

As our state's vibrant agricultural industry becomes more present on the roadways this time of year, the Highway Patrol reminds motorists of practices they can take to keep everyone safe. It is legal in North Carolina for farm equipment to travel on public roads except for controlled access roadways such as interstates. Farm equipment in general would be more active on roadways during the early morning and late evening periods and in areas that could be marked with NCDOT warning signs indicating their potential presence. Although this time of year and the fall are peak times for farm equipment to be used along our state's roadways, the public should be alert to their presence year-round. In support of this important traffic safety initiative, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper provided the following statement. "Our farmers are out working hard right now as they are one of North Carolina's most important economic engines," said Governor Roy Cooper. "Please be careful when you see farm trucks and equipment out on the road so they can do their jobs while everyone stays safe."

Types of typical farm machinery collisions include rear end collisions due to the farm vehicles slower traveling speed and passing collisions as a farm vehicle makes a left turn while a driver attempts a passing maneuver. Tips for staying safe around farm machinery include the following:

- Be aware of signage indicating farm machinery use the roadway in that area.
- Wait for a safe place to pass slow moving farm machinery, be aware they typically enter and exit roadway in the same general area.
- Be aware of the farm machinery's potential for extended length and width.
- Maintain a safe following distance as debris such as agricultural products could fall from the vehicle.

* All events are subject to change because of the COVID-19 situation. You may want to seek confirmation of events.

Church News

ONGOING
Time for You Music, prayer & praise at 6pm at Wightman UMC
Bible Study Every Wed night, 7pm at Victory Temple Miracle Center
Prayer/Bible Study Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm at House of Faith
Bible Study Every Wednesday at noon at Expected End Ministries by Pastor Betty Tillman
Exercise Class Each Thursday at 2pm at Hopewell UMC
Intercessory Prayer & Bible Study at Sandy Ridge MBC every Wednesday, 5pm
Bible Study At West Deep Creek MBC each Wednesday at 6:30pm
Youth Night At Vision of God Ministries in Morven each Sat, 5-7pm w/bible study, Christian movies, games, crafts refreshments & more
Addiction Recovery Support group meets every Sunday, 6pm at Harmony Community Church in Peachland. 704-272-7410
Bible Study & Prayer At Kesler Chapel AME Zion every Wednesday 7pm

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Events

MAY 1
Yard Sale & More
 At Feed My Lambs, 2290 Hwy 74 West in Wadesboro across from Atrium Health, 9am-2pm. Open spots available, call 704-695-1820. Food & \$100 Food Lion gift card raffle. Thrift Store will be open, storage unit items such as furniture & dishes

Cemetery Clean Up
 At Poplar Springs Cemetery, 10am. Asking for volunteers to come & help restore and preserve this important historical cemetery. Please bring any tools you can such as wheelbarrow, axes, rakes, clippers, chain saws, etc. Located near Poplar Springs Baptist Church at 332 Rocky Mount Church Rd, Polkton. Look for 2 American flags. Info 704-826-8737

MAY 4
Free Groceries
 For families in need Mobile Food Pantry at Wingate United Methodist Church, located at 111 Hinson Street in Wingate. Register 8-10am, truck arrives between 9-9:30am. Call for details 704-694-2445

Board of Commissioners Meet 6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. This is the regular monthly meeting. Meeting available on-line at youtube.com, search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201

MAY 10
Annual General Membership Meeting of Morven Cemetery, Inc., 7:30pm at Morven Presbyterian Church, 312 East Main St in Morven

ONGOING EVENTS
Food Commodities
Food Distributed Free every Wednesday at 9am & 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr, Hwy 742N across from Burnsville Fire Dept. Info 704-826-8182
Thrift Store
Open at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-5pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

Low or No Income? Uninsured?
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Prepare for Bat Roosting Season Now

Homeowners encouraged to check for bats before May 1
 If you suspect bats may be living in your home, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is asking that you relocate them responsibly before pup rearing season begins on May 1. Bat scat, called guano, is the most obvious indication that bats may be living in the gable vents, behind a shutter or in another nook around the outside or inside your home. If they're getting inside, a licensed Wildlife Control Agent can safely evict them for you. You can find a list of licensed professionals on the Wildlife Commission website, NCWildlife.org.

Bats hibernate or migrate south during the winter, which is why you may only start to see them now. They are ecologically and economically valuable, providing free pest control as they nearly devour their own body weight in insects nightly. Their appetite increases even more during pup-rearing season, which runs May 1 – July 31 across North Carolina. "Young bats are flightless for three to four weeks after birth and depend on their mother for survival during that time. If a homeowner waits until May to install an eviction device on the opening that the bats have used to get to their roost, female bats will not be able to get to their young, leaving the pups to starve to death or try to find other ways to escape, including entering the homeowner's living space," stated Katherine Etchison, wildlife diversity biologist with the Wildlife Commission.

If you are unable to remove the bats before rearing season, it is best to leave them in their roost until the end of July. However, you can still ask a Wildlife Control Agent to seal off entryways that lead into the living space of your home to minimize the chance of human interaction. If a bat does enter the living space, it's imperative to determine if human exposure occurred. If someone did come in contact with the bat, or might have done so, contact your county health department (704-694-5188) to get the animal tested for rabies.

Bats return to the same roost each spring, so it's important to maintain your home after evicting them. You can provide alternative roosting space by installing bat boxes 12 to 20 feet high in a place with at least seven hours of direct sunlight in the summer. For tips on building, buying or installing bat boxes, visit batcon.org/about-bats/bat-houses.

If you have questions about interactions with bats, contact the Commission's NC Wildlife Helpline, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., at 866-318-2401 or email anytime at HWI@ncwildlife.org.



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