

# June Arrives with Weddings, Sunshine and a Strawberry Moon

June has long been associated with weddings, warm weather and the beginning of summer, but the month also carries a rich history dating back to ancient Rome.

Many historians believe June was named for Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage and childbirth. As the protector of women and families, Juno was considered one of the most important deities in Roman mythology. She was also regarded as a guardian of the state and a counselor during times of danger. Another theory suggests the month's name comes from the Latin word juvenis, meaning "young people," who were celebrated during this time of year.

June remains one of the most popular months for weddings, a tradition many associate with Juno's connection to marriage. The month also features several notable observances and events:

- June 5 - World Environment Day, a global effort to promote environmental awareness and encourage positive action for the planet.
- June 14 - Flag Day in the United States, commemorating the adoption of the American flag in 1777.
- June 19 - Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, marking the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Texas learned they had been freed under the Emancipation Proclamation.
- June 21 - The summer solstice, the official beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the longest day of the year in terms of daylight.
- June 21 - Father's Day, a time to honor fathers and father figures.
- June 24 - Midsummer Day, also known as St. John the Baptist's Feast Day, traditionally marking the midpoint of the growing season.

A full Strawberry Moon will light the night sky later in the month. Named for the season when strawberries were harvested by many Native American tribes, the full moon reaches peak illumination on June 29.

June's birth flowers are the rose and the honeysuckle. Roses have long symbolized love and affection, though different colors carry different meanings. White roses often represent new beginnings, while yellow roses have traditionally been associated with jealousy. Honeysuckle symbolizes devoted affection and the strong bonds of love.

Whether celebrated through weddings, family gatherings, summer vacations or simply enjoying longer days, June offers plenty of reasons to welcome the season.

## Anson Crisis Ministries Needs Food. Can You Help?

**Donations as small as a few cans of food help...it all adds up to fewer hungry families**

The Anson Crisis Ministry, located at 117 North Rutherford Street in Wadesboro, needs your help. They desperately need food items and even monetary donations to help make ends meet for the more than 300 local families who come for food assistance each week.

**Many of the families served by the Crisis Ministries include small children who don't understand why they are hungry but don't have anything to eat - as well as elderly citizens who are in need and often hungry during what should be their golden years.**

Families receiving food assistance are asked to limit their visits to two times per month. But, if an extra need arises, the Crisis Ministries will provide for an additional visit. Margot Barnes, the Crisis Ministries Director said, "We don't want anyone to be hungry."

With the rising cost of living, more and more people need assistance - but food pantries are struggling due to recent enormous budget cuts, and are left to figure out how to make their supply meet their demand.

Additionally, those community members who would typically make donations are also left with higher costs of living, and thus tend to make fewer contributions than they normally would. It's a vicious cycle and there's no end in sight.

**If you can help**, please take your donations to Anson Crisis Ministry between 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Drive to the back of the building and pull over to the left. Any amount of non-perishable food helps tremendously - 3 or 4 cans...or a whole pickup load! A volunteer will come assist you.

If you have questions call 704-694-2445. And thank you in advance for helping to fight hunger.

## Displaying the American Flag Properly Shows Respect for a National Symbol

**Flag Day is June 14**

The American flag is one of the nation's most recognizable symbols, and the U.S. Flag Code provides guidance on how it should be displayed in a variety of settings.

While the guidelines are voluntary, they help ensure that the Stars and Stripes is presented with dignity and respect. Many of the recommendations address common situations encountered by schools, churches, businesses, civic groups and homeowners.

- One of the most important rules concerns the flag's union - the blue field containing the stars. When the flag is displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, window or door, the union should always be positioned to the observer's left.

- When carried in a parade or procession alongside other flags, the American flag should occupy the position of honor. It should be carried to its own right of other flags or, when displayed in a line, slightly ahead of the center of the group.
- Flags mounted on buildings should be displayed with the union at the peak of the staff. When the flag is suspended rather than flown from a pole, it should hang flat and freely so that it can be viewed properly.

- Special guidelines also apply when the flag is displayed over a street. In an east-west street, the union should point north. In a north-south street, the union should point east.
- In auditoriums, meeting halls and churches, the American flag should be placed in the position of honor. When displayed on a platform, it should be above and behind the speaker. If displayed from a staff, it should stand at the speaker's right as he or she faces the audience.

- The Flag Code also addresses one of the most solemn uses of the American flag. When used to cover a casket, the union should be positioned at the head of the casket and over the left shoulder of the deceased.

These traditions have been passed down for generations and serve as reminders of the respect Americans have long shown for their national flag. Whether displayed at a public ceremony, community event or family gathering, proper presentation helps preserve the honor and meaning of the Stars and Stripes.

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**Church Women's Conference** At Lighthouse Ministries, 433 Whispering Pines Rd, Wadesboro, Themed "Go the Distance with God...All In." 10am each morning with Evangelist Becky Nance & Pastor Betty Wilson. Everyone is welcome. Info Pastor Gornie Williams 704-694-8198.

**Crusade** Conducted by Evangelistic Outreach Center at the Morven Ball Park, 6415 Robinson Bridge Rd, Morven. Mon-Prophet Jashawn Washington, Tue-Min. Malachi Tompson, Wed-Min. Chena Ingram Jackson, Thu-Prophet Desean Sibley, Fri-Min. Aaron Wesley, all at 7pm.

**Bible & Health Summer Camp** Hosted by Pathway to Peace Ministries, 9am-1pm for ages 5-14. Bible lessons, health classes, activities, rewards, food & more. Held at Community Building at corner of Sikes Ave & Stahl St, across from First Baptist Church, Sikes Ave in Wadesboro.

**Free Fish or Hot Dog Plates** to the community. "Fish & Loave" event at Rocky Mount AME Zion Church in Ansonville, 12-3pm.

**Men's Conference** Hosted by Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries at 3760 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 11am-1:30pm. Theme: "Enough Talk About It, Let's Be About It!!" With Pastor Broce Sowell & Pastor Louis Blakney.

**Vacation Bible School** At Freedom Baptist Church, 5964 Hwy 218, Peachland, 6-8:30pm each evening. The community is invited.

**Father's Day Service** At Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries Fellowship Hall, 3760 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 11:15am with Rev. Curtis Long.

**Holy Convocation** At Victory Temple Miracle Center, 1685 Morgan Sellers Rd, Wadesboro. Nightly 7:30pm. Also a musical service Sun at 3:30pm. Public is invited.

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**Board of Commissioners Meet** 6pm in the Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. Meetings are available online at [youtube.com](http://youtube.com), search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201.

**Senior Box Program** at Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820.

**Hampton B. Allen Library to Host Bluegrass Jam Session June 11**  
Musicians, singers and listeners invited for an evening of toe-tapping fun

If you've ever wondered how many notes can be squeezed out of a banjo - or how fast a musician can move their fingers without creating a small breeze - the Hampton B. Allen Library has just the event for you. The library will host its next Bluegrass Music Acoustic Set on Thursday, June 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater.

The informal gathering welcomes musicians, singers and spectators of all ages and skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned picker, a first-time strummer or someone who simply enjoys listening to songs about trains, mountains and the occasional broken heart, organizers say there's a place for everyone.

Participants are encouraged to bring their instruments and join in the fun. Spectators are equally welcome to sit back, relax and enjoy an evening of live acoustic music performed by local talent.

All age groups are invited to attend. Children age 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The event is free and open to the public. Organizers promise a friendly atmosphere, plenty of music and perhaps enough banjo picking to send a few toes tapping before the evening is over.

For more information, call the Library at 704-694-5177.

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### PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

#### Official Notice of Town of Ansonville's Proposed Budget for FY2026-2027

The Town of Ansonville's town council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 on June 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**Location: Town of Ansonville Fire Department**  
9145 US Highway 52, Ansonville, NC 28007

A copy will be available for public inspection. Citizens are encouraged to attend and make oral or written comments.

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