

Anson County 4-H Clover Crawl Minus the Social Gathering But Still for a Good Cause.

Clover Crawl is a highly anticipated event that mixes socialization, good food and good music to accompany the annual Anson County 4-H fundraiser. Unfortunately, a social gathering is not feasible this year. To preserve the festivity and spirit associated with Clover Crawl, the 4-H Clover Crawl Social will be postponed until 2022 and the 2021 4-H Clover Crawl Social will be replaced with a 4-H Fundraising Campaign.

Funds raised during our 2021 4-H Fundraiser Campaign will be used to support ongoing 4-H programs in the county. The year prior to the current pandemic, Anson County 4-H and Anson County 4-H Youth Promise's combined program efforts reached over 700 youth in the community through various activities and programs such as school enrichment, summer camps, after school programming, community service and other year-round educational programs. Additionally, Anson 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise work with adults, volunteer leaders and youth to provide community projects, parenting skills and enhanced leadership abilities. All 4-H programming is available to any youth between ages 5-19.

4-H Agent Sam Cole said, "Our fundraiser has been a success in previous years and we are optimistic that we will continue in our success. 4-H programs have had much impact on the youth in this county through the years. With the public's help and support, programs can continue to make significant contributions to their future, and the future of our county."

If you would like to learn more information about this event please contact Samuel Cole, 4-H Agent at 704-694-2915.

Wildlife Commission to Host Virtual Public Hearing to Review Proposed Rule Changes for 2021-2022 Season

Due to Gov. Cooper's Executive Order 188 that currently prohibits mass gatherings of more than ten people indoors, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will host a virtual public hearing on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. to review the proposed changes to the 2021-2022 inland fishing, hunting, trapping and game land regulations.

Comments will be accepted through Feb. 1 and may be submitted during the public comment portion of the public hearing, via the agency's online Comment Portal, emailed to regulations@ncwildlife.org (include name, phone number and mailing address in e-mail) or mailed to: Rule-Making Coordinator, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1700.

A pre-recorded presentation of the proposed regulation changes is available on the agency's YouTube Channel for those unable to attend the virtual hearing. For more information and to register for the hearing, visit ncwildlife.org/proposed-regulations or join by phone toll free (888-788-0099 or 877-853-5247) using Webinar ID: 928 5632 3468.

Your Story is North Carolina's Story

The coronavirus outbreak has meant significant changes to the lives of all North Carolinians. While there is still a long way to go in terms of dealing with this worldwide crisis, the would like to hear from you now as we experience and navigate this time together. The State Archives of North Carolina (archives.ncdcr.gov) and the North Carolina Museum of History (ncmuseumofhistory.org) are partnering on a project to collect original, first-person personal accounts that document this pandemic because Your Story is North Carolina's Story.

Here are examples of what they are collecting: Personal Accounts; Photographs; Recordings; Oral Histories; and Journals and Diaries.

We are all affected by this crisis in varying degrees, and diaries, journals, oral histories, images, recordings, and similar materials will help us tell stories of this unprecedented time in history. Personal accounts provide depth and context for what an event or era was like for the people experiencing it. The hope is that the record we preserve in 2020 will help future generations understand what it felt like to live through this time. The goal is to collect the stories of diverse North Carolinians from across the state, and they need your help.

Physical objects cannot be collected while facilities are closed, and they do not want to take items that are still in use, so people are asked to save items for future collection, but record and submit information about them now.

Go to ncdcr.gov/about/special-programs/your-story-north-carolinas-story for more details...and tell your story.

Food and Nutrition Services Recipients Receive Temporary 15% Increase in Benefits

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced that Food and Nutrition Services recipients will see a temporary increase in the amount of benefits they receive. This increase is part of the federal Emergency Coronavirus Relief Act of 2020.

"We know that COVID has created additional hardships and increased food insecurity for children and families," said David Locklear, Deputy Director for Economic and Family Services. "We want to do everything possible to support North Carolinians who need help buying food, and increasing benefits for hundreds of thousands of families will be instrumental in meeting that need."

The maximum benefit amount for households receiving FNS will increase by 15% until June 30, 2021. This increase will end on June 30, 2021, when benefit amounts will return to their current levels.

Recipients can find out the amount of their benefits by using one of the methods below.

1. Visit www.ebtedge.com. Click on "More Information" under "EBT Cardholder." You will be prompted to login and/or register your account.
2. Download the ebtEDGE mobile app. The app is available as a free download on the Apple Store and Google Play.
3. Call 1-888-622-7328 on the day you normally receive benefits.

Food and Nutrition Services is a food assistance program that provides help buying food for low-income families. Benefits are issued via Electronic Benefit Transfer cards (EBT cards). For more information about FNS, visit www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/low-income-services/food-nutrition-services-food-stamps.

People can apply for FNS in English or Spanish online with ePASS, by filling out a paper application and mailing it to or dropping it off at their county Department of Social Services office or applying in person at their county DSS office. In Anson County the DSS office is located at 118 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-9351.

January Mobile Food Pantry Information

The first Mobile Food Pantry of 2021 was held on January 6 at Austin Grove Baptist Church in Marshville.

- Total Families: 82
- Children & Youth up to Age 18: 73
- Youth & Adults Ages 19-64: 104
- Adults Over Age 65: 47

Anson Crisis Ministry received 2,469 pounds of undistributed food for further distribution. Anson Crisis Ministry is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-2445, and the website is:

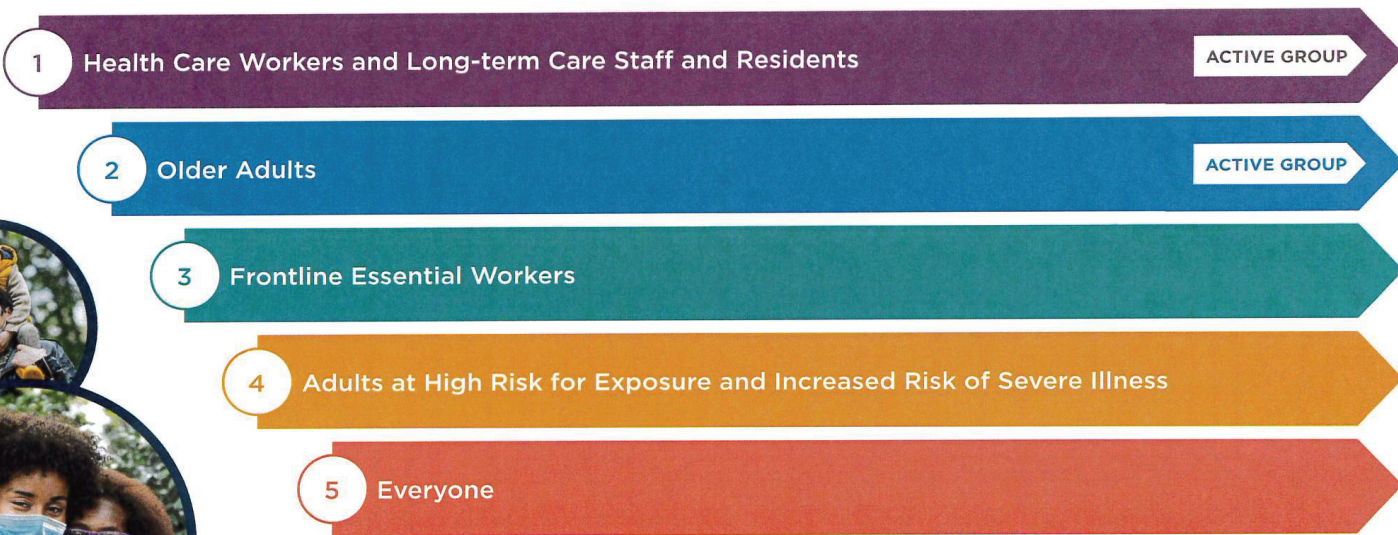
anson-crisisministry.org.

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Wednesday, February 3 at Wingate United Methodist Church, located at 111 Hinson Street in Wingate. Arrive and register between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call for info 704-694-2445.



COVID-19 Vaccinations: Your best shot at stopping COVID-19.

You have a spot, take your shot. A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, independent state and federal public health advisory committees recommend first protecting health care workers, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying, and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19. Keep practicing the 3 Ws—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated.



Our goal is to vaccinate as many people as quickly as possible given the limited supply of vaccines. North Carolina moves through vaccination groups by aligning to federal priorities while empowering local health departments and hospitals with flexibility to move to the next priority group as they complete groups and have vaccines available.

For more information: YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov



* All events are subject to change because of the COVID-19 situation. You may want to seek confirmation of events.

Church News

JANUARY 23

Food Box Giveaway at Harris Chapel AME Zion Church, located at 401 West Main St in Morven, from 12 noon until 2pm

ONGOING HOPE Grief Support Group at Harmony Community Church, meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm offering help for those feeling grief or loss. Free & confidential. Info & register 704-272-7127 or 704-242-2499. Located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland

Service Times Wadesboro Church of God. Sunday School 10am, morning worship 11am, Intercessory prayer 5:45pm, evening service 6pm

Events

JANUARY 21

Board Meeting For Anson County Partnership for Children, 9am via Zoom. Interested in joining in? Contact Caroline Goins at caroline.goins@ansonchildren.org for the Zoom link

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Food Box Giveaway at Harris Chapel AME Zion Church, located at 401 West Main St in Morven, from 12 noon until 2pm

JANUARY 25

Board of Education Regular Meeting to be livestreamed on YouTube beginning at 4:30pm. Go to Anson County School's YouTube page, (Search YouTube for Anson County Schools). To make comments, find link to the online form at www.ansonschools.org. Sign up runs from 4:45 to 5:15pm on Jan 25. Closed Session at 4:30pm. Open Session for the public begins at 5:30pm

FEBRUARY 3

Free Groceries For families in need Mobile Food Pantry at Austin Grove Baptist Church, located at Wingate United Methodist Church, located at 111 Hinson Street in Wingate. Register 11am-1pm, truck arrives between 1-2pm. Call for details 704-694-2445

ONGOING EVENTS

Food Pantry

Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182

Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8am-1pm. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445

Food Commodities

Food Distributed Free every Wednesday at 9am & 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr, Hwy 742N across from Burnsville Fire Dept. Info 704-826-8182

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COVID-19 Information

To stay up to date on COVID-19 in North Carolina, visit ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus or text COVIDNC to 898211. Call 2-1-1 (or 888-892-1162) for general questions or for help finding human services resources in your community.

For a national perspective, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov.

For a world-wide perspective, visit the World Health Organization website at www.who.int.