

MCC's 2017 Trick or Treat Spooktacular

MCC's 2017 Trick or Treat Spooktacular welcomed guests to the Mitchell Campus on October 26.

Trick-or-treaters participated in a candy trail, with games and activities and many joined the costume contest.

Winners of the costume contest were in the Ages 0-6 years old category was Colton Phillips, age 2, as Grave Digger and in the Ages 7 & up category was Colby Fisher, age 7, as Tonto. The Trick or Treat Spooktacular MCC Department table contest

winners were Student Services who recreated scenes from the movie Grease.

Thanks to event sponsor Mayland Community College Foundation, Quartz Corp, and Dr. Julius R. Aldridge, DDS.



2017 MCC's Trick or Treat Spooktacular Department table contest winners were Student Services who recreated scenes from the movie Grease. Pictured standing from left to right are Frank O'Hagan, Haley McKinney, Doug Dewar, Nicole Calloway, Jason Davis, Jennifer Vance, Jennifer Grindstaff, Michelle Musich, and Crystal Forbes. Seated is Noah Sedberry and Maria Grindstaff.



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Mission Hospital outperforms all N C Hospitals

Mission Health today applauded the remarkable achievements of Mission Hospital and the Asheville Surgery Center as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently published its Year 1 Results for the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Model. Mission Hospital was one of only six hospitals in North Carolina to receive a quality performance rating of "Excellent." In addition, due to Mission's successes in reducing overall Medicare spending, Mission was the highest rewarded health system in North Carolina and the 25th highest out of 382 participating systems in the United State.

"This latest CMS release simply affirms what we have known for a very long time - that Mission Health patients receive care among the highest quality and highest value in the nation that is routinely among or the very best in North Carolina," said Ronald A. Paulus, MD, President, and CEO of Mission Health. "The definition of value in healthcare is embodied by Mission's BIG(GER) Aim: to get each person to their desired outcome, first without harm, also without waste and always with an exceptional experience for every patient, family, and team member."

The CJR model holds participant hospitals financially accountable for both the quality and cost of an episode of care while incentivizing increased care coordination among hospitals, physicians, and post-acute care providers. The model was designed by Medicare to improve quality of care and provider collaboration and reduce the overall cost of care for patients having a total hip or knee replacement.

In the CMS bundled payment model, hospitals are held to a single target price point for all aspects of care from the point of admission through 90 day's past discharge. By "bundling" the payments for an episode of care, hospitals, physicians, and other providers have an additional, financial incentive

to work together to deliver the most effective and efficient care. If costs exceed the target payment, hospitals must repay Medicare the difference. Conversely, if hospitals are able to provide the episode of care at a cost lower than the target price, Medicare will pay hospitals the difference.

Hospitals may also earn additional payments from Medicare with exceptional quality ratings such as low infection rates, low hospital readmission rates, high HCAHPS scores (a patient satisfaction survey required by CMS), and high patient-reported outcomes.

Mission is one of those hospitals that outperforms the

nation in complications and readmissions for Lower Extremity Joint Replacement (LEJR) patients having received an "Excellent" Quality Performance Rating, the highest rating given.

"I'm incredibly pleased by our results which I know are the result of the many remarkable physicians, nurses and other clinicians and support team members who make such great care possible," said Jonathan Bailey, Chief Program Development Officer, Mission Health. "I am privileged to have truly amazing teammates who share a passion to make care better for every patient, both clinically and financially."

NC unemployment rates

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 99 of North Carolina's counties in September and remained unchanged in one. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 6.9 percent, while Buncombe County had the lowest at 3.1 percent. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount at 5.8 percent had the highest rate and Asheville had the lowest rate at 3.3 percent. The September not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 4.0 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 15 metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in September by 83,815 to 4,769,398, while those unemployed decreased 20,778 to 197,787.

Since September 2016, the number of workers employed statewide increased 109,529, while those unemployed decreased 45,252.

It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to

focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted estimates.

The next unemployment update is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2017, when the state unemployment rate for October 2017 will be released.

Angel Tree Applications

The West Burnsville Baptist Church Angel Tree will be taking applications at the church on the following days:

Saturday, November 11th from 10:00am-12:00 noon

Applicants must be a parent or have legal custody of the child and need to bring proof of income and expenses. Angel Trees will be placed at Roses, Sav-More, and the State Employees Credit Union the first week of November. Please plan ahead and come on one of those dates. No applications will be taken after November 11th. For more information call 678-0023.

DSS meets

The next Yancey County DSS Board of Director's meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Burnsville Town Center.

Sherrif's Report

The following persons were booked by the Yancey County Sheriff's Office from 10 - 24 through 10 - 31

10 - 24: Tammy Lynnette Frierson, Mars Hill, 45. Sell deliver SCH II CS, PWIMSD SCH II CS, felony possession SCH II CS.

10 - 24: Eric Andrew Webster, Burnsville, 18. Assault on a female, probation violation.

10 - 26: Jamie Mary Ellen Biggs, Burnsville, 27. Sell deliver SCH VI CS, simple possess SCH VI, PWIMSD SCH VI CS.

10 - 26: Michael Eugene Norton, Candler, 36. DWLR - driving while license revoked.

10 - 26: Christian Jarrett Pritchard, Spruce Pine, 20. Assault on a female.

10 - 27: Allen James Buttke, Jr. Burnsville, 56. Second-degree murder.

10 - 28: Randy Dwayne Forbes, Burnsville, 54. Communicating threats, resisting public officer, simple assault, assault with a deadly weapon, injury to personal property.

10 - 30: Ricky Lane Edwards, Burnsville, 57. Assault with a deadly weapon serious injury, common law robbery, communicating threats.

10 - 31: Michael Claude Webb, Burnsville, 44. Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, communicating threats.

Tri-County Christian School yard sale is set

There will be a Huge rummage sale to benefit the students of Tri-County Christian School on Saturday, November 18 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. At the Spruce Pine Fire Department.

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