed Internet

Anson County is included in the program

On Tuesday, April 15 Governor Josh Stein announced more than \$41 million in Completing Access to Broadband (CAB) program projects to connect 11,816 households and businesses in 17 counties to high-speed internet.

Anson County was one of the recipient counties. The new Anson County high-speed internet access to 945 homes and businesses represents 35% of the county's 2,714 eligible locations.

"Connecting North Carolinians online helps strengthen our state," said Governor Josh Stein. "Broadband plays a crucial role in our development, and I look forward to seeing how these funds expand economic opportunities for people in every corner of North Carolina."

"Internet access is a necessity in today's world. These grants will fund projects to provide that crucial access to residents in communities across the state," said NCDIT Secretary and State Chief Information Officer Teena Piccione. "We will continue to partner with counties and internet service providers to make more awards this month as we work to expand high-speed internet to every North Carolinian."

These projects will be funded by more than \$29 million from the federal American Rescue Plan awarded by NCDIT and nearly \$12.5 million from the selected broadband providers:

• Anson County: Windstream North Carolina, LLC This award will provide high-speed internet access to 945 homes and businesses (35% of the county's 2,714 eligible locations).

The CAB program's procurement process creates a partnership between counties and NCDIT to identify areas that need access, solicit proposals from prequalified internet service providers, and quickly make awards. Awardees must agree to provide high-speed service that reliably meets or exceeds speeds of 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload.

This CAB program award will be added to NCDIT's dashboard that shows details and progress on programs funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act, as part of Governor Stein's initiative to close the state's digital divide. The award adds to the more than \$547 million in Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) grants and previous CAB projects that will connect more than 200,000 North Carolina households and businesses to high-speed internet.

For more information about the NCDIT Division of Broadband and Digital Opportunity, visit ncbroadband.gov.

NC Medicaid Expansion Reaches 650,000 North Carolinians Enrolled less than 18 Months After Launch

Governor Josh Stein announced that as of April 9, 650,000 newly eligible North Carolinians have gained access to affordable health care through Medicaid expansion, including veterans and workers in child care, construction, hospitality, home health care and other industries essential to the state.

"Medicaid expansion shows what is possible when our state's leaders come together in a bipartisan effort to serve North Carolinians," said Governor Josh Stein. "North Carolina's Medicaid program is innovative and fiscally responsible. It delivers for taxpayers, helps keep people healthy, supports businesses and workforce and drives access to health care in rural communities. Medicaid strengthens North Carolina, and we need to protect it from damaging federal cuts."

Since Medicaid expansion launched on Dec. 1, 2023:

- 6.1 million prescriptions were filled by new enrollees for heart health, diabetes, seizures and other illnesses.
- \$86 million in claims for dental services have been covered by Medicaid for the expansion population.
- 233,000+ members of rural communities, more than one in three of all newly eligible people, who may not otherwise have access to health care, enrolled in Medicaid.
- Overdoses in North Carolina have decreased, with visits to emergency departments down by 29% and suspected overdose deaths down by 27% from 2023 to 2024. There are more behavioral health providers serving people covered by Medicaid since expansion.

"From a regular check-up, to specialized care for a chronic condition, to filling a prescription without worrying about high co-pays, getting health coverage is life-changing for people in every county," said NC Health and Human Services Secretary Dev Sangvai. "NC Medicaid helps North Carolinians stay healthy, avoid missing work and enjoy time with their loved ones."

Including those covered through Medicaid expansion, NC Medicaid provides affordable health coverage to more than 1 in 4 North Carolinians: more than 3 million children, older adults, people living with disabilities and other working adults. Despite widespread support for Medicaid, Congress is proposing massive cuts to the program that will hurt the state. Current proposals could take health care away from North Carolinians, worsen health outcomes, take billions from our state's economy, disproportionately harm rural communities and drive-up costs for everyone, including employers.

NCDHHS' Medicaid Expansion webpage (medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/north-carolina-expands-medicaid) continues to provide information on eligibility, how to apply and how to get support. Additionally, the Medicaid Expansion Dashboard (medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/reports/medicaid-expansion-dashboard) provides detailed information on the impact in all 100 counties. To learn more about expansion, why it's important to protect Medicaid and how to get involved, visit medicaid.nc.gov.

Register Now for Free Home Buying Education Classes at Cooperative Extension

This is a release from Anson County Cooperative Extension: Calling everyone who wants to be educated on buying a home. Do you know your FICO score? Do you know what a FICO score is? Did you know there are programs out there that will assist first time homebuyers? Go ahead and put May 14 or 21 at the Anson County Extension Center, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on your calendar for our home buying lunch and learn. This will be the first session of this multi-session event.

This is a free event.

We will have qualified and knowledgeable real estate agents and Instructors who will be our presenters and on hand to guide you to through the process of learning your FICO score, different lending programs and options and understanding how to prepare you to purchase a home by understanding your credit. A credit analysis will be available for those that would like to have access to their credit report.

These individuals are ready to help put you on the right road to become a homeowner and are elite professionals. This will be a judge free environment; the people are just wanting to help those get educated. To register for this class, please call 704-694-2915.

Transportation will be provided to those who need it, and also there will be lunch for all. The Extension Center is located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

Burnsville Auxiliary Yard Sale and Bake Sale

The Burnsville Auxiliary will hold their annual Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 3. Be sure to come between 7:00 a.m. and 12 noon for great deals on all kinds of items such as clothing, furniture, toys, books...and much more! And, best of all...there will be a great selection of delicious baked goods too.

The event takes place in Burnsville, and the address is 13880 Highway 742 North.

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