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## School Board Meeting is June 11

Public invited to attend or tune in online

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its June regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 11. The meeting will be held in the Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel and property pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5).

Open Session to the public will begin at 9:30 a.m. If the public wishes to sign up for public comment, they can sign up in-person. A sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting begins for any individual or group to indicate their desire to address the board. Public comment will be held during the open session portion of the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Anson County Schools' YouTube channel for the public to view. To find the channel search YouTube for "Anson County Schools."

## HOLLA! Back Fashion Show Coming

Fashion, food, entertainment and local vendors featured in community celebration

Anson County will take center stage on Sunday, August 30, as the HOLLA! Back Fashion Show brings an evening of style, entertainment and community spirit to Morven.

The event will be held at 6 p.m. at the Holla Amphitheater & Tennis Complex, located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. Hosted by Leon Gatewood, the show promises an exciting blend of fashion, culture and local talent.

Organizers describe the event as a celebration of confidence, creativity and community connections. Guests will enjoy runway fashion presentations along with live entertainment, food and opportunities to support local businesses and vendors.

In addition to the fashion show itself, attendees can browse vendor booths, enjoy food and drinks, and experience live music and performances throughout the evening.

Early bird and general admission tickets are available. Organizers encourage community members to purchase tickets in advance and make plans to attend what is expected to be a lively and memorable event.

Event organizers say the evening will highlight fashion, culture and community while bringing people together for a night of entertainment and local pride.

## Firearms, Narcotics Recovered During Wadesboro Investigation

Traffic stop leads to arrest in Myrtlewood area

A traffic stop and investigation conducted by the Wadesboro Police Department on May 25 resulted in the recovery of multiple firearms, suspected narcotics and ammunition, according to Police Chief Michael Childers.

Officers were conducting an investigation in the Myrtlewood Housing area when they recovered a Taurus GX3 9mm handgun, a derringer handgun, an additional firearm, ammunition, magazines, holsters, suspected marijuana and a quantity of suspected cocaine.



Terry Crowder

As a result of the investigation, officers arrested Terry Crowder, 51, of Wadesboro. Police said officers also determined that Crowder was in possession of firearms while being a convicted felon.

Crowder was transported before a magistrate and was issued a no bond. She was subsequently placed in the Anson County Jail.

In a statement released following the arrest, the Wadesboro Police Department said it will continue taking an aggressive approach toward illegal firearms and narcotics within the community.

"The Wadesboro Police Department will continue taking an aggressive approach toward illegal guns and narcotics within our community," the release stated. "We remain committed to protecting the citizens of Wadesboro and removing dangerous individuals and illegal weapons from our streets."

The investigation remains part of the department's ongoing efforts to address illegal drug activity and firearms offenses within the town.

## Bowman Class of 1973 Reunion Planning Meeting Set for June 6

Members of the Bowman High School Class of 1973 are invited to attend a reunion planning meeting on this Saturday, June 6, as preparations continue for the upcoming reunion.

The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. at Myrtlewood Apartments in Wadesboro. Organizers encourage all classmates to attend and share ideas as plans are finalized for the reunion celebration.

The gathering will provide an opportunity for class members to reconnect, discuss event details and help ensure the upcoming reunion is a memorable occasion for everyone involved. All members of the Bowman Class of 1973 are welcome to attend.

## Queen Bee Rearing Workshop Planned June 13 In Lilesville

Local beekeepers - and anyone curious about the fascinating world inside a hive - are invited to attend a Queen Bee Rearing Workshop on Saturday, June 13 at Pee Dee Electric.

The workshop will focus on the process of raising queen bees, an important part of maintaining healthy and productive honeybee colonies. Experienced beekeepers are expected to share information and techniques related to queen development, hive management and bee health.

The event will take place at the Pee Dee Electric facility located at 9825 US-74 West in Lilesville.

For more information, please visit the Anson County Beekeepers Facebook page.



Rotary Club Scholarship recipients are pictured above, from left: Kyndall Gaddy, Trinity Sellers, Breanna Cox, Dylan Kiser, Dock Hyatt, Madalyn Carpenter, Brooklyn Mile, Elizabeth Stegall and Delaney Taylor.

## Wadesboro Rotary Club Honors Local Students at Scholarship Luncheon

Club recognizes academic achievement, leadership and service

The Wadesboro Rotary Club celebrated the accomplishments of local students during its annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held Thursday, May 14, at Twin Valley Golf Club.

Each year, the club invests in the future of the community by providing scholarships to deserving students as they pursue higher education. Guided by Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," the organization views educational support as one of the most meaningful ways to strengthen the next generation of leaders.

"These students represent the future of our communities, and we are honored to support them as they continue their educational journeys," said Ashley Scarborough, club president. "Their hard work, character and dedication are truly inspiring."

Scholarship recipients were recognized in the presence of family members, educators, Rotarians and community leaders. Students were congratulated for their academic achievements, leadership qualities and commitment to serving their communities.

The Wadesboro Rotary Club continues to promote academic excellence, leadership development and community involvement through its scholarship program and other educational initiatives.

## Grace Senior Center Announces June Activities

Full month of fitness, crafts and fun planned

Looking for a way to stay active, learn something new and spend time with friends? The Grace Senior Center has a full calendar of activities planned for June, offering local seniors plenty of opportunities for exercise, creativity, entertainment and social connection.

Whether participants enjoy crafting, dancing, games, books or simply good conversation, organizers say there is something for everyone. Many of the activities are designed not only to promote healthy living, but also to bring people together, strengthen friendships and keep seniors engaged in the community.

**ALL FREE...AND ALL FUN & INFORMATIVE!**

**June activities include:**

- Thur, June 4 – Book Club, 10 a.m.-noon; • Line Dancing, 3:30-4:30pm; • Afternoon Exercise Session, 1:30-2:30pm
- Friday, June 5 – Pickleball/Corn Hole, 1-2pm
- Monday, June 8 – Button Art Workshop, 1-3pm
- Tuesday, June 9 – Afternoon exercise session, 1-2pm
- Wednesday, June 10 – Claris Companion Tablet Workshop, 1-2pm
- Thur, June 11 – Exercise session, 10-11am; • Jewelry Making Workshop, 1:30-2:30pm; • Line Dancing, 3:30-4:30pm
- Friday, June 12 – Watercolor Workshop, 1-2pm
- Monday, June 15 – Summertime Safety Program presented by the American Red Cross, 1-2pm
- Wednesday, June 17 – Walking Exercise, 1-2pm
- Thursday, June 18 – Afternoon exercise session, 1:30-2:30pm; • Cupcake Flowers Workshop, 1:30-2:30pm;
- Thursday, June 18 – Line Dancing, 3:30-4:30pm
- Friday, June 19 – Center closed in observance of Juneteenth.
- Monday, June 22 – Bingo, 1-2pm
- Tuesday, June 23 – Exercise session, 10-11am;
- Tuesday, June 23 – afternoon exercise session, 1:30-2:30pm
- Wednesday, June 24 – Claris Companion Tablet Workshop, 1-2pm
- Thursday, June 25 – Afternoon exercise session, 1:30-2:30pm; • Summertime Karaoke, 1:30-2:30pm;
- Thursday, June 25 – Line Dancing, 3:30-4:30pm
- Friday, June 26 – Finger Painting Workshop, 1-3 p.m.

From dancing and games to arts, crafts and educational programs, the Grace Senior Center continues to offer a welcoming place where local seniors can stay active, make new friends and enjoy fellowship throughout the month. For more information, contact the Anson County Council on Aging.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA on the left. The telephone number is 704-694-6616.

## NCDHHS Urges Residents to "Fight the Bite" as Tick and Mosquito Season Returns

As warmer weather settles across North Carolina, state health officials are reminding residents that sunshine and backyard cookouts also mean the return of mosquitoes, ticks and the itchy little troublemakers nobody invited.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is once again launching its annual "Fight the Bite" campaign to raise awareness about tick- and mosquito-borne diseases and encourage residents to take precautions while enjoying the outdoors.

According to NCDHHS, more than 1,000 cases of tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses were reported statewide in 2025.

"Ticks and mosquitoes are common across North Carolina, but the diseases they spread can be serious," said Emily Herring, NCDHHS public health veterinarian. "As the weather warms up and North Carolinians enjoy the outdoors more frequently, we encourage everyone to stay safe by wearing protective clothing, using EPA-approved repellents and always checking for ticks after spending time outside."

Health officials say the most common tick-borne diseases in North Carolina are spotted fever rickettsiosis, Lyme disease and ehrlichiosis. Symptoms can include fever, headaches, rashes and flu-like illness. Early treatment with antibiotics can help prevent serious complications.

Ticks are commonly found in wooded, grassy and brushy areas, making spring yardwork, hiking and even a quick trip to the mailbox feel a bit like a nature documentary.

**To reduce exposure to ticks, NCDHHS recommends:**

- Using EPA-approved repellents containing DEET or picaridin • Treating clothing with 0.5% permethrin
- Checking children and pets for ticks after spending time outdoors
- Keeping grass cut short and removing leaf litter around the home

Officials also warned residents about mosquito-borne illnesses, including West Nile virus, eastern equine encephalitis virus and La Crosse virus.

Most mosquito-borne illnesses reported in North Carolina involving malaria, dengue, chikungunya and Zika are linked to travel outside the continental United States, but health officials still encourage residents to avoid mosquito bites whenever possible.

**To help reduce mosquitoes around the home, residents are encouraged to:**

- Empty standing water from buckets, birdbaths, flowerpots and gutters at least once a week
- Repair window and door screens • Use insect repellent outdoors • Wear protective clothing when possible

Health officials also encourage travelers to check destination-specific health recommendations before leaving the country.

For more information about vector-borne diseases and prevention tips, visit: [epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/vector.html](http://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/vector.html). You can also check the "Fight the Bite" campaign information at [dph.ncdhhs.gov/programs/epidemiology/fight-bite](http://dph.ncdhhs.gov/programs/epidemiology/fight-bite).

## Candidate Filing Opens June 8 For Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors

Interested residents have an opportunity to help shape the future of conservation efforts in Anson County as candidate filing opens next week for Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor positions.

According to the Anson County Board of Elections, the filing period will begin at noon on Monday, June 8, and continue through 5 p.m. on Monday, July 6. Individuals wishing to become candidates must file a Notice of Candidacy with the Anson County Board of Elections during regular business hours.

Candidate filing will take place at the Anson County Board of Elections office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. A filing fee of \$5 is required and may be paid by cash, check or money order.

Candidates whose filings are accepted will appear on the ballot for the General Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 3.

For more information, contact the Board of Elections at 704-994-3223 or email [nhelms@ansoncountync.gov](mailto:nhelms@ansoncountync.gov).