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GRADUATION SPECIAL EDITION...CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE ANSON COUNTY GRADUATES

Grace Senior Center Offering Free Fans with Summer Heat Relief Program

Grace Senior Center is helping local residents stay safe and comfortable during the summer months through the 2026 Operation Fan Heat Relief Program.

Funded through a grant from Progress Energy, the program provides free fans to eligible Anson County residents who do not have adequate cooling in their homes.

The summer fan program is designed to create a more comfortable living environment and help reduce heat-related illnesses among individuals who do not have central air conditioning, window air conditioning units, ceiling fans or other fans that provide relief from extreme heat.

To qualify for assistance, applicants must reside in Anson County and be either 60 years of age or older or an adult living with a disability. Applicants must also have a home situation in which a threat to health and well-being exists due to excessive heat.

Program funds cannot be used for direct cash assistance or payment of utility bills.

Officials encourage eligible residents who need a fan to apply as soon as possible.

For more information or to request assistance, contact Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.



Anson High School Honor Graduates

Congratulations to the Anson High School Honor Graduates. They are: Anne A Belle Camille Armer, Hannah Claire Austin, Jeremiah Paul Bartz, Elijah Cruse Britt, Joanah Mae Perez Cabasa, Madalyn Grace Carpenter, Ivori Denyse Clyburn-Smith, Makinzi My'Kel Collins, Israel David Cuevas, Caroline McKinly Drake, Tayler Lynn Drake, Donald Hugh Ewing, III, Jada Michelle Griffin, Malisa LeMadison Hammond, Jacob Lee Harrington, Shelby Rae Hasty, Dock Jordan Hyatt, Eva Grace Hyatt, Soleya MoNae Jefferson, Matthew Ted Johnson, Dylan Thomas Kiser, Nathan Bradley Lear, Emily Claire Lomax, Lauren Olivia Lomax, Josie Lynn Maness, Richard Jason Martin, II, Pashunce Arielle Maxwell, Brooklyn Olivia Miles, Kaiyah Lalonnice Parsons, Isabella Victoria Serrett, Alexandra Paige Singletary, Elizabeth Allen Steagall, Jackson Wyatt Stinson, Delaney Elizabeth Taylor, Luke Owen Thomas, Jahzaria Ayanna Underwood, Nathaniel Tyler Williams and Slade Garner Winfield.

Highway 218 Roundabout to Temporarily Close Next Week

Next week N.C. Department of Transportation maintenance crews will temporarily close the roundabout at N.C. 218 and N.C. 205, east of Fairview in Union County.

The roundabout will be closed to traffic starting Monday morning, June 15, so crews can safely replace the concrete truck apron inside the roundabout. The closure is scheduled to last through Wednesday afternoon, June 17.

The following detours will be in place for drivers:

- Trucks on N.C. 218 will be detoured to N.C. 200, N.C. 24/27, N.C. 205 and N.C. 742, returning to N.C. 218;
- Trucks on N.C. 205 will be detoured along New Hope Church Road, N.C. 200 and N.C. 24/27, returning to N.C. 205;
- Cars on N.C. 218 will follow N.C. 200, Philadelphia Church Road and Pleasant Hill Church Road;
- Cars on N.C. 205 will follow New Hope Church Road, N.C. 200, and Philadelphia Church Road.

For real-time travel information, visit DriveNC.gov or follow NCDOT on social media.

Wadesboro Police Pursue Stolen Vehicle Into South Carolina

A stolen vehicle investigation that began in Anson County on Saturday morning ended with the arrest of a suspect in South Carolina following a multi-agency pursuit. According to the Wadesboro Police Department, officers were notified by the Polkton Police Department at approximately 10:28 a.m. on June 6 that a stolen gray Ford F-150 Platinum had entered Anson County. The vehicle was detected by Polkton's Flock camera system and was traveling toward the Wadesboro city limits.



Charles Dieterich

Officers located the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Salisbury Street. The driver failed to stop and led law enforcement officers on a pursuit that continued into South Carolina. The driver was ultimately apprehended through the combined efforts of the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office and the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Authorities identified the suspect as Charles Alexander Dieterich, 30, of date of birth April 1, 1996.

He is currently being held at the Chesterfield County Detention Center.

The Wadesboro Police Department has charged Dieterich with Felony Flee to Elude Arrest, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle and numerous traffic violations. Officials said he will be returned to Anson County to face the charges once extradition has been waived.

The Wadesboro Police Department expressed its appreciation to the Polkton Police Department, Anson County Sheriff's Office, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office and South Carolina Highway Patrol for their assistance and cooperation in bringing the incident to a safe conclusion.



Anson Early College Honor Graduates

Congratulations to the Anson County Early College Honor Graduates. They are: Anniston Kallee Anastas, Unique La'Metria Bennett, MilaJah Collette Brown, Jackson Stovall Burr, Kimberly Olivia Clark, Leigha Marie Clarke, Breonna Johnnetta Ava Cox, Abigail Leigh Crawford, Angelily Vine Cabañero Dolente, Beverly Ann Eddins, Kyndall D'Yanna Gaddy, Kalysta Ann Garrison, Hilary Lynn Gaun, Jayanna Shani Hamilton, Adrian Jevon Hogan, Averie Clair Hyatt, Savannah Lynn Knotts, Jessica Anne Laney, Janiya NaDeja Little, Khasiah A'zuree Martin, Anthony Jashawn Medley, Justin Blake Morton, Ambria Garris Nivens, Caleb Teal Phifer, ALeah Patrice Powe, Joseph Franklin Railton, Jr., Rosa Isela Ramirez-Hernandez, Kennedy Addison Ramseur, Hunter Brock Ratliff, Trinity Nicole Sellers, Jiaya Serenity Smith, MacKenzy Grace Storz, Shavondra Breanna Tanner, Adisun Olivia Taylor, Daniel Robert Thomas, Madelynn Marie Thomas, Preston Bryan Thomas, Ariel Venise Wall, Myah Leigh Waller, Danielle Marie Wiersum and Carpenter Mackay Williams.

Unearthing a Story Program Opens Summer Series at Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will kick off its summer programming for adults on June 15 at 10:30 a.m. with the theme "Unearthing a Story." The first program in the series will feature local authors discussing their writing techniques, research methods and experiences with becoming published authors.

Participating authors will include Irene Harrington, who writes biographies; Kay Ratliff, a poet; and Sandy Bruney, who writes fiction.

The event will provide attendees with an opportunity to learn about the writing process from three accomplished local authors while gaining insight into the different approaches used in their respective genres.

Books by the authors will be available for purchase.

Everyone is invited to attend, support local authors and enjoy a morning of conversation, storytelling and inspiration. Organizers encourage guests to invite a friend and come discover the stories behind the stories.

Anson County EMS Receives Funding Through State Rural Health Program

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has announced \$10 million in funding for 39 local EMS agencies through the North Carolina Rural Health Transformation Program, including Anson County EMS.

The funding, awarded through the NCDHHS Office of Emergency Medical Services for Mobile Integrated Health, is intended to strengthen the EMS workforce while expanding access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment and recovery services in rural communities.

Governor Josh Stein said the investment will help ensure that North Carolinians have access to quality health care regardless of where they live. "Every North Carolinian deserves access to safe, affordable, quality health care, no matter where they live," Stein said. "Investing in our EMS workforce and expanding behavioral health services in the rural parts of the state will help North Carolinians get the care they need closer to home."

NCDHHS Secretary Dev Sangvai said improving access to care begins with supporting frontline health care providers, including emergency medical personnel.

State officials noted that rural areas have experienced higher rates of fatal overdoses and overdose-related emergency department visits than urban areas. The funding will allow EMS agencies to provide medication for opioid use disorder, support rapid follow-up care after overdose incidents and connect individuals with treatment and recovery resources.

The initiative also recognizes the growing role EMS providers play in delivering health care beyond emergency response. Through Mobile Integrated Health programs, EMS personnel can help residents access needed services while reducing barriers to care.

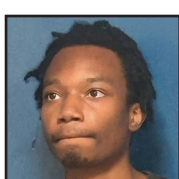
Tom Mitchell, chief of the NCDHHS Office of Emergency Medical Services, said EMS professionals serve as a critical link between emergency response and health care delivery, particularly in rural communities.

State officials said the program represents an important step toward improving access to behavioral health services and substance use disorder treatment while supporting long-term recovery efforts across North Carolina.

For more information about the North Carolina Rural Health Transformation Program, visit ncdhhs.gov and search for "North Carolina Rural Health Transformation Program."

Wadesboro Police Arrest Man on Child Exploitation Charges

The Wadesboro Police Department Criminal Investigations Division has arrested Omarion Dajuan Clark, 20, following an investigation involving the alleged sexual exploitation of a juvenile. According to investigators, Clark has been charged with Felony Statutory Rape of a Child Less Than 15 Years Old, Felony Indecent Liberties with a Child, Felony Third-Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and Felony Dissemination of Harmful Material to Minors Under the Age of 16.



Omarion Clark

Clark was taken into custody and placed in the Anson County Jail, where he is being held without bond.

Police officials stated that crimes involving the exploitation of children are among the most serious offenses investigated by the department and emphasized their commitment to protecting young people and holding offenders accountable.

The department also commended members of the Criminal Investigations Division for their work on the case.

Officials said the investigation reflects the dedication, persistence and professionalism of investigators who remain committed to seeking justice for victims and ensuring the safety of the community.

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