

**February 10: Parents, Foster Parents and Caregivers Support Group meeting** will be held from 5:30-7:00 pm via WebEx. It is a support group for families of children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges. Suzanne Maness will be the facilitator. For more info or to register, call (910) 627-1769 or email [connectionsfp@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsfp@gmail.com). Registration deadline is February 8, 2022.

**February 11: Five County System of Care (SOC) Community Collaborative meeting** will be held from 9:30-11:30 am via WebEx. System of Care is a network of community-based services and supports that are organized to meet the challenges of children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families. The System of Care Collaborative brings together the perspectives of families, youth, providers, child and family services, community members and other stakeholders. The SOC Collaborative meeting provides networking opportunities and time for working in partnership with public and private organizations so services and support are effective, build on the strengths of individuals, and address each person's cultural and linguistic needs. The Five County SOC Community Collaborative includes the following counties: Hoke, Moore, Richmond, Anson and Montgomery. The meeting is held monthly on the 2nd Friday at 9:30 am. If you'd like to receive the WebEx link, contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769 or email [connectionsfp@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsfp@gmail.com).

**Sandhills Family Support Program Webinars**

**February 22: Exploring Best Practices in Residential Care webinar** will be a 2-part series discussing best practices in residential care and developing supports to reduce placement disruptions. This will be a virtual meeting in a panel format. The webinar is scheduled from 10:00 - 11:00 A.M. Contact LaMonica Mitchell, Family Support Advocate, at 1-919-215-7153 or email [guilfordfspadvocate@gmail.com](mailto:guilfordfspadvocate@gmail.com) to register. The deadline for registration is Monday, February 21, 2022 at 5 P.M.

**February 22: Massage Therapy for Mental and Physical Health webinar** will be held from 11:30 am-12:30 pm via WebEx. Andrew Spangler, LMFT, CMMP, FMT with Get Right Massage will be the presenter. Contact Suzanne Maness for more info or to register, call (910) 627-1769 or email [connectionsfp@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsfp@gmail.com). Registration deadline is February 18, 2022.

**February 23: Support, Protect & Educate: An Overview of Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking** will be held virtually from 11:30am - 12:30pm. Misty Hill and Dare Spicer from the Randolph County Family Crisis Center will present. Discussion will focus on the prevalence and signs of domestic violence, sexual violence and human trafficking, services provided by the Randolph County Family Crisis Center, and how the community can help to support and advocate for victims. To register, contact Charmaine Ford at [randmontadvfsp@gmail.com](mailto:randmontadvfsp@gmail.com) or 336-870-3802. Upon registration, you will be sent the link to the webinar.

**February 23: Writing to Heal: Journaling for your Mental Health** will be held virtually from 1:00-2:00pm on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. Rochelle Rivers will be the presenter. Rochelle Rivers is a Life Coach certified by the International Coaching Federation, she holds a BA in Organizational Management (Psychology), a MA in Organizational Leadership (Human Behavior) and a MS in Information Technology. Certificate of attendance is available. To register, contact Shirlyn Morrison-Sims at [search.family.support.program@gmail.com](mailto:search.family.support.program@gmail.com) or 919-906-7103. Upon registration, a link to the web meeting will be sent.

**February 24: Everything You Wanted to Know About the Children's Advocacy Center but Were Afraid to Ask webinar** will be held virtually from 11:00-12:30 on Thursday, February 24th. The Harnett County CAC staff will be discussing CAC life and the different types of child abuse they work with. To register, contact Adrian Standish at [leehammetfsp@yahoo.com](mailto:leehammetfsp@yahoo.com) or 910-985-0126. Upon registration, you will be sent the link to the webinar.



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**FEBRUARY 12**  
**Greatest Love Story of All Drive-Thru** by Presbyterian Women Ministry, 12-1pm at Lillie Bennett Community Center in Morven. Please wear mask & remain in your vehicle  
**FEBRUARY 16 - 18**  
**Women of Fire**  
 At Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 7:30pm nightly. Wed-Pastor Sylvia McLendon, Thu-Pastor Donna McNair, Fri-Pastor Joletha Dockery. All are invited. CDC guidelines followed.  
**FEBRUARY 20 - 23**  
**Spring Revival**  
 With Pastor Ron Lynch, 6:30pm each evening at Harmony Community Church, located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland. 704-272-7410

Events

**FEBRUARY 12**  
**Vaccination Clinic**  
 Free for dogs & cats, 9am-12 noon at the Anson Animal Shelter. Info & questions call 704-994-2738 or email [mlett@ansoncountync.gov](mailto:mlett@ansoncountync.gov).

**MARCH 8**  
**Play Auditions**  
 For Ansonia Play *Alice in Wonderland: Down the Rabbit Hole*, 6pm. Be prepared to read from the script. 112 S. Rutherford St in uptown Wadesboro. Info 704-694-4950. [ansoniatheatre.com](http://ansoniatheatre.com)

**MARCH 17**  
**Senior Shenanigans**  
 Drive-Thru at Grace Senior Center parking lot, 11am-1pm celebrating National Nutrition Month. The fun includes trivia, games, door prizes & goodie bags. Everyone 55 & older is invited. Please wear a mask & remain in your vehicle. Located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA. 704-694-6616

**MARCH 26**  
**Vaccination Clinic**  
 Free for dogs & cats, 9am-12 noon at the Anson Animal Shelter. Free microchips will be available (2 per household - \$5 for additional chips). Info & questions call 704-994-2738 or [mlett@ansoncountync.gov](mailto:mlett@ansoncountync.gov).

ONGOING EVENTS

Food Pantry

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

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

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**Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Sign-ups** Call the Farm Service Agency Office at 704-694-3516 ext. 2 to complete eligibility forms

**Writers' Club Meets** Fourth Sunday each month at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, 3pm (except July & Dec). Open to public, new members of all ages invited. Info 704-694-5211 or [sandybruney@gmail.com](mailto:sandybruney@gmail.com)

**After School Program Kid Cafe** Mon-Fri from 2:30-5:30p.m. at the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, 704-826-8737

**Lions Club Welcomes New Members** The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joes Restaurant the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 6:30pm For more info or to purchase a broom please call Jim Chandler 910-571-1448

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\$350 Million in Grants to Expand Internet Access in NC

Qualified internet service providers and electric membership cooperatives providing internet service can now apply for up to \$350 million in grants to expand broadband infrastructure in North Carolina and get more people connected to high-speed internet. Funds from the federal American Rescue Plan are being used to provide the largest ever round of Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) Grants available in North Carolina.

"High-speed internet is critical for North Carolinians to be able to work, learn, run a business or access healthcare," Governor Roy Cooper said. "We want all communities in our state to have these opportunities and this round of grants is an important step toward closing the digital divide, especially in rural areas."

The grants are part of Governor Cooper's plan to give 95% of North Carolina households access to broadband of 100/20 Mbps by expanding access and addressing issues of affordability and digital literacy.

Applications for the spring 2022 award period will be accepted through April 4. An information session for applicants will be held Feb. 10. Additional details can be found at [www.ncbroadband.gov/grants/great-grant-federal](http://www.ncbroadband.gov/grants/great-grant-federal).

Administered by the N.C. Department of Information Technology's (NCDIT) Division of Broadband and Digital Equity, the GREAT Grant program provides matching grants to broadband providers and electric membership cooperatives that compete for funding to expand access to high-speed internet service to unserved areas of all counties across the state.

"Since the GREAT Grant program launched in 2018, the state has invested nearly \$56 million matched by more than \$35 million from private investors to connect more than 40,000 households and businesses to broadband," said NCDIT Secretary and State Chief Information Officer James Weaver. "We look forward to expanding those partnerships to extend high-speed internet access to more households in unserved areas."

For more information about the NCDIT Division of Broadband and Digital Equity and the GREAT Grant program, please visit [www.ncbroadband.gov](http://www.ncbroadband.gov).

David Kiser Hands of a Sportsman Event is February 12

Hands of a Sportsman is hosting the 2nd annual David Kiser Memorial Pheasant Hunt on Saturday, February 12 at Devil's Rib Preserve, located at 2466 Peachland Polkton Road in Peachland. This free event is open to the public.

Lunch will be served around 12 noon and will be followed by silent and live auctions. All funds raised will go to furthering the mission of Hands of a Sportsman who provide outdoor adventures to anyone who might not otherwise get the opportunity, including youth, disabled youth and adults, and veterans. Thirty hunters will be blessed with a fun morning of tower-style pheasant hunting followed by lunch, fellowship and the auctions.

There are various items available for auction this year, including guns, hunting and fishing trips, outdoor gear, grilling & cooking items, custom artwork and more! For a complete listing with pictures you can visit [bit.ly/3HrCMMMA](http://bit.ly/3HrCMMMA).

Hands of a Sportsman and the Kiser family would like to thank all of the sponsors, volunteers and donors who have worked to make this day possible.