

MISSING DOG



Our pet Evie has been missing from the Ridge Street area of Ansonville for nearly 2 weeks.

Evie is a large Cane Corso mixed breed, with mostly gray-brown-some brindle, white chest, white paws and a white tip on her tail. She is 3 years old.

Evie is a sweet natured indoor family pet who is missed greatly.

Please contact Kristen Ruppe at 704-690-1896 if you have seen Evie or have any information.

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Wadesboro Police to Host Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Wadesboro Police Department is inviting families to join them for a day of fun, fellowship and plenty of Easter excitement at the upcoming Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Wadesboro Park.

With more than 1,000 Easter eggs hidden throughout the park, children ages 12 and under will have plenty of opportunities to hunt, gather and maybe even discover a special prize along the way. Organizers say the event is designed to bring the community together in a safe, welcoming environment—where the only thing being chased is colorful eggs.

The event will feature designated egg hunts, a toddler area for younger participants and the chance to find golden eggs with special prizes. Families can expect a festive atmosphere filled with laughter, activity and a few friendly competitions to see who can fill their basket the fastest.

Hosted by the Wadesboro Police Department, the event highlights the department's ongoing commitment to building positive relationships within the community while creating opportunities for families to come together and enjoy time outdoors.

Organizers encourage residents to bring the kids, enjoy the park and take part in a day centered on fun, family and community.

Terrapin Tally Returns With a Splash of Science and a Dash of Turtle Power

If you've ever wanted an excuse to paddle a kayak, enjoy the coastal breeze and say you're doing "important scientific work" while scanning the water for turtles, your moment has arrived.

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) is inviting the public to take part in the 2026 Terrapin Tally, an annual spring event that helps monitor North Carolina's diamondback terrapin population - also known as the small, adorable turtles that somehow manage to be both shy and famous at the same time.

These aquatic reptiles live in coastal marshes, estuaries and tidal creeks, and are listed in North Carolina as a Species of Special Concern and federally as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need. In other words, they're kind of a big deal in the turtle world.



"Diamondback terrapins are a keystone species, critical to the health of the saltmarsh ecosystem," said NCWRC Biologist Sarah Finn. "Studying their populations is difficult due to their habitat characteristics and North Carolina's expansive estuarine systems. Understanding the population status and trends of terrapins in North Carolina is important to the long-term management of this species, and we can work toward this goal with the help of volunteer community scientists."

Translation: They're important, they're tricky to find, and we need more eyes on the water - preferably attached to people in kayaks.

This community science effort is led by NCWRC and supported by several partner organizations, including the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Coastal Management, N.C. State Parks, Bald Head Island Conservancy, N.C. Audubon, N.C. Aquarium and the National Park Service. Each year, hundreds of volunteer kayakers head out onto coastal waterways in search of terrapins, documenting sightings that help guide conservation efforts - including protecting the turtles from accidentally becoming unwilling participants in blue-crab pots.

Volunteer Amy Long is returning for her eleventh year, proving that once you start counting turtles, it's hard to stop. "It's a wonderful way to get out to explore and learn about our local waterways, while also contributing to a long-term citizen science project," said Long. "Really, who doesn't want to spot adorable terrapins?!? It's like an Easter egg hunt, and when you have friends doing other days or trails, it's fun to see who had better luck out on the water."

Bragging rights, it seems, are very much part of the scientific process.

Participants must bring their own kayaks and mobile phones, along with a willingness to paddle, observe and possibly become overly competitive about turtle sightings. A mandatory training session will be held Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to noon at Carolina Beach State Park Visitor Center, and Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at Hammocks Beach State Park Visitor Center. Registration is required.

For information, visit www.ncwildlife.org, search for "Terrapin Tally" and get ready to paddle, spot & maybe discover that turtles are better at hide-and-seek than you expected.

NCDMV Launches Online Tool Showing Wait Times at License Offices

New feature helps drivers plan visits and avoid long lines

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) has launched a new feature on its website that allows customers to view estimated wait times and real-time capacity information for driver license offices across the state - giving drivers a chance to check the line before committing to what has historically felt like a long-term investment.

The updated NCDMV Office Locations page at visitDMV.nc.gov now includes a statewide map displaying each office's current status, along with estimated wait times based on real-time conditions. Officials say the goal is to give customers more control over when and where they handle their DMV business - and maybe even help them avoid packing a snack just in case.

"The NCDMV is making it easier for North Carolinians to get the services they need on their own schedules," said Governor Josh Stein. "This new tool will help North Carolinians choose when and where to take care of their DMV business. Whether they're renewing a license or getting a new ID, we want drivers to get on with their day as quickly as possible."

Each driver license office is now labeled with one of three status indicators to help customers quickly assess conditions: Accepting walk-ins and appointments, Busy - longer waits expected, or At capacity - please try another office. In other words, you can now tell ahead of time whether you're walking into a quick errand or a test of patience.

Estimated wait times are shown as a range and are calculated using factors such as the number of service stations in operation, the number of customers currently waiting or being served, and average service times. These estimates begin after a customer checks in and receives a ticket number and are designed to provide a realistic expectation - though, as always, a little patience still helps.

"This new transparency tool is a significant step forward in improving the customer experience," said NCDMV Commissioner Paul Tine. "By giving people the ability to check wait times and capacity before heading out, we're helping them use their time more effectively, reduce unnecessary travel and avoid frustration."

Officials also noted that customers no longer need to arrive early in the morning or hours before offices open to be served. Driver license offices now accept walk-ins throughout the day until capacity is reached, with many locations experiencing shorter wait times in the afternoon - good news for anyone who prefers to avoid the early-morning rush.

The new feature aims to address common frustrations, such as unexpected delays or arriving at offices that have already reached capacity. With access to real-time information, customers can choose less busy times, visit alternate locations or schedule appointments when available - turning what used to be a guessing game into something a little more predictable.

NCDMV reminds customers that wait times are estimates and may vary depending on service needs and changing demand throughout the day.

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The Anson County Writers' Club meets on the fourth Sunday of each month, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, except in July and December. All meetings are open to the public. New members of all ages are welcome.

For more information call Sandy Bruney at 704-694-5211 or email sandybruney@gmail.com