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Anson County Covid-19 Update

Ansonians urged to get vaccinated.
Flu shots now available at the Health Department.

The latest information posted by the Anson County Health Department on Monday, October 11 showed 3,780 total Covid-19 cases, with 95 active. There was an additional death from Covid-19 last week, bringing the total deaths to 77. 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.

Now free testing is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. without an appointment. Testing takes place in the old hospital parking lot on Morven Road. They are testing Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. No appointment is needed and there is no charge for the Covid test. Results will be called or emailed directly to the person tested or, in the case of children, to their parent or adult caregiver, in 2-3 days. They will test anyone over the age of 1.

Flu Shots The Health Department is offering both the regular flu shot and the high dose flu shot, for those 65 and over, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, between 1:30 and 4 p.m. No appointment is needed. Just come on over to the Health Department with your ID and your insurance card and they will take care of you.

The Health Department is located at 110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-5188.

The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) reported that statewide as of Monday, October 11 there were 1,786 new cases, with 17,207 deaths and 2,152 hospitalized. 670% of adults in NC had at least one dose of vaccine, 65% were fully vaccinated.

Statewide, as of Monday, September 27 there were 2,665 new cases, with 16,235 deaths and 3,012 hospitalized. 69% of adults in NC had at least one dose of vaccine, 64% were fully vaccinated. August 30 there were 4,569 new cases, with 14,412 deaths and 3,509 hospitalized. August 2 there were 2,190 new cases, with 13,670 deaths and 1,359 hospitalized. July 12 there were 562 new cases of COVID-19, with 13,499 deaths and 448 hospitalized. On June 7 there were 359 new cases of COVID-19, with 13,199 deaths and 546 hospitalized.

May 3 there were 1,126 new cases of COVID-19, with 12,691 deaths and 1,007 hospitalized. April 5 there were 1,054 new cases of COVID-19, with 12,173 deaths and 907 hospitalized. March 1 there were 862,170 cases of COVID-19, 11,254 deaths and 1,219 hospitalized. February 1: 761,302 cases, 9,342 deaths and 2,781 hospitalized. January 4: 570,111 cases, 6,941 deaths and 3,192 hospitalized. December 7: 404,032 cases, 5,605 deaths and 2,373 hospitalized. November 2: 278,028 cases, 4,390 deaths and 1,146 hospitalized. October 5: 219,754 cases, 3,637 deaths and 971 hospitalized.

COVID-19 history in Anson County: March 31, 2020: 1 case; April 28 - 23 cases (no deaths); May 26: 62 cases (1 death); June 22: 107 cases (2 deaths); July 27: 285 cases (2 deaths); August 31: 440 cases (4 deaths); September 28: 605 cases (4 deaths); October 26: 720 cases (9 deaths); November 30: 937 cases (14 deaths); December 31: 1,444 cases; (28 deaths); January 25: 1,957 cases (42 deaths); February 22: 2,258 cases (53 deaths); March 29: 2,414 cases (56 deaths); April 30: 2,527 cases (56 deaths); May 28: 2604 cases (56 deaths); June 30: 2639 cases (57 deaths); July 26: 2,719 cases (58 deaths); August 31: 3,085 cases (63 deaths); September 30: 3,666 cases (76 deaths).

Please note that for more information regarding county/state statistics, refer to www.ncdhhs.gov.

Mark Jones Found Guilty of Burglary, Kidnapping, Other Charges

During the October 4, 2021, session of Anson County Criminal Superior Court, a jury returned verdicts of guilty against defendant Mark Jones on the charges of first-degree burglary, robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of second-degree kidnapping, conspiracy to commit robbery, conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to commit second-degree kidnapping, felony larceny and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.



Mark Jones

The trial lasted for three days and was tried by Assistant District Attorney T. Matthew Victory. Detective Shane Drake with the Anson County Sheriff's Office investigated the case that involved an armed home invasion of three victims: an adult male, adult female and a six year old child.

This was the first criminal case tried in Anson County since the COVID-19 Pandemic and the newly formed District 21 which includes Anson, Richmond and Scotland Counties.

District Attorney Reece Saunders said, "Crimes that involve violence, and especially those that involve the use of dangerous weapons, are priorities for prosecution in my office. We will fight for appropriate prison sentences."

The Honorable Stephan R. Futrell presided over the case and sentenced Jones to a minimum of 292 months and a maximum of 400 months in the North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections. The sentence converts to not less than 24.3 years and no more than 33.3 years.

Auditions for Upcoming Ansonia Play

The Ansonia will hold auditions for their next play, *An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas*, on Tuesday, October 19 at 6 p.m. You are asked to be prepared to read from the script.

The Ansonia is located at 112 South Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-4950 and the website is ansoniatheatre.com.

Here's what the play is about: During the day Miss Margie's shoppe may look like any other used bookstore, but at night it's a place where magic happens. That's when the characters inside the books come alive. As the play begins, it's four days before Christmas and Miss Margie, the scatterbrained owner of the shoppe, is thrilled to have two very special guests - her serious-minded sister Ellen and book-loving niece Annabelle. Ellen was recently laid off from her position as an astronomy professor, and she's certain she'll never find a job again. Her luck changes, however, as some of the most beloved literary characters ever come to life to help her find her place in the world. This play runs December 10 to 19.



Ansonia October Spotlight is on Gracielee Bricker

This is a release from the Anson County Arts Council: Gracielee Bricker has constructed sets and performed plays in her living room since she began talking. She is always the life of the party and does not have one shy bone in her body! She loves big and she loves hard. She always tries her best at everything she sets out to do.

Her family is so thankful for the love and support Ansonia theatre provides Gracielee.

We are watching her blossom into an amazingly drama filled (in the good way) young lady and can't wait to see what her future holds.

We are so happy to have Gracielee as part of our Ansonia Theatre family!!! Don't miss her in our spooky season opener, *Wait Until Dark*, as Gloria.

Gracielee, we love you! The spotlight is on YOU!

Wait Until Dark Opens Friday at the Ansonia

The play *Wait Until Dark* creeps onto the Ansonia Theatre stage this Friday for a two week run, October 15 to 24.

Unknowingly in possession of a doll stuffed with heroin, Sam and his blind wife Susy are the target of three con men trying to retrieve the contraband. Deception, murder and intimidation lead to Susy using all of her wits and the darkness she is so familiar with to her benefit to ultimately survive.

This stage classic inspired a movie of the same name starring Audrey Hepburn which became a huge critical and box office hit, landing itself in the history books as one of the scariest films of all time.

Amanda Traywick stars as Susy, with Lance Barber, Joshua Peterson, Glenn Caulder, Chipper Long, Gracielee Bricker and Mark Traywick rounding out the rest of the cast.

Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at ansoniatheatre.com or at the door. Call 707-694-4950 for more information.



Polkton Fun Day is Back! October 23.

Trunk or Treat for the kids too!

Looking for something fun to do in October? Come on out to Polkton Fun Day on Saturday, October 23. The fun begins at 11 a.m. and finishes at 5 p.m. Trunk or treating will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the walking trail for the children.

This year's event will feature something for all ages. For the kids there will be free amusement rides and face painting. For the adults there are numerous booths that will offer such things as arts and crafts, monogrammed items, home décor, information about local agencies, and lots more.

For those who come hungry, and we hope that's everyone, there will be LOTS of food to choose from! And, they sure didn't forget those with a sweet tooth. You'll have your pick of funnel cakes, cotton candy, shaved ice and much more!

On stage entertainment throughout the day is sure to please anyone. There will be everything from country to jazz, southern rock to gospel.

We hope each of you will be "Making Tracks for a Fun Day" at Polkton Fun Day!

Bearcats Homecoming Game is Friday

The Anson Bearcats Homecoming game is this Friday night. Anson faces off with the Covenant Day Lions. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Concessions will be open and they accept cash. No re-entry is allowed once you leave, you must purchase another ticket. Masks are optional for spectators.

To purchase tickets for all Anson Schools games visit: ansonschools.org/AHS/7679-Athletic-Tickets.html.

No cash will be accepted at the gates.

Human Trafficking: A Survivor's Story

Connections, a family support program of Sandhills Center in collaboration with North Carolina Families United is presenting a program on human trafficking, and a survivor will share her story. The program will be on WebEx on Friday, October 22, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The presenters are Judith Paparozzi, Adjunct Professor at UNC-Pembroke and Lilliana Cox, a survivor of human trafficking.

Lilliana will share her story about how she was ensnared in human trafficking by a "friend" as she evacuated her Wilmington home due to Hurricane Florence in 2018, and how she escaped her trafficker in 2019. Lilliana will also tell you how she not only survived human trafficking, but she testified and put her trafficker, Markus McCormick, in prison in 2021.

Also, UNCP Adjunct Professor Judith Paparozzi will share tips on how to keep teens and young adults safe while online.

Register by October 20 with Suzanne Maness at connectionsfp@gmail.com or call (910) 627-1769.

Anson County Schools Covid Dashboard Updated 10-08-2021

Location/Site	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Employees	Positive Cases Students	Positive Cases Employees
Anson Early College High School	2	0	0	0
Anson High School	22	0	3	0
Anson Middle School	10	2	2	1
Ansonville Elementary	6	0	2	0
Lilesville Elementary	7	1	3	0
Morven Elementary	0	0	0	0
Peachland-Polkton Elementary	13	1	1	0
Wadesboro Elementary	5	1	0	1
Wadesboro Primary	0	0	0	0
District Office	N/A	0	N/A	0
Transportation	N/A	0	N/A	0
Maintenance	N/A	0	N/A	0
Child Nutrition/Cafeteria Employees	N/A	2	N/A	0
Total	65	7	11	2
Total Students + Employees	72		13	

*Student Enrollment as of 10/08/21 2,963
*Enrollment changes daily
of Employees 513
% of Employees Positive 0.39%
A link to the dashboard is on the Anson County Schools Facebook page.

Community Outreach Offers Household Items on Saturday

The Lamb of God Church in Wadesboro will hold a Community Outreach Event this Saturday, October 16 at 10 a.m. This will be a drive-in service, and they will be giving out free household items and paper products on a first come, first served basis.

The event will be held at 118 West Wade Street in Wadesboro. Please park in the rear or in the front and tune into 96.7 FM on your radio. Please remain in your vehicle, bags will be delivered to you.

If you would like to donate or volunteer for the event, please call 843-623-3777. The website is: www.logomchurch.com.

Fundraiser Motorcycle Ride for Caraway Foundation

A motorcycle "Ride for a Cause" will be held this Saturday, October 16 to raise funds in support of the Caraway Foundation programs that benefit Anson County citizens. The event will take place at the Caraway Business Center, located at 9162 US Highway 52 in Ansonville. Arrivals begin at 10 a.m. with kickstands up at 11 a.m. The costs are \$20 for single riders, \$25 for doubles. A pre-Thanksgiving dinner follows the ride. For information contact Sarah Burns at 704-294-8023.

Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru at SPCC in Polkton

South Piedmont Community College invites everyone to come to their L.L. Polk Campus, located at 680 Highway 74 in Polkton, for a fun and safe Halloween Trunk or Treat event. The event takes place on Thursday, October 21 at 8 p.m. and is a drive-thru. See spooky displays and costumes...and receive fun prizes and candy!

For more information call 704-272-5300.

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.