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2,672 Total Cases of COVID-19 in Anson County, Increase of 20 Since Last Week

Vaccines are available. Ansonians urged to get vaccinated.

The latest information posted by the Anson County Health Department was 2,672 total Covid-19 cases, with 29 active as of Monday, July 19. The last report in The Express was from July 12, with 2,652 total cases and 11 active. The total deaths remain at 57.

The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) reported that statewide as of Monday, July 19 there were 734 new cases of COVID-19, with 13,535 deaths and 612 hospitalized. 59% of adults in NC were vaccinated with at least one dose, 56% were fully vaccinated.

Information Sought About those Buried at the Westview Cemetery

Book to be published about the cemetery

If you have not submitted your loved one's name, or information about anyone who is buried in the Westview Cemetery, you are asked to share that information so that it can be included in a database covering the time period 1898 to 2021.

Westview Cemetery is located at Madison Avenue and Henry Street in Wadesboro. The cemetery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015. An history book is being written concerning this important cemetery.

Please share any information you have with Rose Young at OldWestview01@gmail.com. For more information or to provide comments you can call 301-675-4476.

Vendors Sought for Art Council's Christmas in November Sale

It's back! The Anson County Art Council's annual Christmas in November Art & Crafts Sale returns for its tenth year to South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. It will take place on Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

All kinds of wonderful creations by area artists and craftsmen will be featured.

Tables are available for \$45, or \$80 for two. Vendors keep 100% of their sales proceeds.

Any artist or craftsman interested in participating in this event should contact the Arts Council at ansonart@windstream.net or 704-694-4950.

No commercial products, please. This event is showcasing the talents of the creative community.

Lions Club Brooms...

THE BEST Broom You Can Buy!

The Wadesboro Lions Club sells brooms to help meet humanitarian needs worldwide, and help local causes right here in Anson County.

In support of that mission the Lions Club sells brooms, and the brooms are of excellent quality. The Original Soft Sweep Magnetic Action Broom features a unique magnetic cleaning action that picks up lint and dust, especially human and pet hair. It will not scratch any floor, and rinses clean and dries quickly. The kitten soft bristle is approximately 12" long and comes with a metal handle.

Pick up yours at Allen's Restaurant in Peachland or Lacy's and Martin Furniture in Wadesboro for only \$12. The Lions Club's purple handled straw broom is also available.

The broom price will increase on August 2, from \$10 to \$12, the first price increase since 2001. Lion Jim Chandler said, "We struggled to keep the same prices, but our suppliers have made increases every year. We apologize for any hardship this may cause our many customers and friends, but this is the only way the Lions Club can continue to assist our visually impaired and needy citizens. Warehouse or industrial brooms, mops, toy and whisk brooms will remain the same."

For information about the different projects of the Wadesboro Lions Club, please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

Coming to Wadesboro...

Dunkin' Donuts and Baskins-Robbins

This is a release from the Anson County Economic Development Partnership (AnsonEDP): If you've driven past the old PNC Bank building in front of Tractor Supply Company on Highway 74 in Wadesboro, you've probably noticed that the building is not there. Demolition began last week at the site, which is being prepped for a new retail center.

The new building will be similar to the photo of one in Cornelius, and will feature a Dunkin', Baskin-Robbins, mobile phone store and additional retail space.

Construction will continue through the fall with the shops opening in October or November.



Wedding at Anson Health and Rehab

Congratulations to Mr. Martin Waters and Ms. Sharon McCauley who were united in marriage on Saturday, July 10 at Anson Health and Rehab. The dining hall was beautifully decorated for this joyous occasion.

The couple would like to thank the staff at Anson Health and Rehab for helping with the planning and decorating. Anson Health and Rehab would like to give a special thank you to the following: Kay Jewelers in Monroe, Quality Florist and Amy's Florist, both in Wadesboro, Marshville Florist, Marshville and H & S Transportation.

Parsons Drug Company Has New Ownership

New Owner, Wingate University graduate Aaron Shaver, is married to Anson County native Sadie Freeman Shaver

This is a release from Parsons Drug Company: Parsons Drug Company has been locally owned and operated since 1875. Since opening our doors, our goal has been to serve Anson County and surrounding areas with a passion for bringing quality, personalized health care to the community. Over the years, each owner has laid a solid foundation for others to build upon. All of us believe in putting customers first and meeting their unique needs.

With this newest ownership, we will be offering the same services as before, like delivery and over-the-counter items, but with a few exciting additions. We will now begin offering immunizations, Medication Therapy Management, and electronic platforms to allow more efficient communication with our customers.

New owner Aaron Shaver grew up in the small town of Bethel, Delaware before coming to college at Wingate University. He met his wife, who is an Anson County native, in college and grew to love Anson County as much as she does. He graduated from Wingate University School of Pharmacy in 2016 with a Doctorate of Pharmacy Degree. Aaron is married to Sadie Freeman Shaver and they have two children Walt and Ruby.

After spending over a decade working for large national retail pharmacy chains, Aaron realized that he was not able to extend the personalized care and attention that he desired to his customers. While working part time with Tommy Taylor and Johnny Iseberg, the former operators of Parsons, for a few years, he grew to love the customer service, personalized care, and family-oriented atmosphere of independent hometown pharmacies.

Aaron is excited for the opportunity to serve Anson County and plans to continue longstanding traditions of Parsons Drug.

Parsons Drug Company is located at 100 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro, at the Square. The telephone number is 704-694-2218.

The website is: parsonsdrugcompany.com.



Parson Drug Company's new owner Aaron Shaver with son Walt, wife Sadie Freeman Shaver and daughter Ruby.

Pee Dee Electric Accepting Bright Ideas Grant Applications from Teachers

Educators can apply April 1 for grants up to \$2,000 to fund innovative projects

Local educators can apply for a Bright Ideas grant from Pee Dee Electric starting on April 1. The grants, offered annually to teachers to bring creative classroom learning projects to life, support innovative projects that energize classroom learning and enhance student success. Educators can learn more and apply online at www.ncbrightideas.com.

"As students and teachers face the challenges of the past year, we're pleased to continue our long history of supporting them with grants that fulfill needs in local classrooms," said Seth Allen, communications specialist of Pee Dee Electric. "As a community-focused organization, we are committed to building a brighter future for our students and our region, and we encourage all educators with 'bright ideas' to submit an application."

Pee Dee Electric awards grants to K-12 teachers across its service area in Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly, and Montgomery and counties. Grants of up to \$2,000 are available in all subject areas, and teachers can apply individually or as a team.

Applications will be accepted April 1 through Sept. 15, 2021. Teachers who submit their application by the early bird deadline of Aug. 15 will be entered to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

To apply, teachers must include a budget; explain the implementation, goals, creative elements and evaluation of the project; and have approval from their school's principal. Applications will be judged through a competitive evaluation process, with judges looking for projects that feature inventive and creative approaches to learning. Grant-writing tips can be found at www.ncbrightideas.com.

For more than 25 years, Pee Dee Electric has joined North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives in offering Bright Ideas grants to teachers. Since the program began in 1994, educators statewide have received more than \$13.6 million in Bright Ideas grant funding, and more than 2.7 million North Carolina students have participated in close to 13,000 Bright Ideas-funded projects.

National Night Out, Free Event for the Community

The Anson County Sheriff's Office along with the Wadesboro Police Department is hosting its annual National Night Out, a fun free event for the community. It is set for Tuesday, August 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the parking lot across the street from the Sheriff's Office, at the corner of North Washington and East Wade Streets.

The event will feature many fun activities including: kids games, bounce houses, showcases of patrol vehicles, free food, drinks & snacks, face painting and more.

Anson Partnership for Children will be on site to check or install child seats as well.

National Night Out is an annual program designed to build communities and improve police-community relationships. Millions of people take part in National Night Out events across thousands of communities in the United States according to the National Association of Town Watch, the organization that founded the program in 1984.

Ross Streater Appointed as Board of Elections Chair

On Monday, July 19, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper appointed Ross Streater to serve as Chair of the Anson County Board of Elections.

Streater served as an Anson County County Commissioner for many years.

School Board Meeting for July 26 to be Live Streamed on YouTube

The Anson County Board of Education will hold their regular meeting on Monday, July 26. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Open Session to the public will begin at about 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Anson County Schools' YouTube channel for the public to view. To find the channel you can search YouTube for "Anson County Schools."

The meeting will be held in the Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Masks will be required for visitors.

If the public wishes to sign up for public comment, they can sign up in person or go to the public comment link on the Anson Schools website to sign up: www.ansonschools.org

Public comment sign up will be from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. on Monday, July 26.

Free Movie & Free Food Event in Ansonville

Everyone is invited to come out this Saturday, July 23 for an event that sounds like fun - free food and a free movie! The movie is *Overcomer*. The event begins at 7:30 p.m., with the movie beginning at 8:45 p.m. It takes place at the Caraway Business Center, located at 9162 Highway 52 North in Ansonville.

Free Fruit Bowls Given Out this Saturday

The Ansonville Planning Team will be giving out free fresh fruit bowls to anyone who comes this Saturday, July 24. You are invited to come to the Methodist Church in Ansonville, 2 to 4 p.m. It is a drive through. Come get some cool fruit!

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