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Anson County Special Olympics Spring Games Were Held April 29

Dozens of Special Olympians competed in the Anson County Spring Games on Tuesday, April 29, hosted by Anson High School. Opening ceremonies began at 9:00 a.m. In addition to staff, volunteers, parents and spectators, an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation was especially created by the Sheriff Office for Special Olympians (SOSO) who provided bubbles, music, and lots of applause as the announced school/athletes and student buddies approached the Football Field Track. SOSO served as field activities' volunteers, purchased activity games and field signs, and provided funding for athlete transportation, t-shirts, lunches, and awards. They made available to each athlete a well-packed themed beach bag. Thank you SOSO!

Highlights of the outlined program were the recognition of eight graduating athletes: Destinie Baldwin, Tanasia Barbour, Coleman Burr, Quashawn Byrd, DaMarian Edgeston, Travon Edgeston, Keivon Pemberton, and Dashawn Rorie. Together they recited the Athlete's Oath and ended the traditional Torch Run.

The athletes were awarded placement ribbons after their area of competition in Track and Field Events. Spring Games ended with an awards ceremony. A medal of recognition was presented to each athlete. New this year were various non-competitive motor activities: corn hole, soccer skills, spoon and egg, and bubbles. The cheerleaders and athletes enjoyed the interaction of face painting.

Special thanks to SOSO, Anson County Board of Education; Superintendent Dr. Brian Ratliff and District Office; Local Coordinator, Mrs. Sylvia Tillman, Announcer Mr. Steve James, Games Chairperson Mr. Kyle Davis, EC Administrator Mrs. Lynn Gardelle, Mr. David Seigler, Mrs. Tanya Hyatt, Mrs. Janice Bennett and EC Leadership Team and Related Services Providers; AHS Principal Mr. Chris Stinson, Staff, Band, Cheerleaders and JROTC, Program participants; County principals, teachers, coaches, parents, community volunteers, athletes, buddies, games event assistants; Ms. Mary K. Woods and School Nurses; Ms. Wendy Ricketts and Child Nutrition; Mr. Corey Ross and Transportation; Mr. Melvin Davis and Maintenance Staff; Anson EMS, Anson County Sheriff and Wadesboro Police Departments; Community Businesses and Agencies; The Express and the Anson Record newspapers. A special shout out to the "Fans in the Stands."

Publication submitted by Mrs. Sylvia Tillman, Local Coordinator.

Anson County Beekeepers Meet May 22

The Anson County Beekeepers will hold their regular bee meeting on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Anson County Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

The guest speaker will be retired NCSBA Bee Inspector, Piedmont Area, Nancy Ruppert. She will talk about "After Honey Pull Beekeeping."

There will also be 50-50 drawings to help and earn funds for the association. If you are able to bring some items for the drawings they will be greatly appreciated.

Not a member but would like to learn more about the local chapter and beekeeping educational programs? Do you need a beekeeper to re-home a visiting swarm? Visit the "Anson County Beekeepers Association" Facebook page for more information.

Discover North Carolina Agriculture at the 2025 Got to Be NC Festival this Weekend in Raleigh

The Got to Be NC Festival will take over the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh May 16-18 for three days of food products, tractors, rides, music, agricultural exhibits and fun for the whole family. The best of North Carolina food and agriculture will be celebrated across the fairgrounds. And admission is FREE!

- Located in the heart of the festival grounds is the Got to Be NC Agriculture Pavilion in the Agri Supply Expo Center. Join us in celebrating everything that makes N.C. agriculture unique, innovative and absolutely delicious.
- Antique tractors and farm equipment will be on display daily on the midway, and a colorful parade of tractors winds through the festival grounds daily at 1 p.m.
- If you're seeking a thrill, find rides, games and food on the Carnival Midway! Find ticket information at ncagr.gov/carnival.

Live music lineup:

- Friday, May 16 - Nicholas Vernon 1-3pm & Stray Volts 5-7pm
- Saturday, May 17 - Tre Charles 10am-12noon, Caitlin Krisco & the Broadcast 2-4pm, The Phoebes 6-8pm
- Sunday, May 18 - Dan Davis Trio 10am, The Clifton Brothers 12noon, Burdette Music Duo 2pm, Marcel Portilla Band 4-6pm

You can enjoy a full day of family fun without spending a dime at the Got to Be NC Festival. However, some of the events and activities cost money or require a special admission. They are:

- Carnival Rides and Games
- Independent Vendors & Exhibitors (Food & Merch)
- Got to Be NC Pavilion (NC food, wine & beer vendors)
- State Fair Flyer
- Annual Masonic Carolina Pig Jig

Endless opportunities for fun! Free, family friendly entertainment includes Boomer's Farm Truck, the Agri-Puppets Agritainment Show, the King BMX Stunt Show, Kenya Safari Acrobats and more.

Educational opportunities will include the N.C. Forest Service exhibit, SouthLand Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom, Germ City, Pig Patch Birthing Center & more.

Parking is free and located along Trinity Road.

Full Schedule of Events & Information at gottobenccfestival.com.

The address for the fairgrounds is: 4285 Trinity Road, Raleigh, NC 27607.

Chair Exercise Classes at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting chair exercise classes every Thursday in May. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room. Everyone is welcome. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.



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