

Cervical Cancer Awareness Information

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and the Anson County Health Department wants you to know that there's a lot you can do to prevent cervical cancer.

HPV (human papillomavirus) is a very common infection that spreads through sexual activity. About 79 million Americans currently have HPV, but many people with HPV don't know they are infected. HPV is also a major cause of cervical cancer. Each year, more than 11,000 women in the United States get cervical cancer.

- The good news?
- The HPV vaccine (shot) can prevent HPV.
 - Cervical cancer can often be prevented with regular screening tests (called Pap tests) and follow-up care.

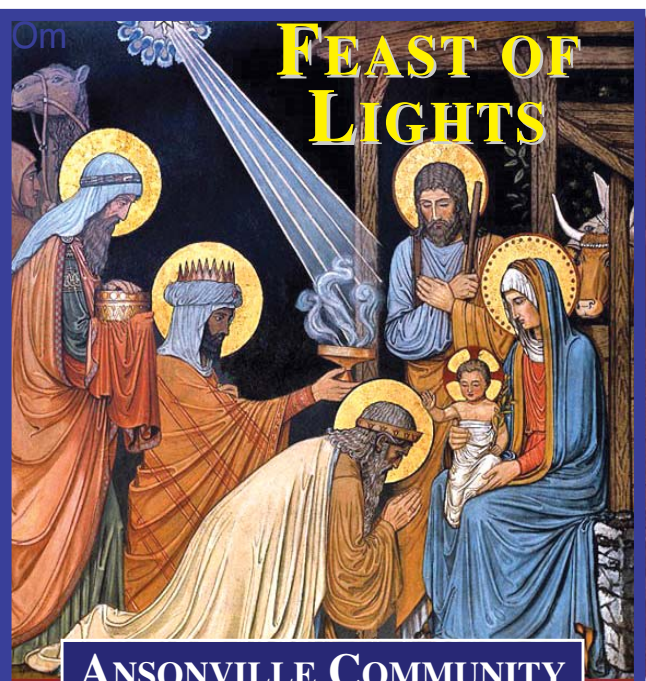
In honor of National Cervical Health Awareness Month, Anson County Health Department encourages:

- Women to start getting regular Pap tests at age 21
 - Parents to make sure pre-teens get the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12
- Teens and young adults also need to get the HPV vaccine if they didn't get it as pre-teens. Women up to age 26 and men up to age 21 can still get the vaccine.

Thanks to the health care reform law, you and your family members may be able to get these services at no cost to you. Check with your insurance company to learn more.

Taking small steps can help keep you safe and healthy. Call for a yearly appointment with your primary doctor or with Anson County Health Department's Family Planning or Well Woman clinic.

The Anson County Health Department is located at 110 Ashe Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is (704) 694-5188.



FEAST OF LIGHTS

ANSONVILLE COMMUNITY EPIPHANY SERVICE

All Souls' Episcopal Church
Ansonville United Methodist Church
Ansonville Baptist Church

Friday, January 6 6 p.m.

At All Souls' Episcopal Church

Corner of Main Street & Thomasville Road

Info 704-694-3223 or allsoulepiscope@mail.com

COMMUNITY MEDICAL, PA OF MARSHVILLE

Welcomes New Provider

Community Medical in Marshville, NC would like to announce the addition of a new provider to meet your primary healthcare needs.

Brandi Thomas, FNP-C, Family Nurse Practitioner, has joined Dr. Gary Henry in the practice. Brandi has lived in the area all her life and is excited to assist with the healthcare needs of her community.

Brandi has an extensive background in acute care, chronic disease management, diabetes management, hypertension management, long-term care, hospice care, aesthetics, and a full range of primary care needs. She is excited to help provide primary preventative care and aesthetics to our community and to assist with the care needs for your family.

We are accepting new patients and accept most all insurances.

Please call 704 624 3388 to arrange your appointment.

We look forward to providing personal healthcare with compassion to you and your family!



Dr. Gary Henry

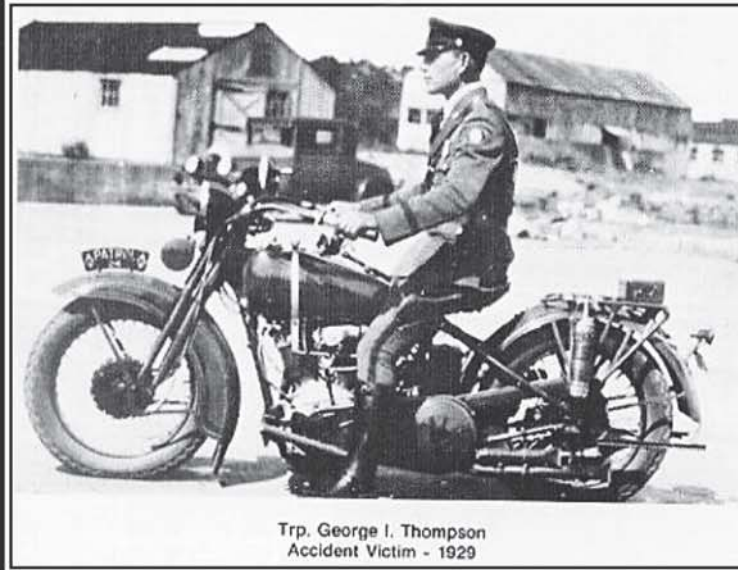


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Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Trp. George L. Thompson
Accident Victim - 1929

Safety ... Plus

As vacation time 2011 draws rapidly to an end other duties and obligations take over. Schools are opening for the fall season, "being off" early afternoons get fewer, and everything that fall of the year represents "takes off running!"

Many do not remember, however some few people have read about the beginning of the North Carolina Highway Patrol in 1929, and the fact that the first fatality of a trooper was George L. Thompson on July 2, 1929 in downtown Wadesboro. 14 year old Dewey Doby hit Patrolman Thompson's motorcycle, killing him and making Thompson the first NC Highway Patrol casualty. The Highway Patrol had been created the day before and the patrolmen and command staff were riding across the state for publicity to introduce the new agency to the citizens. Doby was driving his father's vehicle despite the legal driving age of 16. He and his father were both convicted of manslaughter.

Thank "you all" for your part in making our community the "safest and best" to live in - whether you be a peace officer, fireman, ambulance/rescue squad member, military person, school bus driver, or who or whatever...may every moment be safer!! Ed

Toys for Tots Gratitude Banquet is January 14

The Annual Toys for Tots Gratitude Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. This invitation only event is held each year to honor and thank all those who volunteered and donated to Toys for Tots during their 2016 campaign. The guest speaker will be Toys for Tots Coordinator Arbe Laez from Salisbury.

For more information on the banquet, or to find out how you can become involved in the Toys for Tots program in Anson County, please call Vancine Sturdivant, the Toys for Tots Coordinator for Anson County, at 704-848-4412.

Board of Elections Meets January 10

The Anson County Board of Elections will meet in their Boardroom on Tuesday, January 10 at 5 p.m. The agenda is:

- Call to order / invocation
- Approval of minutes, if applicable
- Update/pending changes to elections in North Carolina
- Post election discussion from November 2016
- Other concerns and matters

The Board of Elections office is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. Steve Adams is the Elections Director. The telephone number is 704-994-3223.

Connections Family Support Group Meets January 17

Connections Family Support Program hosts a monthly support group the third Tuesday of each month. This is a time for those with children who have behavioral or emotional challenges to share their experiences and learn from others, while obtaining support and resources. The group meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Anson County Cooperative Extension Center, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Dinner and materials will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995, or by email at connectionsfspace@gmail.com to register. The deadline to register is Friday, January 13.

Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every third Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 1 p.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship.

For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.

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