

## Lilesville Community Festival is Saturday

Everyone is invited to come to Hatcher Park, located at 206 Cowan Street in Lilesville, for the Lilesville Community Festival on Saturday, December 4, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be vendors with items for Christmas gifts, face painting, a food truck, a free food giveaway (limited supplies), activities for all ages, Covid vaccinations, flu shots, displays by the Wadesboro and Lilesville police departments and the Lilesville Fire Department, voter registration and many other vendors and information booths. There will also be a Grinch photo shoot with Talisha Heilig.

For information call Priscilla Little at 704-695-7770 or Jamie Varela at 321-202-3465.

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## Community Christmas Drive-Thru in Ansonville on Friday

The Town of Ansonville is hosting its first Christmas Drive-Thru this Friday, December 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The community is invited to walk or drive through the event.

The Ansonville Town Council will be handing out one fruit bag per car and the churches will be giving out goody bags along the route. There will be caroling also as you drive or walk through the festivities. Be sure to enjoy the lighting of the Town Christmas Tree at the Methodist Church.

The route begins at the Ansonville Town Hall, located at 8778 Highway 52 North. From there you will be given the route to follow.

Please come out and enjoy fellowship with the Ansonville Community. For any questions please call Town Hall and speak with Town Director Jason Mullis or Town Clerk Shemetra Melton.

## Deadline is December 6 for Prose and Poetry Contests

The Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC) is accepting submissions for its annual contests in prose and poetry. The deadline is December 6, 2021. The contests are divided into adult, youth, and children's categories.

The adult contests are open to anyone residing in, having resided in, attending school in, or working in Anson County; or members of the ACWC. There is a \$1 entry fee that is waived for students at any institution of higher learning.

There is no entry fee for students in grades 3-12. Rules and entry forms will be provided to all Anson County schools. Home-schooled students are also invited to enter.

There are three ways to enter. Submissions in Word can be emailed to: [info@anson-countywritersclub.org](mailto:info@anson-countywritersclub.org) with "contest" in the subject line; mailed to Anson County Writers' Club, Box 363, Wadesboro, NC, 28170; or dropped off at the Hampton B. Allen Library.

A complete copy of the rules and an entry form that must accompany each entry are available at the Library or by writing to ACWC 2021 Contests, P.O. Box 363, Wadesboro, N.C., 28170 (enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope). Rules and entry forms may also be printed from the ACWC website at [www.ansoncountyywritersclub.org](http://www.ansoncountyywritersclub.org). Failure to follow the rules may result in an entry being disqualified.

The ACWC will award over \$400 in prize money to the winners of the annual writing contests. First, second and third place winners in the adult prose and adult poetry categories will receive \$50, \$30 and \$20, respectively. Youth winners (grades 9-12) will receive \$20, \$15 and \$10, respectively. Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8 will compete separately in the children's division. Prizes are \$15, \$10 and \$5, respectively, for prose and poetry winners in both categories.

All winners will receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be honored at a reception for friends and family on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022.

The ACWC held its first contests in 1989 and since published 10 anthologies of the winning entries. Anson Pathways XI will be published in 2021.

## Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candlelight Program

The annual Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candlelight Program will be held 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 12 at First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. This is a special time as attendees join together with others around the world to remember our children who have died - that their light may always shine.

Groups of people and individuals from all over the world will be lighting candles at 7 p.m. their local time in memory of deceased children. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are lit in the next, creating a 24-hour wave of light as the observance continues around the world. This is believed to be the largest mass candle lighting in the world.

You are invited to take part in this program. Please bring a photograph of your child, your family and friends. Attendees will enjoy party refreshments and fellowship following the candle lighting.

The Compassionate Friends meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. It is a support group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have experienced the death of a child of any age. They welcome you to attend. "We need not walk alone."

For more information, please feel free to email Ken Caulder at [kcaulder9869@gmail.com](mailto:kcaulder9869@gmail.com) or you can call Leavitt Funeral Home at 704-694-2524.

## Burn Ban Issued for All North Carolina Counties

Due to increased fire risk, the N.C. Forest Service has issued a ban on all open burning and has canceled all burning permits statewide effective at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 29 until further notice.

"It is fall wildfire season in North Carolina, and we are seeing wildfire activity increase due to dry conditions," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "With these ongoing conditions, a statewide burn ban is necessary to reduce the risk of fires starting and spreading quickly. Our top priority is always to protect lives, property and forestland across the state."

Under North Carolina law, the ban prohibits all open burning in the affected counties, regardless of whether a permit was previously issued. The issuance of any new permits has also been suspended until the ban is lifted. Anyone violating the burn ban faces a \$100 fine plus \$183 court costs. Any person responsible for setting a fire may be liable for any expenses related to extinguishing the fire.

Local fire departments and law enforcement officers are assisting the N.C. Forest Service in enforcing the burn ban.

The N.C. Forest Service will continue to monitor conditions. Residents with questions regarding a specific county can contact their N.C. Forest Service county ranger or their county fire marshal's office. Here are some questions and answers:

**Q: What is open burning?** A: Open burning includes burning leaves, branches or other plant material. In all cases, burning trash, lumber, tires, newspapers, plastics or other nonvegetative material is illegal.

**Q: May I still use my grill or barbecue?** A: Yes, if no other local ordinances prohibit their use.

**Q: How should I report a wildfire?** A: Call 911 to report a wildfire.

**Q: How should I report a person who intentionally starts a wildfire?**

A: Call 911 to report a wildfire.

**Q: My local fire marshal has also issued a burn ban for my county. What does this mean?**

A: The burn ban issued by the N.C. Forest service does not apply to a fire within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling. Local government agencies have jurisdiction over open burning within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling. The N.C. Forest Service has advised county fire marshals of the burning ban and has asked for their consideration of also implementing a burning ban. If a fire within a 100-foot area of a dwelling escapes containment, a North Carolina forest ranger may take reasonable steps to extinguish or control it. The person responsible for setting the fire may be liable for any expenses related to extinguishing the fire.

**Q: Are there other instances which impact open burning?** A: Local ordinances and air quality regulations may impact open burning. For instance, outdoor burning is prohibited in areas covered by Code Orange or Code Red air quality forecasts. Learn more about air quality forecasts at [deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/air-quality-outreach-education/air-quality-forecast](http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/air-quality-outreach-education/air-quality-forecast).

**Q: Can I have a campfire when I go camping?** A: Campfires would be considered open burning and are not exempt from the burn ban. During a burn ban, portable gas stoves or grills are alternate methods for cooking food while camping.

**Q: What can I do to protect my house against the risk of wildfire?**

A: Learn about wildfire risk assessments and preparedness and prevention plans on the N.C. Forest Service website at: [ncforestservice.gov/fire\\_control/fc\\_wui.htm](http://ncforestservice.gov/fire_control/fc_wui.htm) or [resistwildfirenc.org](http://resistwildfirenc.org).

## Enrollment Open for Leadership Anson 2022

**PURPOSE** Leadership Anson was created to develop competent and skilled leadership for the challenging times ahead. This intensive, six-month leadership program provides participants with an overview of the theories and concepts of leadership, a knowledge of the opportunities and understanding of governmental agencies and community organizations at work in the county, consideration of historical and cultural influences and an open dialogue between emerging and current community leaders.

**PROGRAM** The Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program consists of 10 full-day sessions held two days a month from January to June. The sessions are held at various locations in Anson County that best relate to the topic. During each session, participants are introduced to issues by means of panels, lectures, tours, group discussions and simulations. In each case, the program is designed to address specific areas rather than vague concepts.

The topics covered in the Leadership Anson program are as follow: Leadership Skill Development; Local History and Geography; Economic Development; Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue; Education; Human Services; Media; Health Services; Local Government; Agriculture.

**PARTICIPANTS** Participants are selected in an objective process with information presented on a completed program application. Selection criteria are:

- Motivation and commitment to serve the community
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- An interest in participating in community projects upon completion of the series.

**NOTES** The maximum capacity for each year's class is 20. Participants are required to attend the all-day and/or overnight retreat to graduate. Each participant can miss one class in order to graduate. Missed sessions must be made up within two years.

Enrollment runs through December 17. For registration information visit the Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or call 704-694-4181.

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