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North Carolina's Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program gives families a one-time vendor payment to help pay their heating bills. Families must meet all of the following: an income test, be responsible for its heating bills and include a U. S. citizen or an eligible alien. Households with a person age 60 or older or a disabled person receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) who currently receives Food and Nutrition Services and received LIEAP during the 2019-2020 LIEAP season last year may qualify to receive an Automatic Payment this LIEAP Season. These households will be notified of eligibility in November and do not need to apply for this benefit.

Beginning December 1, 2020 any household with a person age 60 or older or disabled person receiving DAAS services who did not receive notice of an Automated Payment are encouraged to apply practicing social distancing by submitting a paper application through the U.S. Postal Service or faxed or dropped off to their local DSS.

All other households may submit applications beginning January 2, 2021. The application period continues through March 31, 2021 or until funds are exhausted. Beginning January 2, 2021, the online application will be available at www.epass.nc.gov. Households do not have to go into the agency to apply.

For more information, contact Anson County Department of Social Services at 704-694-9351.

876 Reported Cases of COVID-19 in Anson County

As of Monday, November 23 the Anson County Health Department posted that Anson County had 876 reported cases of COVID-19. 74 of those cases were active. At that point they had discharged 802 cases, 788 to baseline health and fourteen deaths.

In a release the Health Department stated, "With the number of cases rising in our state, we would like to encourage people to take a part in protecting themselves and others. Remember to wear a mask, keep distance from others, wash your hands often, and download the SLOWCOVID app. Learn more about the free SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification app at covid19.ncdhhs.gov/SlowCOVIDNC. #StayStrongNC. Let's all do our part!"

The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) reported statewide as of Monday, November 23 there were 339,194 total cases of COVID-19, with 5,039 deaths, 4,965,564 completed tests and 1,4601 hospitalized.

As of Tuesday, November 17 there were 314,207 total cases of COVID-19, with 4,814 deaths, 4,1644,683 completed tests and 1,424 hospitalized. On Monday, November 2 there were 278,028 total cases of COVID-19, with 4,390 deaths, 4,116,019 completed tests and 1,146 hospitalized. On Monday, October 5 there were 219,754 total cases of COVID-19, with 3,637 deaths, 3,188,371 completed tests and 971 hospitalized.

Recent history in Anson County: March 31 - 1 case; April 28 - 23 cases; May 26 - 62 cases; June 22 - 107 cases; July 27 - 285 cases; August 3 - 306 cases; August 9 - 328 cases; August 19 - 376 cases; August 26 - 408 cases; September 4 - 461 cases; September 14 - 513 cases; September 21 - 553 cases; September 28 - 605 cases; October 5 - 649 cases; October 12 - 670 cases; October 19 - 692 cases, October 26 - 720 cases; November 2 - 738 cases; November 9 - 773 cases, November 16 - 827 cases.

Christmas Community Outreach Offers Household Items on Dec. 5

The Lamb of God Church in Wadesboro will hold a Christmas Community Outreach Event on Saturday, December 5 at 10 a.m. They will be giving out free household items and paper products as well as Christmas bags for the youth on a first come, first served basis.

The event will be held at 118 West Wade Street in Wadesboro.

If you would like to donate or volunteer for the event, please call 843-623-3777.

The website is www.logomchurch.com.

Frying a Turkey for Thanksgiving?

If you plan to fry a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner, please be careful. A fried turkey is delicious, but the chef must know how to cook it in a safe manner.

"Thanksgiving is one of the best meals of the year, but the dangers of turkey frying can put you and your family at risk," said the North Carolina State Fire Marshall. "Oil-frying fires can happen quickly, and they are hard to extinguish."

- Unattended cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and injuries in the United States.

- Turkey fryer fires cause an average of five deaths, 60 injuries and more than \$15 million in property damage each year.

- Thanksgiving Day is the peak day for fires caused by cooking with approximately 2,000 home fires occurring on this day.

Turkey frying has become extremely popular during the holiday season. Outdoor, gas-fueled turkey fryers are discouraged unless used by a properly trained professional. A better alternative is to use newer turkey fryers, which are powered by TRU-Infrared technology, and require no oil.

The Office of State Fire Marshal offers the following items of information to consider when planning your safe Thanksgiving holiday:

- Hot oil can spill or splash onto the flame, igniting a fire.
- Fryers designed for outdoor use with or without a stand are prone to collapse.
- Cooking oil, if heated beyond its cooking temperature (375 degrees), can ignite.
- Oil inside a turkey cooker pot, can stay dangerously hot for hours after use.
- Turkey fryers should not be used under a garage, deck, breezeway, porch, barn or any structure that can catch fire.
- Frozen, or partially frozen turkeys, will cause hot oil to splatter or produce hot steam, which leads to burns.
- NEVER use water to extinguish a grease fire!



Lynlee Martin



Maddie Carpenter



EB Carpenter

4-H'er's Finish Strong in Virtual Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit

The annual 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit, sponsored by Carolina Farm Credit and Cape Fear Farm Credit, provides youth ages 5 to 19 an opportunity to compete against other youth from across the region. This year, due to Covid-19, our circuit went virtual with participating youth from the following counties: Randolph, Guilford, Stanly, Montgomery, Cumberland, Richmond, Lee, Chatham, Union, Anson, Moore, Rockingham, Person, Cabarrus, Franklin, Hoke and Robeson counties. Points are accumulated at each show, and placings are determined by total points received.

The Showmanship classes are designed to gauge the 4-H'er's knowledge and skill with the animal. By participating in the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit, youth learn leadership skills, record-keeping, communication and responsibility, while increasing their self-esteem.

In this year's circuit, Anson had three 4-H'er's participate, including one Cloverbud (youth ages 5-8). The Cloverbud division is a non-competitive division with the sole purpose of allowing the youngest 4-H'er's to gain beneficial experience.

These Anson County 4-H'er's participated: EB Carpenter, Cloverbud Class, Cattle; Maddie Carpenter, Intermediate Class, Cattle; and Lynlee Martin, Senior Class, Cattle.

Two of the Anson County 4-H'er's received awards Oct. 29 at the virtual 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit Awards Banquet. Maddie was the Intermediate Cattle Reserve Champion and Lynlee Martin was the Senior Cattle Reserve Champion.

Congratulations to these showmen for a job well done!

About NC Cooperative Extension N.C. Cooperative Extension is a strategic partnership of NC State Extension, The Cooperative Extension Program at N.C. A&T State University, USDA's National Institute of

Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA), and local governments statewide.

Extension professionals in all 100 counties and with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians connect millions of North Carolinians with research-based information and technology from NC State and N.C. A&T. Educational programs specialize in agriculture, food and nutrition, 4-H youth development, community development and the environment.

Find your local center at www.ces.ncsu.edu/local-county-center.

Town of Wadesboro Holiday Schedules

- The Town of Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, November 26 or Friday, November 27. The garbage collection routes for Wednesday and Thursday will be picked up on Wednesday, November 25. The normal collection schedule will resume on Monday, November 30.

- The Town Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25 to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. There will be no garbage collections on these days. The routes for Wednesday and Thursday will be picked up on Wednesday, December 23.

- The Town Hall will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2021 to celebrate the New Year Holiday. This will not affect the garbage collection schedule.

The Town of Wadesboro appreciates your consideration in allowing city employees time with their families during this holiday season. As always, you will still be able to leave your utility bill payments in the night deposit box at Town Hall. If you have an emergency, please call Dispatch at 704-694-2167.

With Cases Rising Rapidly, North Carolina Tightens Existing Mask Requirements and Enforcement

Ten More Counties Designated as Red for Critical Community Spread

On Monday, November 23 Governor Roy Cooper issued additional COVID-19 safety measures to tighten mask requirements and enforcement as cases continue to rise rapidly in North Carolina and across the country. Executive Order No. 180 goes into effect on Wednesday, November 25 and runs through Friday, December 11.

"I have a stark warning for North Carolinians today: We are in danger," Governor Cooper said. "This is a pivotal moment in our fight against the coronavirus. Our actions now will determine the fate of many."

In addition to extending Phase 3 capacity limits and safety requirements, the Order tightens the existing statewide mask requirement – making it clear that everyone needs to wear a mask whenever they are with someone who is not from the same household. The Order also adds the mask requirement to several additional settings including any public indoor space even when maintaining 6 feet of distance; gyms even when exercising; all schools public and private; and all public or private transportation when travelling with people outside of the household.

The Order also requires large retail businesses with more than 15,000 square feet to have an employee stationed near entrances ensuring mask wearing and implementing occupancy limits for patrons who enter.

Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, updated North Carolina's COVID-19 County Alert System map due to the rapid rise in cases and hospitalization over the past week. Since introducing the system last week, ten more counties have moved into the red category indicating critical community spread. There are now 20 red counties and 42 orange counties.

The Alert System map is on page 2.

"The coming weeks will be a true test of our resolve to do what it takes to keep people from getting sick, to save lives, and to make sure that if you need hospital care whether it's for a heart attack or a car accident or COVID-19, you can get it," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D.

Greensboro Mayor Nancy Vaughan spoke at the press conference to discuss what the city of Greensboro is doing to step up enforcement of existing, strong statewide safety rules. State officials have encouraged local governments to take action to require compliance and help lower COVID-19 numbers.

Anson County Board of Commissioners Meets December 1

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, November Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.

The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit youtube.com and search for Anson Commissioners.

Writers' Club Welcomes New Members

The Anson County Writers' Club meets on the fourth Sunday of each month, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, except in July and December. All meetings are open to the public.

New members of all ages are welcome.

For more information call Sandy Bruney at 704-694-5211 or email: sandybruney@gmail.com.