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WINE WEDNESDAY 5-9PM
75¢ wings at the Cardinal Grill

THIRSTY THURSDAY 3-9PM

FRIDAY 3-9PM

SATURDAY 12-9PM
Craft Cocktail Saturday 12-9pm
* **March 7** - Karaoke Saturday 6-9

SUNDAY 12-8PM
* **March 15** - St. Patrick's Sunday Supper w/Acoustic Music by Adam Daniels 4-8pm

Laid back Beer Garden offering
North Carolina beers...on tap...and to go.
Selection of local wines and craft cocktails!

Governor Stein Proclaims March as Women's History Month

Honoring Those Who Paved the Way to a Sustainable Future

Governor Josh Stein declared March as Women's History Month, honoring women across the state whose leadership, courage, and innovations have shaped the social, economic, and cultural fabric of North Carolina. Women throughout North Carolina's history have led movements to strengthen families, expand educational opportunities, increase civic participation, protect the environment, and build safer, more prosperous communities.

"During Women's History Month, we honor the trailblazers who broke barriers and the women who continue to expand opportunity for the next generation," said Governor Josh Stein. "Throughout North Carolina's history, women have led the way as advocates, educators, entrepreneurs, and pioneers, shaping a stronger North Carolina."

This year's national theme of "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future" is designed to recognize women whose vision, advocacy, and stewardship are creating safer, more resilient communities.

"This month, we honor female trailblazers whose leadership has helped to strengthen and shape our state," said NC Department of Administration Secretary Gabriel J. Esparza. "We also honor those women today – our mothers, daughters, sisters, neighbors, and friends – who are blazing pathways for current and future generations. These women are often unsung heroes."

For years, NC Department of Administration (NCDOA) advocacy programs have supported women in their efforts to create a sustainable future, empowering them through education and business opportunities. NCDOA's Division for Women and Youth spearheads youth programs such as the annual State of NC Internship Program and the Lady Cardinals high school mentorship program and supports local youth councils. The division also helps to fund organizations that serve victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Additionally, the division has sponsored a series of Status of Women Reports that examine the health and well-being of women from employment and earnings to political participation. The latest report, Status of Women in North Carolina: Investing in Economic Opportunity, explored disparities in access to child care and barriers to economic security and recommended policy and programmatic changes, such as improving pay equity to create better outcomes for women and families across the state.

NCDOA's Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) works to increase the number and types of businesses competing for state contracts to help state agencies get the best value for taxpayer dollars. More than half of North Carolina's HUB-certified businesses are women owned.

To learn more about NCDOA and advocacy programs, visit the agency website, www.doa.nc.gov.

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Anson County Reopens Community Survey for Final Round of Public Input

Anson County officials are inviting residents, business owners and community stakeholders to share their thoughts as part of the county's ongoing Strategic Planning process, with the Anson County Community Survey now reopened for a final round of public input.

County leaders say community feedback plays an important role in identifying local needs, recognizing opportunities and setting priorities that will guide Anson County's future development and services. The survey allows participants to offer opinions on the county's overall quality of life, provide feedback on current services and help shape both short-term and long-term priorities for Anson County.

Officials encourage anyone who has not yet participated to take a few minutes to complete the survey before the March 10 deadline. Residents are also asked to share the survey with friends, neighbors and others who care about the future of the community.

All Anson County stakeholders are welcome to participate, including residents, business owners and employees. Responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey can be completed at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/AnsonCounty2026.

County officials say the feedback gathered will help guide decisions and planning efforts aimed at strengthening the community and improving quality of life across Anson County.

South Piedmont Summer Camps Open For Registration

Registration is now open for South Piedmont Community College's 2026 Summer Camps, offering young people across the region a chance to explore exciting careers, develop new skills, and have plenty of fun along the way.

This year's camp lineup features a wide variety of hands-on experiences designed to spark curiosity and creativity. Camp topics include Criminal Justice, Coding, Cooking, Nursing, Welding, Comic Books and several other engaging opportunities that allow students to try something new while learning in a supportive environment.

Designed for students ages 10 through 18, the camps combine education with adventure, giving participants a memorable summer experience while introducing them to possible future career paths.

Organizers say spots tend to fill quickly each year, so families are encouraged to register early to secure a place. Registration is available online at: spcc-register.fundfive.com/camp.

South Piedmont officials say they look forward to welcoming a new group of curious, creative campers this summer for a season of discovery, learning, and fun.



SPCC Grant Helps Student Parents Balance College & Childcare

Balancing college classes with family responsibilities can be a challenge for many students, but South Piedmont Community College is working to make that task a little easier through its Child Care Grant, a program designed to help eligible students offset the cost of childcare while pursuing their education.

The grant is intended to reduce financial stress for student parents by helping cover childcare expenses during the academic semester. Assistance may apply whether a child is enrolled in a licensed childcare facility or if a student relies on a babysitter while attending classes or completing coursework.

According to Josh Gebbia, financial aid advisor at South Piedmont, the program can make a significant difference for students trying to balance school and family life.

"For many students, the cost of childcare is a barrier to their education," Gebbia said. "The Child Care Grant provides financial assistance that increases access to childcare, allows more flexibility with schedules, and gives students more time to focus on their education."

Students interested in applying must generally meet several requirements, including being a North Carolina resident, completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year and ensuring there are no outstanding financial aid requirements on their record.

College officials say the program is part of South Piedmont's ongoing effort to support students both in and outside the classroom, helping ensure that family responsibilities do not prevent them from completing their educational goals.

For more information about eligibility, award amounts or the application process, students may contact Josh Gebbia at jgebbia@spcc.edu or visit spcc.edu.

Clover Crawl Promises Night Of Music, Dancing And Support For Local Youth

An evening of music, dancing and community spirit is on the calendar as the Anson County 4-H Clover Crawl Social and Dance returns Friday, March 13, bringing residents together for a lively fundraiser benefiting Anson County 4-H and the 4-H Youth Promise program.

The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at FlakeHaven, located at 5298 NC 742 North in Wadesboro, where guests can enjoy a relaxed social atmosphere while supporting programs that help local youth build leadership skills, confidence and lifelong learning opportunities through 4-H.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by DJ Bass FX, who will keep the music playing and the dance floor moving throughout the night. The event is designed as a fun gathering for adults while raising funds that help strengthen youth programs across Anson County.

Tickets are \$60 per person in advance and \$65 at the door, and the Clover Crawl is a 21-and-over event. Organizers note that it will be a no brown-bagging event, and attendees are encouraged to come ready to enjoy the evening and the company of friends and neighbors.

Tickets may be purchased at the Anson Cooperative Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street, or at Lacy's in uptown Wadesboro. Reserved tables are also available for groups wishing to guarantee seating together.

For additional information or to reserve a table, call the Extension Office at 704-694-2915. With good music, plenty of dancing and a great cause at the center of it all, the Clover Crawl promises to be a festive night out while helping support the future of Anson County's youth.

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