

Are you going to be eligible for Medicare in the near future? Have you been on Medicare for a while and want to better understand what it offers? Do you have a family member you help with Medicare issues?

"Welcome to Medicare" is for you. The "Welcome To Medicare" seminar will be held on Tuesday, July 8 at 2 p.m. at the Grace Senior Center - conducted by trained SHIIP Volunteer Counselors. The seminar will cover Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare supplement insurance.

SHIIP, the Senior Health Insurance Information Program, is a service of the State of North Carolina. SHIIP counselors are trained by the state and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents. Persons interested should call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information. The seminar is free.



James and Ruby Hannah Celebrate 60 Years Together

James and Ruby Hannah celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently. A reception was held on June 14th at Faith Baptist Church. Ray and Lorraine (daughter-in-law) Kifer were in charge.

The Hannahs were married on June 16, 1954, at First Baptist Church of Pageland, S.C. They are the parents of two sons, Roger and Jerreal (deceased). They also have three grandsons, John, Clint and Jordan, a step granddaughter, Jessica, and three step great-granddaughters. The Hannah's are active members of Faith Baptist Church.

Webinar on Protecting Family Photos and Records Now Available

A class four hurricane with winds of 140 miles per hour is headed in your direction. What family papers and photographs will you grab as you rush out the door? What's the best way to store old letters and family diaries to protect them from weather disasters and normal deterioration? The State Archives of North Carolina can help you discover how to protect your photos and records.

The State Archives' YouTube channel www.youtube.com/ncarchives offers a series of on-line tutorials that provide information on the care and preservation of family treasures. "The Care and Handling of Family Papers" tutorials were developed in conjunction with the State Historical Records Advisory Board, funded by a grant from the National Historical Records and Publications Commission.

Identifying and Protecting Essential Family Records provides an overview of how to identify what family records and papers are crucial to collect and protect in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. General Paper Preservation Tips describes how paper deteriorates and the steps you can take to extend the life of family papers in your care. Caring for and Sharing Family and Personal Papers is a step-by-step guide on how to organize, care for and share family papers.

The Care and Preservation of Family Photographs provides an overview about the care and handling of family photographs, dos and don'ts for the proper care of your photographs and when to consult a conservator for those photographs that are badly damaged. Managing and Preserving Digital Images emphasizes the importance of good management and record-keeping when managing digital photographs, suggestions for easy access to your digital photographs and tips for retaining most digital data.

For information, please call (919) 807-7326. The State Archives is part of the Office of Archives and History within the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

Farm Fresh Ventures Weekly Produce Boxes Still Available

People worldwide are rediscovering the benefits of buying local food. It is fresh and that means it is tastier and more nutritious. It is also good for your local economy - buying directly from family farmers helps them stay in business. Farm Fresh Ventures is now accepting subscribers for their weekly produce boxes that provide 5 to 7 different fresh produce items, sufficient for a family of four. The items are all sourced from area farmers, usually picked the same day they are delivered.

When you subscribe to Farm Fresh Ventures, you receive weekly produce boxes that provide 5-7 different fresh produce items from local growers from May through September 2014. Throughout the season boxes there will be a variety of produce, including but not limited to: Apples, Lettuces, Herbs, Beans, Cabbage, Carrots, Greens, Eggplant, Garlic, Onions, Melons, Grapes, Okra, Peaches, Pecans, Peppers, Potatoes (Irish & Sweet), Pumpkins, Squash (Summer & Winter), Strawberries, Tomatoes, Turnips and Zucchini just to name a few! In Anson County boxes can be picked up from 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Anson County Farmers Market on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, near Wadesboro Primary School and Coffing Hoist. The full subscription cost for May through September is \$406. Deliveries have started, so the price is prorated depending on when you subscribe. For more information contact Thomas Cureton at the Anson County Extension Office, 704-694-2415 or farmfreshventures@gmail.com.



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THE ANSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S RACE IS A LOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN MOST PEOPLE THINK. TODAY, QUALIFICATIONS ARE AN ABSOLUTE MUST BECAUSE...

The Sheriff must be knowledgeable in ALL areas of the Criminal Justice System, including: Jail Operations, Civil Process, Hiring/Firing, Supervision of Employees, Criminal Investigations, Budgets, Dealing with Vendors and Suppliers, and Training. Here is a simple comparison of the candidates and their qualifications.

	MIKE SMITH	LANDRIC REID
JAIL OPERATIONS: The Sheriff is responsible for the 60 bed county jail. Jail operations are the highest liability for county governments.	First job in law enforcement was in the Anson County Jail. Mike was hired, certified and worked in the Anson County Jail. Understands State Standards for jail operations.	Has no jail operation experience.
HIRING (and sometimes firing): The Sheriff has 64 employees at the Sheriff's Office/Jail and 911.	Has been involved in the hiring and state certification of both sworn and non-sworn employees in law enforcement.	Has no experience hiring law enforcement officers.
SUPERVISION: The Sheriff has 64 employees at the Sheriff's Office/Jail and 911.	Has supervised as a Patrol Sgt, Lieutenant, Chief Deputy and Chief of Detectives. As Chief Deputy supervised 45 employees.	Has no supervisory experience. Has been a Patrol trooper his entire law enforcement career.
CIVIL PROCESS: Generally these are papers for money owed, repossessions, money judgments or special proceedings. Civil process is the highest liability area for a Sheriff, second only to the Jail.	Has worked in civil divisions of the Sheriff's Office and served all types of civil papers. Understands the complexities of civil process.	Has no civil process experience.
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS: The Sheriff is the highest law enforcement officer in a county. He is responsible for investigating all crimes, including murders, B&E's, larcenies, armed robberies, assaults and other criminal acts.	Has been a detective and investigated all felonies, from simple larcenies to multiple murders. Has served as Chief of Detectives.	Has investigated traffic related incidents only.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: The Sheriff's Office is the lead agency for investigating Domestic Violence, from the service of Domestic Violence papers to the seizure and storage of weapons from the suspect.	Has worked closely with Domestic Violence and has experience in all areas of Domestic Violence service.	Has no experience in Domestic Violence as related to a Sheriff's responsibilities.
DRUG INVESTIGATIONS: The Sheriff conducts ongoing drug operations, vehicle and building searches, and seizure of evidence. Works with state and federal law agencies on multi-task force operations.	Has worked undercover operations within his department and with multi-agencies. Coordinated drug task forces and worked major drug seizure operations.	Has no experience in ongoing drug investigations.
COURT SECURITY: The Sheriff is responsible for courthouse security, maintaining order in courtrooms, moving prisoners to and from courts, and maintaining order inside courtrooms.	Has worked in courtrooms as a court bailiff and as a court security officer providing security for judges and other officers of the court.	Has no experience in courtroom/courthouse security.
BUDGETS: The Sheriff is responsible for a budget of over \$5 million dollars for the Sheriff's Office, Jail and 911 Operations. He must understand how to put together a budget, stay within that budget and maintain a budget, along with line-item distribution throughout a budget year.	Has put together and worked in setting budgets and staying within his assigned budget. Also has grant writing experience.	Has no experience in law enforcement budgets.
COMMUNITY POLICING: This concept of law enforcement puts officers in closer contact and more direct interaction with the public.	Currently works in a police department that follows the concept of community policing. Supervises the Citizens Police Academy.	Has no experience in community policing.

This list could go on and on in areas of state and federal grants, training certifications, dealing with vendors and suppliers, state bid contracts and such...and the results would be the same.

There is only one candidate qualified to be the Sheriff of Anson County and that candidate is MIKE SMITH.