

**Would you be interested in helping Anson senior citizens?**

This is a release from Grace Senior Center: Calling all retirees, county employees, churches, civic groups, and local providers. Anson County Council on Aging Grace Senior Center provides a wonderful program for seniors 60 years of age and older who have mental and/or physical disabilities which make them homebound and unable to prepare their own meals. Our agency provides a hot, well-balanced, home-delivered meal to those seniors who qualify.

To keep this wonderful program going our agency needs volunteers like you. If you want to make a difference and see the joy you bring to our seniors in the county, please join us at Grace Senior Center on Tuesday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for our Volunteer Fair.

The Fair will consist of talking with the nutrition program supervisor to learn about how our program operates and the benefits of becoming a volunteer, the areas we serve, how often we serve, the area you want to deliver to, the days, and how often you want to deliver.

We want you to understand how important you are to our agency, but, most importantly, how important you are to our seniors.

For more information you can contact Mary Lindsey-Jones, ACCOA Nutrition Program Supervisor at Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.

**Public Hearing for Adopting County-Wide Zoning is May 7**

The Anson County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the Boardroom of the Anson County Government Center, located at 101 South Greene Street, Suite 209 in uptown Wadesboro. The purpose of the hearing is to adopt county wide zoning consisting of a new county wide zoning ordinance and the mapping identifying all zoning districts outside of the unincorporated and extraterritorial jurisdictions held by the municipalities in Anson County.

The new zoning ordinance and the zoning maps of Anson County follow the 2040 Comprehensive Land Use Plan adopted by the Anson County Board of Commissioners. The new zoning ordinance and mapping follows Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly for all counties and municipalities.

All interested citizens are urged to attend and offer comments and ask questions at this time. Additional information can be found on the Anson County website at [www.co.anson.nc.us](http://www.co.anson.nc.us) or by contacting Mr. Larry Newton, Planning & Zoning, at 704-994-3211 or via email at [lnewton@ansoncountync.gov](mailto:lnewton@ansoncountync.gov).



**STORIES FROM OUR ANCESTORS**

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Presents..

**“SAY THEIR NAME”**  
“Keeping your Ancestors names alive”

**April 27th, 2024**  
**Lunch 11:30-12:15**  
**Event 12:30**

Hosted By: Mrs. Wennie Bennett of Morven, N.C

Please bring or send a financial offering and help sponsor this history information event.  
Thanks BRLC Volunteers

**SAY THEIR NAMES. TELL THEIR STORIES.**

Location -13349 Hwy. 742 N. Polkton, NC 28135

**Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center**  
We invite you to attend this special event.

**“Say Their Name”**

If you want to learn the importance of expressing to communities and others concerning your ancestors please attend. This presence and future generations wants to know. The event will provide an opportunity to learn how to search and write your ancestors stories correctly. The session is free. Note pad, pencil, pen and markers for note taking will be provided.

If you would like please, send an offering which will be used in helping to sponsor this event. The funds will be used to help with the continued restoring of the Poplar Spring Historical Cemetery. A tour of the P.S.B. Church Historical Cemetery. All donations are tax exempted.

Sincerely, Carol Smith BRLC- Director  
BRLC's Board of Directors & BRLC's Volunteers

**Funny, Random & Weird Holidays**

- April 25 Thursday - Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- April 25 Thursday - DNA Day
- April 26 Friday - Pretzel Day
- April 26 Friday - Richter Scale Day
- April 28 Sunday - World Pinhole Photography Day
- April 29 Monday - Zipper Day
- April 30 Tuesday - Honesty Day
- May 1 Wednesday - Batman Day

**Lions Club Welcomes New Members**

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at the Papa Joe's Restaurant the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information about these meetings or becoming a member, please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

**Church**

**APRIL 27**

**Fish Plate & Hot Dog Sale** at Rocky Mount AME Zion Church, 12-5pm. 465 Grassy Island Rd, Ansonville.

**APRIL 27 & 28**

**160th Church Anniversary Celebration** at Galilee AME Zion Church. Sat - Banquet Celebration at Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 N. Washington St. in Wadesboro, 1pm. Tickets \$35 individual, \$65 couple. 910-825-2909 or [galileeanniversary@gmail.com](mailto:galileeanniversary@gmail.com). Sun-Worship at 11am at Galilee, 300 Galilee Rd. in Morven.

**APRIL 28**

**Missionary Program In Memory of Bishop William E. Taylor** at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3pm with Bishop Walter Ellerbe. All are invited.

**MAY 4**

**Old School Gospel Singing Program** at Rocky Mount AME Zion Church, 465 Grassy Island Rd in Ansonville, 3pm. All singers & choirs invited to attend. Info 704-576-1490.

**Dollar Day Yard Sale**

hosted by Faith-Based Center of Hope at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, located behind Pizza Hut in Wadesboro, beginning at 7:30am. All proceeds to help less fortunate Anson citizens. Contributions & donations are appreciated. For info please contact Vancine Sturdivant 704-294-0480 or Patricia Robinson 704-848-4995.

**MAY 5**

**2nd Pastoral Anniversary** for Pastor Pearl & First Lady Shirley Taylor at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3pm with Pastor Terry Little of West Deep Creek Missionary Baptist Church. All are invited.

**MAY 12**

**Annual Women's Day** On Mother's Day at Greater St. Mark Church of Deliverance, 1003 N. Main St. in Wadesboro, 11:30am with National Mother Elder Mahalia Williams. All women please wear white.

**Mother's Day Program** At 11am at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 1293 Cedar Creek Rd, Wadesboro with Rev. Judy Little of West Deep Creek Baptist Church. Theme is Proverbs 31:25 She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. Come & help us lift up the name of the Lord.

**MAY 18**

**31st Anniversary Bessie Chapel Male Chorus** 2pm at Bessie's Chapel AME Zion Church on Ingram Mountain Rd in Lilesville. Info 704-465-6693.

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**Events**

**APRIL 25**

**Beekeepers Meeting**  
At Extension Office, 501 McLaurin St. in Wadesboro, 7pm. Kirk Kern of the Montgomery Beekeepers Association will talk about “Catching Swarms.” 50/50 drawings. Open to anyone interested in having bees for honey & pollination. Info Facebook page, “Anson Beekeepers Association.”

**APRIL 30**

**Special Olympics For Anson County** at Anson High School Stadium, 9:30am until about 12 noon. Athletes will compete in track & field events at their ability levels. All athletes will be accompanied by student buddies. Would you like to volunteer? Call Sylvia Tillman 704-690-0602. Rain date May 2.

**MAY 4**

**Yard Sale & Bake Sale** by the Burnsville Ladies Auxiliary 7am-12 noon at Burnsville Fire Dept. Donations for the sale are gratefully accepted.

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**Senior Box Program** at Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

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

**Do You Have Concerns About Falling?**

Grace Senior Center is offering A Matter of Balance Managing Concerns About Falls. The class starts Tuesday, May 2 and runs through Thursday, May 30. Classes will meet twice a week for four weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at Grace Senior Center.

A Matter of Balance class is free and can reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling. The Matter of Balance classes help participants learn to:

- view falls and fear of falling as controllable
- set realistic goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risk at home
- promote exercise to increase strength & balance
- The Matter of Balance Class is designed to benefit community-dwelling older adults who:
- are concerned about falls
- have sustained a fall in the past
- restrict activities because of concerns about falling
- are interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength
- are age 60 or older, ambulatory and able to problem-solve

All participants are welcome, respected and valued. Please contact Grace Senior Center to request accommodations.

Call (704) 694-6616 to register or for additional information about the class. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South (Chesterfield Road) in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

**Apply For NC Pre-Kindergarten Today**

Anson County Partnership for Children is accepting applications for NC Pre-K, a Kindergarten readiness initiative that is proven to help four-year-olds gain basic skills needed for success in elementary school. Children who are four years of age before August 31, 2023, are eligible to apply for this high-quality program, which is free to qualifying families.

“Pre-K is a place where children learn skills that are vital to child development. NC Pre-K children learn how to socialize, make their own decisions, and interact with others. These are all important skills for child development. To make the transition to kindergarten easier, children learn eye contact, gain self-confidence, develop work efficiency, create a stronger attention span, and work on temper control,” said Karen Gerald, Child Care Services Coordinator, Anson County Partnership for Children.

Not only are children who attended Pre-K more successful in school, they usually have higher grade point averages and are more likely to graduate high school and college.

NC Pre-K classes operate on a regular school calendar and are designed to address emotional and social development, physical health, language development, and cognitive functioning. Through the incorporation of indoor and outdoor learning environments, students participate in active learning experiences to foster a lifetime love of learning.

A high priority is placed on serving children who meet the following criteria: child's family is at or below 75% of the state median income level, a disability has been identified, limited English proficiency, developmental differences, chronic health conditions, or a parent who is active military service personnel.

There are currently four centers operating NC Pre-K classes in Anson County. These classrooms are located at Anson Children's Center, Central Center for Children and Families, C's & T's Childcare, Morven Elementary School, and Open Doors Center for Children.

Parents or guardians interested in learning more about the NC Pre-K program should contact Karen Gerald at 704-694-4036 (Ext. 105) or:

[karen.gerald@ansonchildren.org](mailto:karen.gerald@ansonchildren.org). Applications are available in the Partnership's Early Childhood Resource Center located at 115 East Morgan Street or online at [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org).

The Anson Middle School PTO  
Presents The  
**BEARCAT PRIDE 5K**  
In Uptown Wadesboro, NC  
**Saturday April 27, 2024, at 9:00 AM**

Course Information: The 5k Run/Walk will begin and end in front of Wadesboro Police Department located on South Rutherford Street.

The Bearcat Pride 5k run/walk will help support the AMS PTO by raising funds to support students & staff. The AMS PTO gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. The PTO builds an effective partnership of home and school. It provides financial assistance where needs are identified within the school, it fosters a community atmosphere, and supports the mission and vision of the school and school district.

**We are offering a special registration price of \$15.00 for students that are ages 5-18. \*Special pricing will show once you check out.**

Register by April 9 and you will receive a FREE t-shirt.  
Online Registration Deadline ends Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.  
Race Day Registration will be \$30.

Please register online at the link below:  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Wadesboro/BearcatPride5kRunWalk>

Course map can be found at the link below:  
<https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/4905431194>

There will be professional timing for race day!

Contact Race Organizer  
**Anne Hyatt for Information**  
704-694-0593  
or [hyatt.anne@anson.k12.nc.us](mailto:hyatt.anne@anson.k12.nc.us)

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Your sponsorship of the Bearcat Pride 5K is greatly appreciated. The Anson Middle School (AMS) Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. The PTO builds an effective partnership of home and school. It provides financial assistance where needs are identified within the school, it fosters a community atmosphere, and supports the mission and vision of the school and school district.

The AMS PTO will ensure you get the best return on your advertising dollars for the sponsorship. In addition to putting your marketing tools in our goody bag, we mention the sponsors in thank you publications after the race as well as mention you in as many press releases and promotional materials as we can.