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APRIL 16 - 18

Resurrection Revival Wed-Pastor Pearl Taylor at West Deep Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Wadesboro. Thu-Overseer Sylvia McLendon at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church in Wadesboro. Fri-Pastor Terry Little at Divine Unity

APRIL 18

80th Anniversary of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville, 7pm. Also celebrating 30th Anniversary of Pleasant Hill Male Choir at 7pm.

APRIL 19

Food Sale In downtown Ansonville by Rocky Mount AME Zion Church, 11am-4pm. Selling collard green sandwiches, fish, hot dogs & sausage dogs.

APRIL 19 & 20

Easter Weekend Services At Sandy Plains Christian Fellowship, 1154 Cason Oldfield Rd, Morven. Sat-Easter Celebration with food, fellowship & egg hunt for the kids, 3pm. Sun-Easter themed service at 11am including youth presentations, special singing & communion. All are invited.

APRIL 26

Women's Conference At Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries Fellowship Hall, 3060 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 10am with Co-Pastor Jessie Blakney of Solid Rock Baptist Church in Marshville, Pastor Sandra Ellerbe of New Parkers Grove MBC in Wadesboro, Evangelist Cynthia Henry of Morning Star Redeemed COG in Lilesville & Rev. Dr. Lisa Bracey-Cash of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Rockingham.

APRIL 27

Pastor's 22nd Anniversary at Cedar Creek MBC, 1293 Cedar Creek Rd, Wadesboro. Rev. J. Van Clyburn of House of Prayer MBC 11am, followed by lunch. Rev. Terry Little of West Deep Creek MBC 3pm.

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MAY 1

Day of Prayer

Hosted by the Town of Lilesville at Hatcher Park at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

MAY 2 & 3

Yard Sale At Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro, 208 S Greene St. Fri-12 noon to 5pm & Sat-7am to 12 noon. All proceeds go to Mission Committee.

MAY 11

Women's Day At Greater St. Mark Church of Deliverance, 1003 N Main St. in Wadesboro, at 11:30am with National Mother & Co-Pastor Elder Mahalia Williams. All are invited to attend. Women please wear white.

Events Calendar

APRIL 22

Jellybean Day

At Grace Senior Center, 10am-2pm. Giving out bags of jellybeans...while they last! 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

APRIL 25

Movie Day At Grace Senior Center. Showing “Hop” at 2pm. Popcorn & drinks provided. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

APRIL 28

NAACP Meeting They invite you to attend. 6:30pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church, located at 612 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro. They welcome everyone.

For info: Sinic Marsh mrs6@yahoo.com or 704-254-0630.

Board of Education Regular Meeting Closed Session begins 5pm and Open Session begins at 6pm. View at Anson County School's YouTube page. ([Search YouTube for Anson County Schools](#).) Meeting takes place in Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, 320 Camden Rd in Wadesboro. For public comment, sign up in-person. Sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting.

APRIL 30

Eat & Paint At Grace Senior Center. If you love to paint or always wanted to. Supplies provided. Enjoy finger food & good conversation. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

Invasive Bass Species Spreads Across the State

Public's help needed in reducing threat from Alabama Bass to native species

Alabama bass, which are invasive to North Carolina, are now in more rivers and lakes than ever before and are competing with our native fish and aquatic organisms. Biologists at the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) are asking the public for help to prevent the spread and reduce the populations of this invasive species in order to protect the future of native largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass.

Alabama bass are often mistakenly misidentified as spotted bass or largemouth bass by anglers because their appearance is very similar, however they are a separate species. They often outcompete and replace native largemouth bass, causing the bass population of a waterbody to be dominated by high numbers of Alabama bass, which on average are smaller than largemouth bass. They readily interbreed with smallmouth and spotted bass. With time this hybridization effectively can eliminate smallmouth and spotted bass from the fish community.

“They’re being stocked and moved to new locations by anglers who need to understand the impact it’s having to our native black bass family of largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass,” said District Biologist Kin Hodges. “Populations of largemouth bass are being dramatically reduced, while North Carolina could potentially lose smallmouth and spotted bass.”

Alabama bass have been known to exist in North Carolina waters since the 1980's, but only sparsely, first in far southwestern Lake Chatuge and then Lake Norman. They are believed to have been stocked by anglers. Routine fisheries surveys conducted by NCWRC biologists have documented the spread of Alabama bass over the last 20 years in North Carolina reservoirs and rivers. Their distribution has rapidly grown and spread to other waterbodies and are now being identified in coastal areas, including the Roanoke and Tar rivers.

“When we heard Alabama bass were being caught in reservoirs upstream of our coastal rivers in 2020, we anticipated we would start seeing them downstream,” Coastal Region Fisheries Research Coordinator Kevin Dockendorf. “In October 2024, our fisheries biologists collected Alabama bass in the Roanoke and Tar rivers with boat electrofishing. This expansion of Alabama bass is of concern given the similarities of North Carolina’s coastal rivers to the habitats found in Alabama bass’s natural range.”

While fishing for Alabama bass is popular with some anglers, NCWRC staff say many anglers are unaware of the threats posed by them and are continuing to move the species into new waters.

“They are being illegally spread across the state by misguided anglers who think that they will make the fishing better,” states Hodges. “The only tools we have to minimize the damage being caused by Alabama bass are to encourage anglers not to spread them to new waters, and to harvest as many as possible in waters where they have already been introduced to minimize their damage.”

Alabama bass can be difficult to distinguish from native bass. Illustrations comparing the Alabama bass with other bass species are posted on NCWRC website (ncwildlife.gov Alabama bass) to assist with identification. And, NCWRC has installed signs at popular public fishing and boating access areas to help with identification and education about the impact of Alabama bass.

It is illegal to move or stock fish into public waters without a stocking permit obtained from NCWRC. This includes live well releases into waters different from where the fish were caught.

Anyone who observes or has knowledge of illegal Alabama bass stockings is asked to report it by calling 800-662-7137. Anglers who catch an Alabama bass in a waterbody not previously documented, are asked take photographs and report it through the N.C. Wildlife Aquatic Nuisance Species Reporting Tool (ncwildlife.gov/aquatic nuisance) or by emailing PublicInquiry-FishWildlife@ncwildlife.gov.

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