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Hot Car Safety for Children & Pets

Every year children and pets die from heatstroke in cars, either because they were left or became trapped. More than half of these cases were because an adult forgot about the child or pet in the back seat.

To help avoid this catastrophe:

- Put your purse or phone next to the child's car seat so you'll always check the back before leaving the car.
- Keep a stuffed animal or memento in your child's car seat when it's empty. Move it to the front as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat.
- Making a habit of checking your vehicle before getting out could save a life.

The Health Department Offers Sick Visit Appointments

Did you know that the Anson County Health Department offers sick visit appointments for those over 21 for the following: cold; flu; sore throat; seasonal allergies; urinary tract infections (UTI); earache; upset stomach; acute bronchitis; pink eye; minor abrasions, burns & bruises; sunburn; insect bites & stings; suture removal; and blood pressure check (nurse).

Some same day appointments are available.

Primary health insurance is accepted as in-network is BCBS, Cigna, United Healthcare, Medcost, Aetna, Multiplan, Ambetter, Medicare, Wellcare Medicare, Amerihealth Next, NC Medicaid, NC Medicaid Prepaid Health Plans (Healthy Blue, Amerihealth Caritas, Wellcare-Medicaid, Carolinas Complete Health, United Healthcare Medicaid).

Affordable options are available for those who do not have insurance, or do not have one of the primary plans listed above.

To make an appointment or learn more please call 704-694-5188. The Health Department is located at 110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro. The website is: www.co.anson.nc.us/164/Health-Department, and you can find them on Facebook.

South Piedmont Has Opened New Spots in its 2024 Summer Camps.

"We are thrilled to once again offer a full lineup of exciting and fun learning opportunities to children and young adults throughout our community," said South Piedmont President Dr. Maria Pharr. "Our summer camp programs are designed to provide campers with an introduction to potential career paths, as well as experiences sure to make their summer breaks memorable. We look forward to welcoming summer camp participants to our campuses."

SPCC's summer camps are designed for students ages 10-18. Camp topics include manufacturing, science, art, forensics, leadership, construction, health sciences, robotics, welding, and more. Camps take place throughout June and July on both the Monroe and Polkton campuses.

A full schedule, including prices and the link to register, is available at spcc.edu/summer24.

This year, several camps related to the manufacturing industry are being offered at no cost to families thanks to support from Collins Aerospace. Space is limited, so families are encouraged to register soon.

For more information, including a list of FAQs, visit spcc.edu/summercamp24.

Anson Crisis Ministries Provides Free Food Tuesday Through Friday

Anson Crisis Ministries distributes free food items to over 1,000 families each month. This adds up to an estimated 50,000 people a year in Anson and surrounding counties. They serve families every Tuesday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Anson Crisis Ministries is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-2445.

Open Gym for All School Aged Children

This summer, the Wadesboro Elementary School Gym will be open every Monday and Wednesday, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all school aged children. This program began June 4 and runs until Wednesday, July 17.

It is free, and all kids are welcome.

Register online at anson.recdesk.com. For information you can call Anson County Parks and Recreation at 704-994-3025.

CPR Awareness Week is June 1-7

Could YOU be someone's lifeline? Interested in a Hands-Only CPR session? Stop by and see the Anson County Health Department Health Educator, Noelia Chumpitaz, and she will be glad to work with you.

Infant CPR Want to learn Infant CPR Anytime? Infant CPR Anytime teaches the life-saving skills of CPR, choking relief and more. Learn and practice on your own at home or share with friends and family, and be prepared to act with confidence when unexpected emergencies happen.

Call to make an appointment and reserve your spot at (704) 994-3381. The Health Department is located at 110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro.

Exploratory Meeting for Writers' Co-op

Are you a writer or a published author who just doesn't know how to get your book sold? There is a group of writers and authors in Anson County inviting you to a meeting to consider a collaborative effort in the form of a cooperative to help you to market your books more easily and cost-effectively.

The initial interest meeting will be held at the Hampton B. Allen Library, located at 120 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro, this Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. If there is sufficient interest they will start the process of developing the business plan that the co-op will be based on. The co-op should be able to reduce the marketing costs per book sold making you, the author, more profit.

This regional effort is open to all of the surrounding counties.

Bethany Smith Awarded Mary Morrow-Edna Richards Scholarship

The North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) and its charitable arm, the North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children (NCFPSC), are proud to announce Anson High senior Bethany Smith as a recipient of the prestigious Mary Morrow-Edna Richards Scholarship for Future Teachers.

Smith is one of 15 high school seniors, and five college juniors who received the scholarship for aspiring teachers. Each recipient will receive \$2,500 towards their college education.

"We are thrilled to present Bethany with the Mary Morrow-Edna Richards Scholarship. We are excited to see the impact that she and other future educators will make in our schools," said NCAE President Tamika Walker Kelly.

The Mary Morrow-Edna Richards Scholarship is awarded to North Carolina residents enrolled in or who plan to enroll in a teacher-education program. Applicants must be in their junior year of college or senior year of high school and commit to teaching in North Carolina public schools for at least two years after graduation. The scholarship is named in memory of Mary Frank Morrow, the first president of the North Carolina Classroom Teachers Association, and Edna Cotton Richards, a leader in both the North Carolina Teachers Association and the North Carolina Association of Educators.

NCAE is North Carolina's leading voice for educational excellence, advocating for children, families, and public schools. As the largest association of professional educators in North Carolina, our membership spans all 100 counties and includes teachers, non-classified school staff, administrators, students, retirees, and community allies. NCAE believes every child has the right to a high-quality education, an excellent teacher, and a well-funded school.



Bethany Smith

Arts Council Welcomes New Executive Director

This is a release from the Anson County Arts Council: The Anson County Arts Council would like to welcome Jenay Jarvis as the Arts Council Executive Director. Born and raised in NC, Jenay attended the Universities of Asheville and Greensboro for a degree in Fine Arts with a concentration in Painting and a minor in creative writing.

Her range of careers has included hospice caregiving, carnival tours and a stint as a specialty baker. Jenay's art career took flight after apprenticing in the tattoo industry and working as a framer in a local art gallery. Her role at Eye Candy Gallery quickly led to titles such as an in-house artist and Project Manager, restoration specialist, art teacher, and installation lead. In the last five years, she has pursued community involvement by painting two life-sized pony sculptures (featured on the cover of *Pinestraw Magazine*) and entering pieces in the 2021 and 2022 MC Fine Arts Festival (awarded first place, best in show, and third place).

Her colorful and grand original works can be found in many award-winning homes around North Carolina. Not to mention, she has served as a muse to artists and photographers, including Master oil painter Carmen Drake, Frank Pierce, and many more.

As of 2023 she has been selected for a coveted residency at the Chateau Orquevaux in France where she will spend two weeks creating and pulling inspiration from the surrounding culture and beauty.

Her second show, "Strange Magic," opens on September 6 at the Campbell House in Southern Pines, NC. The show will feature an impressionistic perspective of nature and community. Showing with Jenay is the talented Pat McBride, an accomplished fine artist whose works have been featured in numerous galleries in Washington.

Arts Council Executive Director Jenay Jarvis

Together, the show will immerse viewers in a world that feels better and brighter than reality, with magic, moving water, powerful portraits, and wild woods.

Jenay is already proving herself with her knowledge, attention to detail, creativity, problem-solving, and bright personality. We are delighted that she has joined our team.

Please join us at the Anson County Arts Council's Annual Meeting. You're invited to the Arts Council's Annual Meeting this Sunday, June 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Arts Council, located at 110 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. Come meet Jenay and our new board members, enjoy the refreshments, catch up on Arts Council activities, and be among the first to learn about our 2024-2025 Ansonia Theatre season. We look forward to seeing you.



Gatewood Brothers Concert at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting the return of the Gatewood Brothers to the Little Theater for a concert. It will be presented on Monday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m.. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music of this talented family.

The concert will be the kick off for the library's adult summer programs.

Bowman Senior High School Alumni Reunion

A Bowman Senior High School Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 8 at Anson Middle School (the former Bowman Senior High School), located on Highway 52 North in Wadesboro. Activities will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Classmates, friends and family are invited for outside activities from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be lots of vendors, food, games, booths, bouncy house, and much more! Bring your lawn chair and/or tent.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. and running until 10:00 p.m. is a social for classmates from the years 1968-1984 and guests.

For more information about this exciting event you can contact Lorraine at 813-573-4977, Jeffrey at 704-572-3966 or Mary at 843-910-0018. This is a no-alcohol event.

Bluegrass Jam Coming to Wadesboro

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host its first acoustic bluegrass jam session on Thursday, June 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. The jam session, led by Randy Collins, is open to all ages and skill levels. Musicians, singers, and spectators are welcome. Participants who are 12 years of age or younger will need to be accompanied by an adult.

This is a free event and open to the public.

The jam session will be held twice each month on the second and fourth Thursdays. After June 13, the next jam session will be held on Thursday, June 27.

If you have any questions please contact Dianne or Caroline at the library at 704-694-5177. You may also contact event volunteer Randy Collins at 336-430-6318 (call or text) or via email at vaguitar@msn.com.

NETworX and HOLLA! to Host Financial Literacy Workshops

NETworX Anson County and HOLLA! CDC are excited to announce a partnership to host two workshops as part of Uwharrie Bank's 'More in 2024: Financial Literacy in the 21st Century' series. These hour-long sessions, taught by Community Outreach Coordinator Tina Townsend of Uwharrie Bank, are designed to enhance financial literacy in the community.

The workshops will take place via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 and Thursday, June 20. Registration is required for participation. For the registration link please contact Devin Pettiford with HOLLA! at Devintpettiford@gmail.com.

Workshop Schedule:

- June 13: What's on your Credit Report?
- June 20: Where is my money going?

These workshops are part of a broader effort to provide valuable financial education and resources to the community, helping individuals understand and manage their finances more effectively.

HOLLA! is located at 229 East Main Street in Morven.

Founded in 1984, Uwharrie Bank is a member of the FDIC. It strives to serve, teach, give, guide, lead, love, and inspire. For questions, contact Tina Townsend at 704-244-3811 or 704-991-1139.

For additional information, press inquiries, or media requests, please contact Pettiford at Devintpettiford@gmail.com.

Cheraw Arts Commission Presents a Summer Concert

The Cheraw Arts Commission kicks off Summer on Tuesday, June 25 with a concert featuring Alphonso Horne and the Gotham Kings. The 7:00pm concert will be held at Cypress Music Hall located at 1 Village Park in Cheraw. Gotham Kings is a high energy immersive jazz experience! Two-time Grammy nominated trumpeter, Alphonso Horne has put together a band that weaves the sound of New Orleans into a rich musical fabric which demonstrates the history of the trumpet and the story of jazz.

Alphonso Horne is one of the most sought-after musicians today. Known for his high level of musicianship, Horne has performed with some of the leading musicians in jazz including, touring with Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center (2013), performing on the PBS Special: Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett (2014), playing in the house band of the Late Show with Jon Batiste, and playing on Grammy nominated albums.

Advance tickets (\$15) for the evening concert are available at the Cheraw Community Center - 200 Powe Street. Tickets will also be available at the venue the evening of the concert. Call the Cheraw Arts Commission for information 843.537.8420 x 12.

Juneteenth Celebration in Marshville

The Town of Marshville will celebrate Juneteenth on Saturday, June 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This celebration will be held on Main Street. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a day filled with games, activities and more for kids of all ages. There will be entertainment, live music, food vendors and other vendors.

Again this year the town and the North Carolina Museum of Art will collaborate on an outreach program to celebrate the learning that happens when artists work directly with young people. The AIM project or Artist Innovation Mentorship program provides funding and organizational support for opportunities for creative growth beyond the school day. Young artists learn new techniques and flex their creative problem-solving skills as they work with artists in their own communities.

Middle school students worked with artist/teacher Diane Dunn for six weeks creating the artwork which will be displayed in the Marshville Museum. They are very pleased to have this exhibit of art by local young students in conjunction with the Juneteenth celebration.