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New Alert System ACORNS to Keep Community Informed During Emergency Situations

Public safety officials encourage residents to create and update their information in the Nnew ACORNS platform

On Thursday, May 19 public safety officials in Anson County announced that ACORNS is now available to all residents, replacing the previous ACORN system. ACORNS is a free service that allows individuals to receive notifications sent from National Weather Service (NWS) and local authorities to stay informed on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic and other emergencies, including the spread of the coronavirus.

The switch to ACORNS allows residents to receive alerts via phone, text and email, and answer poll questions that will give Anson County officials critical information during emergency situations. Individuals who are signed up for alerts will receive reliable information from county officials, including tailored updates based on their specific needs and geographic location.

Individuals who were previously signed up for ACORN will need to enroll in ACORNS, and to review and update their information in the new platform to ensure accuracy. Residents and travelers to Anson County who were not previously signed up for ACORNS should sign up for free at www.co.anson.nc.us to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via email, text or voice message. They can also identify when and how they are alerted and communicated with before, during and after emergencies.

"ACORNS strengthens Anson County officials' ability to communicate with residents when it matters most," said R. Diggs, Chief, Anson County Emergency Services. "This service allows for critical communication with the public and provides individuals with the information needed to stay safe or take precautions during hazardous or emergency situations, especially during severe weather."

ACORNS is powered by Rave and is trusted by thousands of institutions including state and local authorities, business and educational institutions. Rave sends millions of messages daily and during critical situations such as severe weather.

Community members are encouraged to sign up for ACORNS and input or update their information and notification preferences today at www.co.anson.nc.us.

Free Fans Provided to Seniors, Those with Disabilities

The Anson County Council on Aging/Grace Senior Center has been awarded a grant this summer from Progress Energy called Operation Fan Heat Relief (OFHR). Fans are purchased through this wonderful grant for the summer. This program is intended to provide a more comfortable living environment and reduce heat related illnesses.

The Applicant eligibility criteria are:

1. Must reside in Anson County
2. Must be an adult: 60 years of age or older or with a disability
3. Must have a home situation where a threat to health and well-being exists

Funds will not be used for:

1. Direct cash assistance
2. Payment of utility bills

If you meet the requirements and need a fan please call Wanda Talbert, Elderly Services Director (704) 694-6616.

Market on Market in Cheraw is July 16

Market on Market will be Saturday, July 16 from 9:00am - 12 noon in downtown Cheraw. The family friendly monthly event features art, produce, food and entertainment on the Third Saturday of each month from May through fall. Local farmers will also have produce and plants available for purchase.

They're going "Buggy" at the July market with insect themed art activities and entomologist Kristen Carter Schmucker from Camden. Kristen has a Masters in Entomology (the study of Insects) from Clemson and will display her insect collection.

Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for additional information about the Market event. The office number is 843.537.8420 x 12.

NCDA&CS Finds Spotted Lanternfly in Forsyth County

First established presence of the pest in the state

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has confirmed the first established presence of the invasive spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) in the state. Initial surveys indicate the known distribution of the pest is within a 5-mile radius in Forsyth County near Interstate 40 in Kernersville extending to the Guilford County line. Survey efforts are ongoing.

"We have been actively looking for this pest for years and had ramped up surveillance when it was detected last year near the North Carolina-Virginia line," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Members of our Plant Industry Division and the N.C. Forest Service are moving quickly to eradicate this brightly colored pest, and we ask members of the public to be on the lookout for more spotted lanternfly and report any finds."

Spotted lanternfly poses a serious threat to the state's wine and grape industries and can feed and cause damage on over 70 species of plants including apples, roses and other landscape plants, said Dr. Bill Foote, director of the NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division.

When spotted lanternfly populations jumped from the northern end of Virginia to an area just over the North Carolina state line, NCDA&CS increased its outreach and surveying, particularly to the state's most vulnerable wine producing regions. This pest has been rapidly spreading since it was first identified in Pennsylvania in 2014.

Concentrated spotted lanternfly surveys are continuing in the initial Forsyth County discovery area to determine if the pest is in additional locations. Treatments are planned this week before mated females begin laying eggs.

Early detection and rapid response are critical in the control of spotted lanternfly and the Plant Industry Division has been preparing to provide the most effective response to slow the spread of this invasive pest in our state, Foote said.

If you see a suspect spotted lanternfly in North Carolina submit a picture through the online reporting tool at ncagr.gov/slf.



Spotted Lanternfly with wings folded & in flight.

Who was the famous female country singer with ancestors from Anson County?

A man by the name of Enoch Deason lived in Anson County until 1812 when he moved his family to Tennessee. Several generations later his great, great, great-granddaughter was born in 1919 in Nashville, Tennessee. Her name was Ellen Muriel Deason. She was one of six siblings.

Ellen started singing at age four and never stopped. In the 1940s she became one of the most popular country singers of her time. In 1952 her number one hit song, "It wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels," made her the first female country singer to top the US country charts and turned her into a superstar. By then, she had changed her name to "Kitty Wells" and would go on to become known as the "Queen of Country Music." Wells died in 2012 at the age of 92.

Courtesy of the Marshville Museum & Cultural Center

NC Pre-Kindergarten

The NC Pre-Kindergarten program is designed to provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four-year-old children. The child must be four years old on or before August 31st of the 2022 school year.

For parents seeking to prepare their children for success in a pre-kindergarten program, for transitioning to elementary school kindergarten, you may go to

ansonchildren.org to print out the NC Pre-K application. You can also stop by the Anson County Partnership for Children to pick up an application. You may turn in the completed application Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The address is: 117 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

For questions or concerns please contact the Partnership at 704-694-4036.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know the combined use of large appliances like dishwashers, clothes dryers and washing machines account for the largest percentage of electricity use in the average U.S. home?

Take small steps to save energy when using these appliances. Only run full loads in the dishwasher, and thoroughly scrape food from dishes before loading. Dry towels and heavier cottons separate from lighter-weight clothing, and clean the lint screen after every use. Wash clothing in cold water to save energy used to heat water.



source: energy.gov

