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Anson Community Hospital Earns Top Performer Recognition

Anson Community Hospital, a Carolinas Healthcare facility, was recently named one of the nation's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America.

Anson Community Hospital was recognized by The Joint Commission for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma, stroke and venous thromboembolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

In order to qualify as a Top Performer according to The Joint Commission, hospitals must achieve 95 percent or better in the National Quality Goals during 2011. The National Quality Goals are Myocardial Infarction, Pneumonia, Heart Failure, and Surgical Care, and Anson Community Hospital achieved more than 95 percent in pneumonia care measures.

"It's gratifying to be nationally recognized for the high quality of care that is provided at Anson Community Hospital by our physicians and hospital staff, and I am very proud to achieve this designation," said Fred Thompson, President of Anson Community Hospital. "We understand that what matters most to our patients is safe, effective care. That's why ACH has made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. We are proud to be named to the list of The Joint Commission's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures."

Anson Community Hospital is one of 620 hospitals in the U.S. earning the distinction of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. The list of Top Performers on Key Quality Measures puts ACH in the top 18 percent of the 3,376 eligible hospitals in the country that report clinical performance data to The Joint Commission.

"When we raise the bar and provide the proper guidance and tools, hospitals have responded with excellent results," says Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president, The Joint Commission. "This capacity for continual improvement points toward a future in which quality and safety defects are dramatically reduced and high reliability is sought and achieved with regularity. Such day-to-day progress will slowly but surely transform today's health care system into one that achieves unprecedented performance outcomes for the benefit of the patients."

In addition to being included in The Joint Commission's "Improving America's Hospitals" annual report, Anson Community Hospital is recognized on The Joint Commission's Quality Check website (www.qualitycheck.org). The Top Performer program will also be featured in the November issue of The Joint Commission Perspectives and the October issue of The Joint Commission: The Source.

Sheriff Talks About Halloween Safety

Soon our streets will be scattered with little ghosts, goblins and witches trick or treating this Halloween. To make sure this is a safe and enjoyable Halloween, Sheriff Tommy Allen offers some safety tips.

- Whenever possible always trick or treat with a parent or guardian. Always obey traffic signals and always look both ways to make sure no cars are coming before you cross the street. Carry a flashlight. Even though it may be daylight when you leave your home, darkness falls quickly this time of the year.
- Trick or treat in your neighborhood at homes that are familiar. Stay on the sidewalks whenever possible. Never cut through yards in pursuit of a short cut. Wear light colored clothing or attach reflective tape to your costume. Avoid wearing masks. Face paint is much safer because it won't block vision.
- Candy tampering is rare, but to be safe, always inspect your child's candy before allowing them to eat their treats. Discard anything that looks suspicious.
- Remember, your jack-o-lantern and any other electrical decorations can be a fire hazard. Keep them out of reach of small children and flammable materials. Do not leave lighted Jack-o-lanterns unattended.
- Most kids are home by 9 p.m. Usually any problems we have begin after then. Halloween can be a fun time in our county. Let's make it safe as well.

Benefit for 2 Year Old Battling Leukemia

Everyone is invited to come out for the all day benefit for Emma Rose Poplin-Revels on Saturday, November 3. Emma is a two year old little girl battling leukemia. She was diagnosed on December 27, 2011, and has since been receiving chemotherapy, regular platelet and blood transfusions and has had some long hospital stays. This benefit is to help Emma and her family with medical expenses and other expenses related to Emma's illness.



Lots of great activities will be happening that day. Lunch and dinner will be served, there will be a raffle, corn hole and children's games, a silent auction, a motorcycle dice run, a bake sale - and the day will be capped off with a very special performance by the band Nighthawk, featuring Gary Gilmore and Gary Young from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event will take place at Circle G Arena in Lilesville (338 Horseback Lane). Festivities start with the registration for the dice run, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The dice run will roll out at noon.

Food will be served all day, starting at 11:30 a.m. They are serving hot dogs and BBQ sandwiches.

For a \$1 donation you can enter the raffle for the grand prize, a \$500 gift card! There will be a silent auction for a 2000 Harley Davidson Sportster 1200XL with less than 12,000 miles. The starting bid is \$1,500.

The dice run offers trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. There is a donation of \$20 per bike.

Of course donations will be gratefully accepted from non-participants in the dice run.

For more information contact Debbie Poe Gilmore at 704-475-4220 or Melanie Scercy at 910-690-6390.

Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon

The Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 6th, beginning at 11 a.m. in the Ingram Room at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. Persons 60 years or older are invited to attend.

If you are interested in attending please call Grace Senior Center to register at 704-694-6616.

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School Terrific Kids for October



The following Peachland-Polkton Elementary students were recognized at the October PTO meeting for being selected as Terrific Kids! They are pictured, from left, front: Ricka Smith, David Thao, Kaylee McGowan, Adrianna Anastas, Jourdan Tupper, Kinsey Martin, Emmanuel Sturdivant, Carley Powell, Luke Hyatt, Destiny Robinson, Nathan Johnson, Jessica Laney, Brennan Jackson, Adam Vore, Mia Martin, Aden Pater, Danielle Wallace, Tylee Lowery and Ashley Murphy. Second row: A.J. Sampson, Abigail Gano, Hunter Ross, Trace Ricketts, DayShawn Reid, Emma Simpson, Justin Cooke, Jamia Staton, Gloria Haigler, Taylor Murphy, Zamaya Wall, Gracie Stinson, Miracle Anderson, Paige Mercer, Davis Wright and Makenzie Beamer. Back row: Destiny Stewart, Sydney Austin, Yuritsi Gomez, Kelly Napier, Joshua Blakeney, Sarah Andrus, Isiah Sturdivant, Michelle Vang, Kristopher Hill, Aniyah Staton, Taylor Burgess, Wesley Lear, Alexia Esquivel, Jade Williams, Malerie Austin, Roger Carpenter and Taylor Horne.

Election Information

Anson voters will participate in the General Election for national, statewide and local candidates on Tuesday, November 6. Early voting is taking place now. Each town in Anson County may have a slightly different ballot, depending on whether there is a local, Anson County race there or not.

One Stop Early Voting runs through Saturday, November 3. Early Voting takes place at the Anson County Schools Board of Education offices located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro (right across from Wadesboro Elementary School).

Here are the details:

- Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 3, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Absentee Ballot The last day to request absentee ballots was Tuesday, October 30, 2012. Absentee Ballot requests are always due the Tuesday before Election Day. Voted Absentee ballots are due in the Board of Elections Office on Monday, November 5, 2012 by 5 p.m.

Election Day Polling Places:

- Ansonville Fire and Rescue, 9145 US Highway 52 North
- Burnsville Fire and Rescue, 33 Rescue Road, Polkton
- Gulledd Fire Department, 34 Chewning Road, Wadesboro
- Lilesville Fire Department, 202 West Wall Street in Lilesville
- Morven-McFarlan Fire Department, 242 East Main Street
- Peachland Fire Department, 35 E. Passaic St.
- Polkton (Lanesboro) Fire Department, 61 West Polk Street
- Wadesboro 1 - SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center, Ingram Room, 514 North Washington Street, Wadesboro
- Wadsboro 2 - Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, 305 White Store Rd., Wadesboro
- Wadesboro 3 - Wadesboro Primary School Auditorium, 1542 US Highway 52 South
- White Store Community Building, 5672 Union Church Road, Peachland

The Anson County local races are listed below:

ANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

- **Democrat** - Bobby H. Sikes of Wadesboro

ANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

- **Democrat** - Vancine Sturdivant

ANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

- **Democrat** - Ross Streater of Morven
- **Republican** - Kevin D. Tucker of Morven

ANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 6

- **Democrat** - Jarvis Woodburn of Wadesboro

ANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 7

- **Democrat** - Harold Smith of Wadesboro

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 1

- Write In

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 3

- **Democrat** - Beulah Pratt of Morven

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 6

- **Democrat** - Frank Liles of Wadesboro

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 7

- **Write In**

REGISTER OF DEEDS

- **Democrat** - Joanne Huntley of Wadesboro

Anson voters will participate in district elections of local interest. They are:

NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 25

- **Democrat** - Gene McLaurin of Rockingham
- **Republican** - Gene McIntyre of New London

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 55

- **Democrat** - Dale Nelson of Wadesboro
- **Republican** - Mark Brody of Monroe

Here are the national and statewide candidates, grouped by party:

PRESIDENT

- **Democrat** - Barack Obama / Joe Biden
- **Republican** - Mitt Romney / Paul Ryan
- **Liberterian** - Gary Johnson / James Gray

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 8

- **Democrat** - Larry Kissell
- **Republican** - Richard Hudson

NC GOVERNOR

- **Democrat** - Walter Dalton
- **Republican** - Pat McCrory
- **Liberterian** - Barbara Howe

NC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- **Democrat** - Linda Coleman
- **Republican** - Dan Forest

NC ATTORNEY GENERAL

- **Democrat** - Roy Cooper

NC AUDITOR

- **Democrat** - Beth Wood
- **Republican** - Debra Goldman

NC COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

- **Democrat** - Walter Smith
- **Republican** - Steve Troxler

NC COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

- **Democrat** - Wayne Goodwin
- **Republican** - Mike Causey

NC COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

- **Democrat** - John Brooks
- **Republican** - Cherie Berry

NC SECRETARY OF STATE

- **Democrat** - Elaine Marshall
- **Republican** - Ed Goodwin

NC SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

- **Democrat** - June Atkinson
- **Republican** - John Tedesco

NC TREASURER

- **Democrat** - Janet Cowell
- **Republican** - Steve Royall

Anson voters will vote for these Non-Partisan offices

NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

- Sam Ervin IV
- Paul Newby

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

- Linda McGee
- David Robinson

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

- Wanda Bryant
- Marty McGee

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

- Chris Dillon
- Cressie Thigpen

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 20A (THACKER) (THACKER SEAT)

- Lisa Blue Thacker of Polkton
- John Nance of Stanfield

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 20A

- Amanda L. Wilson

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

- John Springer

Some Ansonians Receive Fake Board of Election Telephone Calls

Area citizens are warned to not respond to telephone calls from anyone identifying themselves as a representative of the Board of Elections offering to allow them to vote over the phone. There have been reports of several calls of that nature, primarily to elderly voters. Of course, no one can vote in the General Election over the telephone, so some people may be fooled into thinking they have already voted when they have not.

BRLC to Distribute Canned Beef Stew to Ansonians

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Emergency Food Pantry has just received a large shipment of canned beef stew. The products were donated by the United State Department of Agriculture.

To receive a donation of stew your eligibility will be determined by your income and the number in your household. These food items will be made available to only Ansonians who qualify. BRLC does not discriminate for any reason.

The food will be distributed on Wednesday mornings only. All individuals who plan to take advantage of this beef stew distribution will need to be register promptly by 10 a.m. in order to be served. Each family will only be provided these commodities once a month, to one adult member in the family. The distribution of beef stew will continue on Wednesday mornings until all items are gone.

BRLC asks that you arrive early in order that applications may be completed in full and that you will be served quickly.

Ansonville Homecoming is this Weekend

Everyone is invited to Ansonville to help celebrate their 27th Annual Homecoming. There will be delicious BBQ pork, beef and chicken, a terrific parade and lots of entertainment.

Here's the schedule:

- BBQ - Friday & Saturday, 11 a.m. until. Plates \$9, sandwich meal \$6, sandwich \$4, pounds of pork or beef \$8 each, and 1/2 chicken \$4. Dessert donations are greatly appreciated.
- Saturday Entertainment Carson Hill, The Way The Cross, Thickety Creek & more. Also, a car show.
- Parade - Saturday, 3 p.m.

Anson New Tech Indoor Yard Sale

Anson New Technology High School will hold an indoor yard sale this Saturday, November 3. Everyone is invited to come out for great deals, starting at 7 a.m. in the gym at Wadesboro Elementary School. All proceeds will go to benefit the students at Anson New Tech.

There will be all kinds of merchandise such as household items, sporting goods, tools and more. No clothing or shoes will be sold.

Discover Anson Bike Ride is Sat.

The Seventh Annual Discover Anson Bike Ride kicks off on Saturday, November 3, beginning at 9 a.m. in Ansonville. This popular annual ride allows bicyclists a choice of a 30, 50 or 75 mile route.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Ansonville Elementary School on Highway 52. The ride begins promptly at 9 a.m. All three routes begin and end at the school. Following the ride there will be a BBQ lunch and a chance to enjoy the Ansonville Homecoming Celebration. There will be crafts on display and for sale, entertainment and a parade that afternoon.

Registration includes a commemorative t-shirt plus lunch. The fee is \$30. Visit www.ansoncounty.org or www.DiscoverAnson.com for more information and to download the registration forms.

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