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Three More COVID-19 Deaths in Anson

Vaccines are available. Ansonians urged to get vaccinated.

The latest information posted by the Anson County Health Department on Monday, September 13 showed 3,526 total Covid-19 cases, with 355 active. There were three additional deaths from Covid-19 since September 3, bringing the total deaths to 69. On Friday, September 3 there were 3,174 total Covid-19 cases, with 254 active and 66 deaths.

Vaccines are available, including walk-in clinics. They are free, and all you have to do is call the Health Department at 704-694-5188 for more information.

The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) reported that statewide as of Monday, September 13 there were 5,346 new cases, with 15,247 deaths and 3,514 hospitalized. 67% of adults in NC were vaccinated with at least one dose, 62% were fully vaccinated.

Cedric Deon Sturdivant Charged in Marshville Woman's Murder

On Sunday, September 5 it was reported to the Wadesboro Police Department that Felicia Ann Rollins of Marshville was missing and last seen at the America's Best Value Inn, which is located at 209 East Caswell Street in Wadesboro. After an extensive investigation Rollins' body was located in a wooded area on the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge on the morning of Wednesday, September 8. The details and cause of Rollins' death is being withheld at this time.



Cedric Deon Sturdivant

Wadesboro Police officers arrested Cedric Deon Sturdivant, 30, and charged him with Conceal/Fail to Report Death, and First Degree Murder. He is currently being held in the Anson County Jail without bond.

Sturdivant's address is 83 Clark Street in Wadesboro. His birth date is September 6, 1991.

The Wadesboro Police Department was assisted in the investigation by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Pictured above are the HOLLA! Tennis Eagles team with Constance Lov Johnson.

Achievement and Progress Served to HOLLA!'s Tennis Eagles

Big things happened and are happening with the HOLLA! Eagles

This is a news update from HOLLA! Constance Lov Johnson stopped in on August 14 to teach the HOLLA! Eagles tennis team about good form. She also gifted them with book bags. Welcome to our village Ms. Johnson.

14-year-old Za'Kiyah Hixson made some "racquet" Saturday, August 2 when she competed in three matches in the G16 bracket during an L7 USTA Tennis Tournament hosted by the Ebony Racquet Club in Raleigh, NC. She won 2 one-set matches and lost one to an undefeated 16 year old. We're very proud of her to say the least!

Dr. Joselyn Allen, a former principal at Morven Elementary School, recently dropped in to make a donation toward the tennis court renovation project. "We have to support each other more," she said while presenting HOLLA! Activities Director Alex Gaddy with a \$500 check. "You have \$500 more on the way," she added.

HOLLA!'s tennis program is presently the only one in the county and has produced some great players including Brenre Taylor, who has received a \$10,000 scholarship to play tennis at Livingstone College.



Pictured above left is tennis standout Za'Kiyah Hixson.



Pictured above right are Dr. Joselyn Allen and Alex Gaddy.

Randy Travis Music Festival in Marshville is Saturday

Be sure to head to Marshville this coming Saturday, September 18 for the Randy Travis Music Festival. Randy Travis will be there! The event will feature lots of things to do and see. There will be music, food booths, arts & crafts and more. The event takes place on Main Street in Marshville, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can visit the Marshville Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for more information.

October 30 Morven Community Festival Postponed Due to Covid

The Town of Morven's festival called Celebrating & Reuniting Morven has been postponed until spring due to the rise in Covid. It was originally scheduled for Saturday, October 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

When the festival takes place it will feature free food, information stations, games, music, prizes, inflatables and more! Vendors will be welcomed. The event will take place at the Park on Highway 145 North in Morven.

For information call the Morven Town Hall at 704-851-9321.

Anson High School vs. Mt. Pleasant Football Games Canceled

Due to COVID concerns, Anson High School has canceled both Varsity and JV Football games on Thursday, September 16 and Friday September 17 vs. Mt. Pleasant.

Both football games that were scheduled with Albemarle for last week were postponed due to Covid-19. We will now play Albemarle on the following dates:

- Varsity Football is Friday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m.
- JV Football is Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Need a Square Watermelon?

Everyone knows that watermelons are oval or round...that is unless they are grown in Anson County by Barbara and Joe Sikes.

The Ansonville couple are gardeners who grow many different vegetables and fruits. They are known for their cantaloupes, watermelons and delicious produce.

Barbara and Joe have spent several years experimenting with growing square watermelons. Their interest in this endeavor was ignited when they saw an article on growing watermelons in other countries. Who needs a square watermelon? It turns out that in some countries the majority of their citizens have small refrigerators and the square watermelons are grown to conserve usable space in those refrigerators. Square watermelons can even be stacked to further conserve space where they are stored.

The results of the Sikes' experiment? Take a look at the pictures! We wonder what they will tackle next... Thank you to the Sikes for sharing their pictures



NC Insurance Commissioner Reminds Medicare Beneficiaries to Compare Plans During Open Enrollment

Grace Senior Center in Wadesboro has the information you need

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey reminds Medicare beneficiaries to compare and evaluate their current plans and make necessary changes during the annual Open Enrollment Period.

Medicare plans and prices change. It is important for Medicare beneficiaries to take advantage of the Open Enrollment Period by contacting local Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors to save money, improve your coverage or both.

The Open Enrollment Period begins on October 15, 2021, and runs for eight weeks to give you enough time to review and make changes to your Medicare coverage. Changes must be made by December 7, 2020, to guarantee your coverage will begin without interruption on January 1, 2022.

It's important to contact your local SHIIP counselor before making a decision about coverage because you may be able to receive more affordable and better Medicare health and/or drug plan options in your area. For example, even if you are satisfied with your current Medicare Advantage or Part D plan, there may be another plan in your area that covers your health care and/or drugs at a better price. In Anson County you can reach a SHIIP counselor at Grace Senior Center, 704-694-6616.

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. In addition to helping Medicare beneficiaries compare and enroll in plans during the Open Enrollment Period, SHIIP counselors can help people find out if they are eligible for Medicare cost savings programs.

Here are some of the ways to review and compare plans available for 2021:

- Get one-on-one help from your local SHIIP office. Call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616. Grace Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.
- Get one-on-one help from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, by calling 1-855-408-1212, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare your current coverage with all of the options that are available in your area, and enroll in a new plan if you decide to make a change.
- Review the Medicare & You handbook. It was mailed to people with Medicare in September.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

For more information about SHIIP and the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, call 1-855-408-1212 or visit www.ncshiiip.com.

Recruiting Volunteers for Meals on Wheels

Grace Senior Center is recruiting volunteers to help with their Meals on Wheels by delivering meals. If you are interested in helping Anson County's shut-in and elderly citizens with this important program, please contact Cynthia Miles at 704-694-6616.

Anson County Schools Covid Dashboard

Updated Covid Information as of 09/10/21				
Covid information will be updated each Friday!				
Location/Site	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Employees	Positive Cases Students	Positive Cases Employees
Anson Early College High School	15	0	7	0
Anson High School	88	1	31	0
Anson Middle School	137	8	12	2
Ansonville Elementary	19	1	6	0
Lilesville Elementary	11	2	2	0
Morven Elementary	9	0	0	0
Peachland-Polkton Elementary	26	1	6	2
Wadesboro Elementary	8	0	3	0
Wadesboro Primary	10	5	9	1
District Office	N/A	2	N/A	3
Transportation	N/A	2	N/A	0
Maintenance	N/A	0	N/A	0
Child Nutrition/Cafeteria Employees	N/A	2	N/A	0
Total	323	24	76	8
Total Students + Employees	347		84	
*Student Enrollment as of 09/10/21	2,996	A link to the dashboard is on the Anson County Schools Facebook page.		
*Enrollment changes daily				
% of Students Positive	2.54%			

HOLLA! Sidewalk Sale is Saturday

HOLLA! invites you to come to their Sidewalk Sale this Saturday, September 18. They will have toys, clothes, appliances, linens, bikes, books, landscaping equipment, office supplies and equipment, and kitchenware. All items will be priced under \$10, and the books are free!

HOLLA! is located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. For more information call 704-851-3144 or email holla@wadesboro.com. The website is: www.holla.ws.

Lions Club Will Be Selling Brooms at the Randy Travis Music Festival Saturday

The Wadesboro Lions Club will be selling their brooms at the Randy Travis Music Festival in Marshville this Saturday, September 18. They will have their soft sweep magnetic broom as well as the household, patio, whisk and toy brooms for sale.

The Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Main Street in Marshville. There will be music, food booths, arts & crafts and lots more. Randy Travis will be there too!

Grace Senior Center Annual Picnic Drive-Thru

Grace Senior Center invites all seniors 60 and older to come to their annual Picnic on Thursday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Picnic will be drive-thru. They will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, popcorn and snow cones. You can enjoy games and fellowship too. And, it's free!

To register please call 704-694-6616.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.