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Carolinas HealthCare System Anson to Open Next Month

After much anticipation and excitement, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson, part of Carolinas HealthCare System, will open next month on Monday, July 14. It is located on Highway 74 West, just past Anson High School. Carolinas HealthCare System Anson is more than a new building; it's a new healthcare model for Anson County residents that will provide high quality care through traditional hospital services, patient and caregiver relationships, wellness and prevention education and strong community partnerships. This well-rounded model of care is known as a "medical home" and ensures that healthcare is a shared commitment between care providers, patients and the community. "Carolinas HealthCare System Anson will bring healthcare out from behind the walls of the hospital and deliver care in ways that best fit the Anson community," said Gary Henderson, assistant vice president of Carolinas HealthCare System Anson. "This is truly an exciting time for not only the community but also for Carolinas HealthCare System, as we work together to transform the health status of this community." A medical home is a unique partnership between a patient, care providers and the community that ensures expertise, support and resources are available to help individuals make informed decisions about their healthcare. Carolinas HealthCare System believes a medical home is the best model for patient care because of its patient-centered approach that focuses on wellness, prevention and disease management - delivery of care when and where the patient needs it. At the center of the medical home is Carolinas Primary Care, part of Carolinas HealthCare System. By working in coordination with doctors and nurses, dietitians, wellness coaches, social workers, diabetes educators and pharmacists, Carolinas Primary Care will develop personalized care plans for patients and provide easy access to services and community programs within Carolinas HealthCare System. Carolinas HealthCare System Anson will feature 24/7 emergency care, access to primary care providers, patient-centered hospital services, including -15 hospital beds, radiology, digital imaging, laboratory, pharmacy and surgery services, enhanced community services, such as diabetes management and faith-based health care and a community room for health education. Join Carolinas HealthCare System on Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the new hospital. The event will take place at Carolinas HealthCare System Anson, located at 2301 U.S. Highway 74 W and will feature a bounce house, free food, giveaways, interactive stuffed animal clinic, tours of the new facility and much more. To learn more about Carolinas HealthCare System Anson, visit www.CarolinasHealthCare.org/AnsonFAQ. Carolinas HealthCare System (carolinashealthcare.org), one of the nation's leading and most innovative healthcare organizations, provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness programs throughout North and South Carolina. Its diverse network of care locations includes academic medical centers, hospitals, freestanding emergency departments, physician practices, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, nursing homes and behavioral health centers, as well as hospice and palliative care services. Carolinas HealthCare System works to enhance the overall health and wellbeing of its communities through high quality patient care, education and research programs, and numerous collaborative partnerships and initiatives.

Brook Crider Named Wadesboro Main Street Champion

Brook Crider, current chair of Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. (UWI), was recently named the 2013 Wadesboro Main Street Champion. She has served as a member of the UWI board of directors since 2007. During her three years as board chair she has provided dynamic leadership for the Wadesboro Main Street Program. Among the many achievements Brook has accomplished are: she refined the annual plan of work which includes the Summer Jam Concert series; the Uptown Farmers Market; a 9/11 American flag display; a 5K Pumpkin Run; an expanded Fall Festival; the Christmastime Tour of Homes; and the Blue Grass Christmas. Brook planned and conducted UWI's first organized sponsorship fund drive, raising close to \$10,000 to help support the organization's plan of work. To accomplish the many activities which take place in the center of town, she developed an excellent working relationship with the Town of Wadesboro. Brook, the daughter of Kathy and Jimmy Crider of Wadesboro, is truly a "hometown" motivated lady, is very much a contributing member of the Wadesboro community, and at the same time is the founder/owner/operator of a fulltime business - Buff Monkey Fitness Company. She also is co-manager and collections agent for Crider & Crider Properties, a family owned business. She is a member of First Baptist Church of Wadesboro. She is a third generation business owner in uptown Wadesboro. Her grandparents, Bunn and Gertrude Crider owned and operated Crider's Jewelry from 1945 to 1982. Her father, Jimmy Crider owned and operated Jimmy's Jewelry from 1969 to 1992. She grew up in her daddy's store and later helped out there as a young girl. Brook is a graduate of Anson High School and Wingate University, with a Parks and Recreation Administration degree. Her first job was with Anson County Parks and Recreation as a life guard and swimming instructor. After college she taught classes at SPCC and later worked for Anson County United Way and Wingate University Annual Fund. She recently married Lee Ainsworth. Brook's heart is and always will be supporting other local business owners and the people of Anson County.



Class of 1954 Holds 60th Reunion

The Wadesboro High School Class of 1954 recently held their 60th Reunion the weekend of June 6. The celebration kicked off with dinner at the Anson County Historical Society on Friday. Then, on Saturday they gathered at Twin Valley Country Club for an event that was catered by Betty and Jack Ratliff from Morven. "Our reunion was the Class of 1954 from Wadesboro High School," said Jean Hightower Gardner. "There were 52 members who graduated, but we recognize anyone who went to school with us from grade 1. Some dropped out to go into service, while others left for other reasons, but they still came back for the reunions. Sadly, because of their age, there were some who could not attend this year." Classmates came from as far as New Jersey, Ohio, Georgia and Virginia, along with North Carolina attendees. The Saturday evening event started with a memorial service. A candle was lit in memory of departed classmates while each of their names were called, with a moment of silence. A special candle was lit in memory of John Livingston, who had served as the class chairman for many years. He died in March 2014. His widow Glenda Livingston was a special guest for both reunion events. A popular display was the table of memories, where classmates brought pictures of their days in high school and past reunions. The Class of 1954 began having reunions with their 20th in 1974, and have met regularly since then. Pictured above, the attendees are (from left): Dr. Linsy Farris, Sharlia Brasington Ragan, Garrett Meeks, Mary Grace Ratliff May, James "Runt" Pegram, Frances Eddins Baucom, Tommy Lowe, Barbara Ratliff Henry, Kirby Hinson, Bert Hendley, Jean Hightower Gardner and Calvin Gaddy.

HOLLA! To Host Rap, Rhythm And Rhyme Workshop

Eric Cork, a world-renowned educator, often referred to as "the hardest working man in education," is bringing his lively workshop, "Rap, Rhythm & Rhyme: Rebuilding the Writing Foundation," to the HOLLA! Center in Morven. The workshop, which is designed for 3rd - 6th graders, will be held on June 30, from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. This Fast-Paced Writing Workshop empowers students to systematically organize their thoughts and communicate them effectively on paper. Lively learning strategies are passionately demonstrated. Music, laughter, mnemonic devices and audience participation make it a visually stimulating and physically intoxicating buffet of teachable techniques for professional educators who are absolutely serious about reaching each and every one of their students. This Language Arts Seminar has been described as a "Grammatical and Verbal Reawakening." The workshop is free for the first fifty 3rd - 6th grade students to register. Parents can register their children by calling the HOLLA! Center at 704-851-3144 or visiting the center between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday - Saturday.

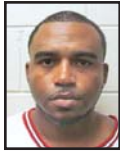
Broadway Star David Burnham is Coming to the Ansonia

Broadway performer David Burnham is bringing his concert of Broadway tunes to the Ansonia Theatre on Saturday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. Burnham played Fiyero in the Broadway production of Wicked for three years, and created the role in the original Los Angeles workshop and productions. He was a member of the original Broadway cast of the 6-time Tony Award-winning musical The Light in the Piazza, has performed on the Tony Awards CBS, and was featured on the PBS telecast Live from Lincoln Center. In film Burnham was the voice of the Prince in the Warner Bros. animated feature The King & I and can also be heard as "Willy" in Disney's Home on the Range. His voice was also recently featured on TV's animated series South Park. He first gained critical acclaim when, after a two-year search, he was chosen to replace Donny Osmond in the national tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. He created the role of Tom in the new musical Tom Jones as well as the role of Billy (opposite Maureen McGovern) in the new musical Letters from 'Nam. In Chicago, he originated the role of Charlie in the world premiere of Peggy Sue Got Married. Burnham was the 2007 recipient of the prestigious Helen Hayes Award for best actor as well as the 2007 best actor Garland Award. Reserved seating tickets for the July 12 concert are available at Lacy's and the Anson County Arts Council (704-694-4950) and online at www.ansoniatheatre.com using Paypal.



Jason Omar Sturdivant Arrested for Pot

On Friday, June 20 at approximately 11:18 p.m. officers of the Wadesboro Police Department made a traffic stop on Highway 74 East near Cloud Avenue. During the stop officers located 223 grams (approximately half a pound) of marijuana inside the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle, Jason Omar Sturdivant of 203 Cowan Street in Lilesville, 34 (date of birth 2/14/1980), was arrested and charged with Felony Possession of Marijuana, Possession with Intent Manufacture, Sell and Deliver of Marijuana, and Maintaining a Vehicle for Contributing and Sell of Marijuana. Sturdivant was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$5,000 secured bond.



Leadership Anson Makes \$1,292 Donation to Anson County Animal Shelter

"It's my pleasure to recognize and thank the Leadership Anson for their very kind and generous donation of \$1,292 to the Anson County Animal Shelter," said Anson County Manager and spearhead of the new Animal Shelter this past Wednesday. "It is the largest single donation so far." Gatewood wanted to spread the word about the large donation that the Leadership Anson class made recently. Donations are vital to the success of the shelter to help purchase necessities used daily for the welfare of the animals. This voluntary donation was made possible through a hugely successful Krispy Kreme fundraiser spearheaded by the Leadership Anson Class of 2014. The participants were Kari Eudy (Carolina Title Company), Tammy Henry (Anson Community Hospital), Sarah Hutchinson (Anson County EMS), Steven Kelly (Wadesboro Police Department), Dawn McElroy (Anson Community Hospital), Ginger McLain (South Piedmont Community College), Jason Miller (South Piedmont Community College), Jennifer Ricketts (South Piedmont Community College), Burnelle Sturdivant (Anson County Jail), Megan Sellers (Anson County Partnership for Children), Jeremy Taylor (Plank Road Realty), Emily Trexler (South Piedmont Community College) and James Willoughby (Hornwood). Gatewood went on to say, "Thank you all very, very much! The check was hand-delivered about 20 minutes ago, and I'm still smiling because this money will go a long ways to help defray the cost of pet food, veterinary expenses and shelter supplies."

Anson Animal Shelter Pets for Adoption Searchable Online

"We are now on Petfinder!" exclaimed Anson County Manager Lawrence Gatewood. "Anson County Animal Shelter is now listed on Petfinder.com. This is a searchable national database of pets available for adoption that includes a description and photo." "Our petfinder site is up and going," said Shelter Director Becky Wilson. "All the animals that are up for adoption are listed and have a picture. Go to Petfinder.com and search for any Anson County town or zip code and you will be able to see what we have here at the shelter for adoptions." Wilson urges everyone to share this information with anyone who may want a pet. A rescue from Animal Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win. For more information contact Wilson at 704-994-2738.

Anson Beekeepers Meet Thursday

The Anson Beekeepers Association will hold their monthly meeting this Thursday, June 26 at Welika Fish House at 7 p.m.

School Board Meets Thursday

The Anson County Board of Education's June regular meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Closed Session taking place immediately after the opening of the meeting. Open Session to the public will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Arts Council Offers Free Workshop for Girls in 4th - 8th Grade

Bored by August? The Anson County Arts Council is offering a free workshop for rising 4th through 8th grade girls on Monday, August 11 and Tuesday, August 12. Erica McGee and the cast of Girls Raised in the South - GRITS: The Musical are bringing "Grits: Girls Really Inspired to Shine" for girls to create, dream and explore who the artist is inside of them! The two-day workshop will explore songwriting, dramatic interaction and writing for the stage as well as confidence-building techniques for stage and life. Bring out the actress or singer in your child and let her shine! A special presentation will take place at 4:30 p.m. on August 12. The workshop will meet at the Ansonia Theatre in uptown Wadesboro and is free to the first thirty applicants. All those interested must fill out an application and waiver and deliver it to the Anson County Arts Council at 110 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. (PO Box 332, Wadesboro 29170). For more information call the Arts Council at 704-694-4950. For more information about the workshop, the director, or GRITS: The Musical, visit www.gritsthemusical.com or www.ericacmgee.com, or email ericacallenmcgee@hotmail.com.

"Welcome to Medicare" Seminar

Are you going to be eligible for Medicare in the near future? Have you been on Medicare for a while and want to better understand what it offers? Do you have a family member who help with Medicare issues? "Welcome to Medicare" is for you. The "Welcome to Medicare" seminar will be held on Tuesday, July 8 at 2 p.m. at the Grace Senior Center - conducted by trained SHIIP Volunteer Counselors. The seminar will cover Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare supplement insurance. SHIIP, the Senior Health Insurance Information Program, is a service of the State of North Carolina. SHIIP counselors are trained by the state and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents. Persons interested should call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information. The seminar is free.

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