

Homes of Hope Spring Bazaar is Saturday

A quick reminder for the community: the Anson County Homes of Hope Spring Bazaar & Craft Show will be held this Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro.

The event will feature local vendors, handmade crafts, food trucks and a family-friendly atmosphere, offering something for everyone to enjoy.

Organizers encourage residents to stop by, support local businesses and take part in a day of shopping and community connection, all while supporting the mission of Anson County Homes of Hope.



Free Narcan Vending Machine Now Available in Anson County

Anson County residents now have access to a new, potentially life-saving resource - a free Narcan vending machine designed to help combat the ongoing opioid crisis and provide critical harm-reduction tools to the community.

The machine is located outside an office beside Feed My Lambs at 2290 U.S. Highway 74 West in Wadesboro and is available to the public at no cost. Inside, individuals can access Narcan, fentanyl test strips and medication destroyers — all aimed at preventing overdoses and promoting safer practices.

The effort is part of a broader push to expand access to overdose prevention resources in Anson County, where officials say the need is significant. According to local data, overdose rates in the county are among the highest in North Carolina, highlighting the importance of making tools like Narcan widely available.

The vending machine was made possible through a partnership involving Carolinas CARE Partnership and local organizations working to improve public health and safety. The initiative is part of the Rx ACE program, which focuses on substance misuse prevention, education and harm reduction.

Community response has already underscored the importance of the effort. In a similar rollout, supplies were quickly depleted within the first week, demonstrating both awareness and demand for these resources.

In addition to the vending machine, local groups continue to provide overdose prevention education, distribute Narcan throughout the community and connect individuals with recovery and support services.

Organizers say the goal is simple: remove barriers and make it as easy as possible for people to access tools that can save lives. With the addition of the Narcan vending machine, Anson County is taking another step toward addressing substance misuse and supporting those in need - one free, accessible resource at a time.

Yard Sale Fundraiser Set for May 2 at Burnsville Fire Department

The Burnsville Auxiliary will host a community yard sale fundraiser this Saturday, May 2, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon at the Burnsville Fire Department in Burnsville. Shoppers can expect a wide variety of items, including clothes, household goods and baked treats, with “plenty of goodies” available throughout the morning.

The annual yard sale serves as an important fundraiser for the Auxiliary’s outreach efforts. Proceeds are used to purchase supplies for nursing homes in Wadesboro, provide back-to-school items for students at Ansonville Elementary School, and buy Christmas gifts for eight children at the school.

Organizers say the event offers a chance for the community to find a few bargains while helping support local families and residents in need.

The address for the Burnsville Fire Department is 13380 Highway 742 North, Polkton NC.

SPCC to Launch Community Health Worker Certification Program

South Piedmont Community College is expanding its workforce training offerings with a new Community Health Worker certification program, aimed at preparing individuals for vital roles in today’s healthcare system.

The fully online program includes 144 hours of instruction over 10 weeks and is designed for those interested in helping patients better understand their health and navigate often complex medical systems.

“These are in-demand positions,” said Human Services Technology Program Lead Fedder Williams. “Community health workers help patients understand their conditions, connect to resources, and navigate the healthcare system.”

Community health workers serve as a bridge between healthcare providers and the community, offering education, outreach and support that can improve access to care and overall health outcomes.

Graduates of the program may find opportunities in hospitals, clinics, public health departments, nonprofits and social service agencies — all areas where demand for trained professionals continues to grow.

The program is scheduled to begin in May and is open to individuals who have earned at least a high school diploma. The cost is \$180, making it an accessible option for those looking to enter the healthcare field or expand their skill set.

For info or to enroll, visit www.spcc-register.fundfive.com or contact f-williams@spcc.edu.

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Church **MAY 2** Fish Fry

Hosted by New Grove Missionary Baptist Church in the parking lot of New Parkers Grove MBC parking lot, located at 304 Salisbury St in Wadesboro. 11am until the food is gone!

Collard Green Fundraiser By Rocky Mount AME Zion Church at the Ansonville Community Yard Sale, 11am-3pm. Collard green sandwiches, fish & more!

MAY 3
Appreciation Service For Min. Mary Wright, 3pm at Rose of Sharon FCOG in Ansonville with Pastor Jimmy Chambers of Highway to Heaven in Monroe.

MAY 10
Women’s Day Program

At Greater St. Mark Church of Deliverance, 11:30am with National Mother Elder Mahalia Williams. All are asked to represent with an offering of \$25.

Mother’s Day Celebration At Henry Grove Baptist Church, 11am with Rev. Peggy McManus of Galilee AME Zion Church in McFarlan. Everyone is invited.

MAY 17
Family & Friends Day At Red Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 11am with Co-Pastor Hall of Flakes Chapel MBC.

MAY 30
Rainbow Tea
At New Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 3pm.

JUNE 24 - 26
Vacation Bible School
At New Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 6-8pm nightly
ONGOING

Community Bible Study Monday nights 6-7pm at Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1574 W. Wall St. in Lilesville. Everyone is invited.

Service Schedule At Abundance Grace Ministry of Morven. Sunday School 10am, praise & worship 11am. Discipleship class Thur at 6:30pm. All are welcome

Bible Study Every Wednesday 6pm at New Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Events **MAY 5** Board of Commissioners Meet

6pm in the Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. There are two regular monthly meetings, with the second May meeting on May 19 at 6pm. Meetings are available online at youtube.com, search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201.

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ONGOING EVENTS

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

Free Food Distribution at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-4pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820.

Morven Cemetery Meeting Planned May 11

Annual gathering invites members to tend to business above ground

The annual membership meeting for Morven Cemetery, Inc. will be held on Monday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Morven Baptist Church, 401 East Main Street in Morven.

Organizers note that while the cemetery’s permanent residents are famously low-maintenance and unlikely to object to the agenda, the living members are encouraged to attend, stay informed and help keep things running smoothly.

Attendance is encouraged for all members who want to help keep the grounds well cared for - because even the most peaceful places still require a little upkeep now and then.

Chair Exercise Classes at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting chair exercise classes every Thursday. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in the library’s Pritchett Room. Everyone is welcome.



**UNAUTHORIZED
HYDRANT USE**

The use of Anson County Water Department fire hydrants for obtaining water for agricultural or any other purpose without written consent of the Anson County Water Department is a violation of state and federal law.

Hydrants are for use by written-permitted users, water company or fire department personnel only.

The Anson County Water Department will take legal action against any individual or business that unlawfully obtains water from the Anson County water system.

PLEASE REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Anson County Sheriff’s Office 704-694-4188, or the
- Anson County Water Department 704-694-5208

Hydrant use permit information is available from the Anson County Water Department.

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