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Carolinas HealthCare System-Anson Celebrates First Anniversary on July 14

Last July, Carolinas HealthCare System took its first step towards transforming health-care in Anson County by opening a first-of-its-kind facility in Wadesboro. One year later, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson is celebrating a successful first year and all that they've accomplished over the past twelve months. "This has truly been a great year for healthcare in Anson County," said Gary Henderson, assistant vice president of Carolinas HealthCare System Anson. "We look forward to continuing to provide seamless care in new and innovative ways that best serves our community's healthcare needs."

The 46,800-square-foot facility blends a patient-centered medical home with traditional emergency and hospital services, supported by community-based programs to support wellness and prevention. By expanding care beyond the hospital setting and breaking down barriers to access, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson is delivering care in new and innovative ways, such as providing access to diabetes management classes, faith-based community health programs, a mobile unit for convenient care and wellness coaches.

In addition, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson has partnered with local community health organizations to provide educational opportunities focused on prevention and wellness, as well as creating a sustainable culture that touches the lives of virtually everyone, from young students to church elders.

"In a short period of time, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson has already had a significant impact on the Anson community," said Emily Cooper, MD, MHA, medical director of Carolinas Primary Care at Carolinas HealthCare System Anson. "We now have a more patient-friendly approach to helping our residents with wellness, disease prevention and disease management."

From wellness education and strong community relationships to primary care and telemedicine, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson provides improved access to a higher level of healthcare services. The facility offers 24/7 emergency care; 15 inpatient beds; access to primary care providers; patient-centered hospital services, such as radiology, digital imaging, laboratory and pharmacy; increased access to specialty services through Carolinas HealthCare System; and a community room for health education. The facility also embeds primary care services and providers within the emergency department to help reduce costly and unnecessary ED visits.



Since opening on July 14, 2014, Carolinas HealthCare System has had a significant impact in Anson County. In the past year:

- More than 2,500 patients were triaged and directed to a medical home instead of the emergency department
 - Primary care visits have continued to rise steadily, now averaging over 900 per month, an increase of about 250 percent (Prior to the opening, Carolinas Primary Care was averaging around 300 visits)
 - The use of technology has allowed Carolinas HealthCare System Anson to continually advance the ways in which we care for and engage with patients, including implementing telemedicine for patient support and physician consultations, as well as utilizing virtual hospitalists for medical management and admissions
 - Hundreds of residents received free screenings for blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol from our Mobile Unit/Community Health Screenings across Anson County
 - Sixteen Certified Mental Health First Aid trainers provided education and training in 10 churches and to more than 70 school principals, administrators and staff
 - CHS Anson began offering extended hours at Carolinas Primary Care in November of 2014
 - Fourteen Faith Community Health Promoters were trained to deliver wellness education in the community
 - Athletic trainers placed in Anson high schools reached 3,900 students
 - Hundreds in 16 faith communities were reached through Faith Community Health Covenants
- For more information about Carolinas HealthCare System Anson, visit CarolinasHealthCare.org/anson.

Rep. Mark Brody Named House Budget Conferee

Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) appointed Rep. Mark Brody (R-Anson, Union) to the Budget Conference Committee. As a House conferee, Rep. Brody will meet with Senate conferees to negotiate and advocate for provisions included in the House budget that passed with overwhelming bipartisan support on May 22, 2015.

"It is the House's goal to remain inclusive and transparent throughout budget negotiations," stated Speaker Moore. "There are two very different plans on the table right now, and attention to detail is crucial. I have great confidence in Mark, and am glad he will lend his expertise during this essential process."

"I am honored to have the opportunity to contribute and advocate for key issues that are important to the people of Union and Anson Counties," Rep. Brody remarked. "Ensuring that our region continues to provide strong economic and academic opportunities for North Carolinians will always remain my top priority."

Jack Williams Morris Busted with Meth



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On Saturday, July 18 at approximately 10:21 a.m. officers of the Wadesboro Police Department conducted a traffic stop in reference to a speeding violation on Highway 74 East near the intersection of Highway 52 South. After making the traffic stop officers detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. An Anson County Sheriff's Office K-9 officer was on the scene and his K-9 alerted on the vehicle. A complete search was conducted and officers seized .05 oz. of marijuana, and 5 grams of methamphetamine along with drug paraphernalia.

Jack Williams Morris, 49, of 1476 Highway 109 South in Wadesboro was arrested at the scene. He was charged with Possession with Intent Manufacture Sale and Delivery of Methamphetamine, Possession/Distribute Meth Precursor, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana up to 1/2 oz., and Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia. Morris was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$93,000 secured bond.

Mint Hill Man Busted for 3.8 Ounces of Pot



Danny Jasper Robinson

On Monday, July 13 at approximately 11 p.m. officers of the Wadesboro Police Department busted a Mint Hill man with 3.8 ounces of marijuana and eight 30mg THC capsules. The officers had conducted a traffic stop on East Caswell street because of an expired tag on a westbound vehicle, and a subsequent search resulted in the discovery of the drugs.

Arrested was Danny Jasper Robertson, 44. He was charged with Felony Possession of Marijuana, Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sale and Deliver Marijuana, and Maintaining a Vehicle for Controlled Substance. He was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$101,000 secured bond.

Dancing with the Stars Calling for Performers



Pictured here are the 2014 winners, from left, Landric and Cassandra Reid, Gracie and Chris Stinson, and Chrissy Cabbage and Gary Henderson.

Gracie and Chris Stinson won First Place in the Popular Vote and First Place in the Judge's Vote. Landric and Cassandra Reid won Second Place in the Judges Vote and tied for Second Place in the Popular Vote with Gary Henderson and Chrissy Cabbage.

Anson County's own "Dancing with the Stars" was received with enthusiasm last October at Wadesboro Primary School. The overflow audience filled every seat and late-comers lined up against the walls to view the competition. Laughter and applause greeted every dancing couple. The show's sponsors quickly realized that the show needed a venue that could accommodate a larger crowd if it was to be repeated in 2015.

The second annual Dancing with the Stars will come to the Ansonia Theatre on October 24. Tickets are \$20 and will be limited to 250 seats. Dancing with the Stars" proceeds benefit Circles of Hope, an initiative to reduce generational poverty in Anson County. Visit www.circlesofhopeanson.org for more information about the program.

One of the organizers, Sandy Bruney said, "We are ready to take applications for dancers. If you have ever wanted an opportunity to show your talents, this is your chance. Just call 704-694-6865."

School Board's Regular Monthly Meeting is Monday, July 27

The Anson County School Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, July 27 at the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a Closed session. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to participate.

Anson Parks and Recreation Fall Sports Registration is Now

This fall Anson County Parks and Recreation is offering Youth Flag Football K-6 grade, Tee Ball 4-6 years old, Coach Pitch Baseball 7-8 years old, Micro Soccer 3-4 years old, and Youth Soccer K-12 grade. The deadline to register is August 31. All of the sports are \$25, except Youth Flag Football is \$30. You may register at Little Park Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also, Parks and Rec will offer registration from 3 to 5 p.m. at local schools on these dates:

- Tuesday, August 25 at Wadesboro Elementary and Wadesboro Primary Schools
- Wednesday, August 26 at Peachland-Polkton and Ansonville Elementary Schools
- Thursday, August 27 at Lilesville Elementary School Baseball Field and Morven Elementary School

Girls Softball will be offered this fall by Anson County Parks and Recreation for ages 4 - 18. Home games are at Little Park in Wadesboro and away games are in Stanly County.

Registration started on July 1 and the cost is \$25 per person. Register at Little Park Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline for registration is Monday, August 3.

For more information contact Jeff Waisner 704-695-2550, Wendell Small 704-695-2782, Morris Gatewood 704-694-5751 or email recreation@co.anson.nc.us.

Free Food Available at BRLC July 27

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center's Emergency Pantry distributes free food each month on the fourth Monday. These are USDA commodities, TEFAP products, provided by the US Department of Agriculture. The next distribution will take place on Monday, July 27, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Federal income guidelines will be the determining factor for eligibility. Food items will only be available to Ansonians who qualify. BRLC does not discriminate for any reason. Individuals who have not registered or received food before must have proof of income documentation. Each family will only be provided these commodities once a month, to one adult per family.

Due to the limited parking and heat, please do not arrive before 1 p.m. BRLC is located on Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. For more information call 704-826-8182.

Brown Bag Book Club to Feature Ed Davis

The Brown Bag Book Club will meet on Monday, August 3 at 12 noon in the Pritchett Room at Hampton B Allen Library for a covered dish lunch and author talk. Anson County native Edward H. Davis, son of Dr. Whit and Lucy Davis of Wadesboro, will be the speaker. Ed is a professor of geography and the chair of the Geography Department at Emory and Henry University in Emory, VA. He is co-author of *The Virginia Creeper Trail Companion: Nature and History along Southwest Virginia's National Recreation Trail*. He has recently written another book along with John Morgan, *Collards: A Southern Tradition from Seed to Table*, which was released on March 30, 2015. Please make plans to attend, bring a dish and a friend and enjoy this author talk. Possibly, he will have some of his books for sale on that date.

If you have any questions or need additional information please call the library at 704-694-5177.

Janay Lindsey Student Blood Drive is Saturday

The Janay Lindsey Student Blood Drive will be held at Walmart in Wadesboro on Saturday, July 25, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The minimum weight requirement for donors is 120 pounds.

Call 704-972-4700 or go to www.carolinadonor.org to make an appointment at any Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) location.

Join CBCCs "Seventh Annual Students Saving Summer Scholarship Program." High school and college students who organize and host a successful blood drive with CBCC between now and September 30, 2015, have the chance to earn scholarship money for their secondary education. Those with the top five producing blood drives will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship from CBCC. For more information or to register for the Students Saving Summer Scholarship Program, contact Kim Jones at 704-972-4727 or at KLJones@cbcc.us.

Free Movie is Big Hero 6

Hampton B. Allen Library will be showing the movie *Big Hero 6* on Monday, July 27 at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre. The movie stars Ryan Potter, Scott Adsit, T. J. Miller, Jamie Chung, Damon Wayans Jr. and Daniel Henney. It is rated PG and is suitable for all audiences. The movie is free and everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and enjoy.

For more information call 704-694-5177.

Red Cross Blood Drive is July 28

There will be a Red Cross Wadesboro Community Blood Drive at First Baptist Church on Lee Avenue in Wadesboro on Tuesday, July 28, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. To schedule a life saving appointment please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: Wadesboro Community.