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## Flu Shots are Available Now at the Anson County Health Department

The 2017-2018 flu season is rapidly approaching, and you may be undecided about whether to get the flu shot. The New England Journal of Medicine reports that receiving your yearly flu shot is a heart smart move. The Journal reports that the odds of having a heart attack are increased five fold in the first three days of diagnosis of influenza. Infection triggers an inflammatory response throughout the body that causes a narrowing of arteries and stresses the heart.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccination before December to ensure that protective antibodies are in your system before flu activity is typically at its highest. The CDC continues to encourage vaccination throughout the flu season, which may begin as early as October and last through May.

While the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends everyone over the age of 6 months should get the flu vaccine each season, it is especially important for the following high risk groups:

- Pregnant women
- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- People 50 years of age and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including:
- Health care workers
- Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu
- Household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age

The Anson County Health Department has Flu shots (influenza vaccine) for the 2017-2018 season available now. Flu shots will be available by appointment only Monday through Friday. Flu shots are free for uninsured children 18 years old and younger, or uninsured pregnant women. Most major insurances are accepted. If you have any questions, or to schedule your appointment, please call the Anson County Health Department at 704-694-5188. The Health Department is on Facebook: *Anson County Health Department*.

## Lamorris Durrell Hunter & Carnelle Alexander Hall Charged with Larceny

On Wednesday, October 18 at about 1 p.m. deputies from the Anson County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Deep Creek Road in the Southern part of Anson County in reference to suspicious persons in the area. Deputies arrived in the area, and the suspicious persons fled into the woods. During the search for the suspects deputies located a dirt bike in the woods near where the suspects fled. It had been stolen from a residence on Deep Creek Road. Deputies were able to arrest both suspects shortly after they fled.

Deputies identified the first individual as Lamorris Durrell Hunter, 31, of Morven. Hunter was charged with Felony Breaking and Entering, Felony Larceny, and Felony possession of stolen goods. He is currently in custody of the Anson County Jail under a \$35,000 secure bond, with a court date set for October 31, 2017 in Anson County District Court.

The second individual was identified as Carnelle Alexander Hall, 31, of Polkton. Hall was charged with Felony Breaking and Entering and Felony Larceny. He is currently in the Anson County Jail under a \$2,500 secure bond, with a court date set for October 31, 2017 in Anson County District Court.

Sheriff Landric Reid would like to thank the community for their outstanding assistance and alertness that led to the arrest of these individuals. Sheriff Reid stated, "This incident proves that a strong community involvement in working with local authorities can result in a swift and positive outcome for the residents of Anson County."

Sheriff Reid would also like to thank the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this incident.

## Wendell Little Earns Medals in Five Events at National Wheelchair Games



Starting more than 30 years ago, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the largest sporting event of its kind in the world. It is a week long event hosted in various cities of the United States each year. There are currently 18 different events the eligible veterans can choose to participate in. Numbers of participants have grown from 74 athletes to almost 550 current athletes. This year's games were held July 17 through July 22 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Participating in this year's games was one of Anson County's own, Mr. Wendell Little of Wadesboro. Wendell medaled in five events in his weight class: Weightlifting (Gold), Shotput (Gold), Disc Throwing (Gold), Javelin Throwing (Gold) and Bowling (Silver). He also participated in last year's games that were held in Salt Lake City, Utah. There he medaled in three events in his weight class: Weightlifting (Gold), Javelin Throwing (Gold) and Obstacle Course (Silver). Wendell is a graduate of Bowman Senior High School, the class of 1975. He is an Army veteran who served from 1975 to 1979.

Anson County Veteran Services Officer Ted Ward said, "We are proud of Mr. Little's accomplishments and determination to continue to live with purpose. He will be honored as the Grand Marshall in our Annual Veteran's Day Parade to be held on Thursday, November 9 at 10 a.m. in Wadesboro. Come out as we celebrate all of Anson County's Veterans during Veteran's Day."



## Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Terrific Kids

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School held its Terrific Kids Celebration for the third nine weeks on Tuesday, November 17. Pictured are the students who were recognized for this honor. We are proud of these students for showing good character!

From left, front row: Trevor Rivers, Cory Alexander, Jaiheem Sowell, Hailey Biles, Lessly Romero, Brayden Conklin, Mason Taylor, Lacy Smith, Gianna Rivera, Jay McMurray, Wisom Wilkes, Isaac Marsh, Hanna Vu, Levi Fincher, Leeland Medlin-Jenkins, Brinley Nance and Larrah Jackson. Second row: Samya Crowder, Zakyia Sowell, Shaniyah Bennet, Cameron Eddins, Adam Vore, Keagan Chambers, Nasiah Sowell, Malik Taylor, Madison Parsons, Savanna Smith, Jacob Bennett, Skyler Polk, Mackenzey Storz, Jocelyn Parker, Shelby Hasty and Elijah Sellers. Third row: Jessica Laney, Jessica Turner, Hannah Romero-Castro, Kinsey Martin, Allison Honeycutt, Rowdy Railton, Adam Beam, Makayla Teal, Kayla Covington, Jobo Ortiz, Alisa Powe, Jayden Baxley and KJ Bennett. Not pictured: Adisun Taylor, Jacoby Long, Scarlett Helms and Marissa Polson.

## Medicare Open Enrollment is Underway, Runs Until Dec. 7

The Medicare enrollment period is now open and runs for the next seven weeks. Each year during the Open Enrollment Period, Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to compare and evaluate their current plan and make changes as necessary. By comparing plans during the Open Enrollment Period, Medicare beneficiaries can save money and ensure their 2018 plan is best suited to meet their needs.

The Open Enrollment Period began October 15 and all changes must be made by December 7 to ensure coverage begins without interruption January 1.

"Comparing Part D plans annually is imperative to ensure the Medicare beneficiary has the best coverage for their prescription needs," said North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey. "The staff from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, are available to help over the phone or in-person in all 100 counties in North Carolina."

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. In addition to helping Medicare beneficiaries compare and enroll in plans during the Open Enrollment Period, SHIIP counselors can help people find out if they are eligible for Medicare cost savings programs.

Here are some of the ways to review and compare plans available for 2018:

- Get one-on-one help from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, by calling 1-855-408-1212, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beneficiaries can also request in-person assistance in their home county.
- Visit [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan) to compare current coverage and enroll in a new plan if changes are needed.
- Review the Medicare & You handbook, which was mailed to beneficiaries in September.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to find out more about coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

For more information about SHIIP and the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, call 1-855-408-1212 or visit [www.ncshqip.com](http://www.ncshqip.com).

## 2017 Wadesboro Christmas Parade Entries Sought

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce 2017 Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 2 at 2 p.m. The Chamber is now seeking participants in the following categories: Marching Bands, Homemade Floats, Antique Cars, Walking Groups and Floats. As always, Santa Claus will make his first appearance in the Christmas Parade.

The parade route will begin on Morven Road and travel down to turn left on Morgan Street. The next right will be at Washington Street, left on Martin Street, then an immediate left on Greene Street. The parade will continue on Greene Street and disband at the Ray Shelton Ball Field parking lot.

To participate in this year's parade, pick up an application at the Chamber of Commerce, located at 107 A East Wade Street in uptown Wadesboro. Or, to request an application via email, please send requests to [info@ansoncountychamber.org](mailto:info@ansoncountychamber.org).

## Elementary School Night at AHS Football Game this Friday

Come out to Bearcat Stadium at Anson High School on Friday, October 27 to celebrate Elementary School Night and Pink Out Night. Elementary students must report to the track by 6:40 p.m., and will walk with their school around the track at 7 p.m. Each Anson County Elementary School Student will be provided one ticket for free admission to the Anson Bearcats vs. West Stanly Colts game; this ticket may only be used by the student for admission. An adult must accompany the student to the track and may walk with their student; the adults must pay regular admission price. Tickets for this week's game will be available for purchase at Lacy's, Inc., 121 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

## Uptown Wadesboro Fall Festival is Saturday

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. will hold its Annual Fall Festival on Saturday October 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Square in uptown Wadesboro. The activities include trick-or-treating at uptown businesses, games with prizes, storytelling, costume contests for children, and pets and pumpkin painting with prizes. The Anson County Partnership for Children will be providing free books to the children too. Be sure to come back to the Square at 7 p.m. to see the movie *Monster House*. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Popcorn and refreshment will be served. For further information call 704-695-1644 or visit [www.uptownwadesboro.com](http://www.uptownwadesboro.com).

## School Board Meets Monday, October 30

The Anson County Board of Education regular meeting for October will be held on Monday, October 30 at the Board of Education Office (Board Meeting Room,) located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. The meeting will open at 5:30 p.m. with Closed Session immediately following the opening of the meeting. Open Session begins at 6:30 p.m.

## Trick or Treat at the Sheriff's Office October 31

Sheriff Landric Reid would like to invite all trick or treaters out to the Anson County Sheriff's Office parking lot on Tuesday, October 31. Treats will be given out between 5 and 8 p.m. Everyone is urged to please come out and participate in this fun filled event. It will give parents and their children a secure opportunity to participate in an enjoyable Halloween festivity, in a safe and well lighted environment. The Sheriff's Office is located at 119 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

## Lilesville Fire Department Gets Into the Halloween Spirit!

You are invited to bring your trick or treaters to the Lilesville Fire Department on Tuesday, October 31 for fun and candy. Firemen and volunteers will be giving out candy from 6 to 9 p.m.

Lilesville Fire Chief Marty Morton said, "Halloween night can be a potentially dangerous time for kids. Some of the risks can include being hit by vehicles when crossing roads, or receiving tainted candy. The Lilesville Fire Department wants to make the community as safe as possible by providing a stop on your route. We offer a friendly, well-lit environment for all trick-or-treaters on Halloween, and encourage all parents to bring your kids to the fire department for a safe alternative to trick-or-treating."

## Extra Treats for Halloween at the Chili Luncheon

The Wadesboro Civitan Club is hosting a Fall Chili Luncheon on Tuesday, October 31 at the Firemen's Training Building (on Chief Pope Street just off North Washington Street in Wadesboro). Lunch will be offered from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The lunch includes homemade chili with all the fixin's, crackers, cheese, sour cream and dessert for eat-ins - all for only \$6. Dine-in, take out, or delivery is available (advance reservations only). For delivery reservations, call (704) 694-3185 before 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30.

## Anson 4-H Yard Sale is November 4

Everyone is invited to come to the big yard sale sponsored by the Anson County 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association on Saturday, November 4, from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be many great deals on clothing for women, men and children, jewelry, wall decor, small furniture, appliances and much, much more! You don't want to miss this sale! Plus, all proceeds from the yard sale go to support leadership training and educational opportunities with Anson County 4-H. The yard sale will take place in the parking lot of Wadesboro Tractor Supply.