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## GRADUATION SPECIAL EDITION...CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE ANSON COUNTY GRADUATES



### School Board Meeting is June 27

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 27. 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 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pursuant to NCGS 143-318-11(a)(3), NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5) and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6). Open Session to the public will begin at 11:00 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 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be live streamed on the Anson County Schools' YouTube channel for the public to view. To find the channel you can search YouTube for "Anson County Schools."

### Law Enforcement Efforts to Reduce Impaired Boating During July 4th

**Operation Dry Water aims to prevent alcohol and drug-related boating incidents**

In efforts to ensure a safer July 4 holiday experience on the water, wildlife law enforcement officers with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) will participate in Operation Dry Water, a national campaign being observed July 4-6, developed through the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA). The focus of the campaign is to heighten enforcement and awareness about the dangers of boating while impaired. Wildlife officers will be increasing water patrols, providing boaters with information on the dangers of impaired boating and enforcing state laws. "This is one of the busiest weekends for boaters every year. The presence of law enforcement officers in North Carolina is a key factor in preventing incidents from occurring or escalating," said Lt. Forrest Orr, of the NCWRC's Law Enforcement Division. "The Operation Dry Water campaign is an effective resource in providing safer boating opportunities, keeping boating safety at the forefront of holiday activities."

It is unlawful to operate a recreational vessel with an alcohol concentration of .08 or higher, or while being appreciably impaired by alcohol, drugs or other impairing substances. During last year's campaign, NCWRC wildlife law enforcement officers deployed 159 officers and removed 40 people from the water who were boating while impaired. Officials also stress the importance of other boating safety practices while on the water. So far this year, 37 boating incidents have occurred in North Carolina; seven were fatal. Wildlife law enforcement officers urge boaters to boat responsibly. Last year in North Carolina, boating incidents resulted in 19 fatalities. Of those, 17 were not wearing a life jacket. Additional support for Operation Dry Water and The Governor's Highway Safety Program's Operation Firecracker Booze It & Lose It campaign includes North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement and the North Carolina Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch. Read more information about Operation Dry Water and visit NCWRC's boating safety campaigns webpage at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) boating safety.

### Library Tour of Coble's Landing

The Hampton B. Allen Library invites you to join them as they tour Coble's Landing with owner Rex Coble, Jr. This will be on the library's Facebook and Youtube page on Monday, June 24 at 11 a.m. Experience nature the natural way is Rex's motto for this exciting outdoor family adventure facility. This is part of the library's summer programming for adults. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

### Anson Democrat Party Meets June 20

There will be a Democrat Party meeting at the Hampton B Library on Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m. All democrats are invited to attend. For additional information please call 704-690-8494.

### Congratulations to the 2024 Anson County Early College Honor Graduates

The 2024 Anson County Early College Honor Graduates were honored at the graduation ceremony held on May 29. **The ACEC Honor Grads are pictured above:** Alysa Liles, Abigail Wilson, Allison Honeycutt, Amirra Flowers, A'Mya Teal, Brittany Phifer, Caleb Laney, Charity Harris, Claire Davis, Corinne Drake, Destry Horne, Elizabeth Bustard, Elizabeth Jones, Gabriel Clements, Huntley Bowers, Ishan Simms, Jayden Lindsey, Jasime Polk, Jusasha Hall, Lauren Dutton, Katrina Cruz, Lawson Woods, Leah McLaurin, Morgan Burr, Nevaeh Sturdivant, Payton Buckingham, Reagan Thomas, Rowdy Railton, Siyanna Webster, Susan Harrington, Sydney Storz and Tyler Nguyen.



### Congratulations to the 2024 Anson High School Honor Graduates

The 2024 Anson High School Honor Graduates were honored at the graduation ceremony held on May 29. **The AHS Honor Grads are pictured above:** Caroline Austin, Mattie Brown, Janeth Castrejón-Mercado, Summer Hardison, Luke Hyatt, Katie Little, Gage Lookabill, Zariah Massey, Zharia McCrorey, Mandy Meachum, Nyasia Melton, River Pearson, Bethany Smith, Dakota Sturdivant, Jourdan Tupper, Jackie Vang, Andrew Wegner, Jamaya Wright, Iden Yang and Kohlub Yang.

### Operation Fan Heat Relief Program 2024

The Anson County Council on Aging / Grace Senior Center has been awarded a grant this summer from Progress Energy called Operation Fan Heat Relief (OFHR). Fans are purchased through this wonderful grant for the summer. The summer program is intended to provide a more comfortable living environment and reduce heat related illnesses. **The Applicant Eligibility Criteria Are:**

1. Must reside in Anson County
2. Must be an adult: 60 years of age or older or with a disability
3. Must have a home situation where a threat to health and well-being exists

**Funds Will Not Be Used For:**

1. Direct cash assistance
2. Payment of utility bills

If you meet the requirements and need a fan please call Wanda Talbert, Elderly Services Director (704) 694-6616.

### Anson County Farmers Market to Hold "Summer Night Markets"

The Anson County Farmers Market invites you to their new summer events called Summer Night Markets. The events will be held on these Saturdays: June 22; July 20; and August 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. Come out for shopping, food and entertainment. Bring your family and friends and join in the fun! The Farmers Market is located at 1736 Hwy. 52 South in Wadesboro, beside Cobb Vantress. For more information on these events contact Leslie Lee at 704-695-4415 or [ansonfarmersmarket@yahoo.com](mailto:ansonfarmersmarket@yahoo.com). The Farmers Market is also open every Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through September 28, with fresh and local produce, meats, eggs, baked goods, crafts...and much more! Come check it out.

### Highway 218 Roundabout Construction Started this Week

N.C. Department of Transportation contract crews have started building a roundabout at the intersection of N.C. 218 and Sikes Mill Road, thanks to a \$1 million contract awarded earlier this year. Roundabouts improve safety for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. They also help reduce the congestion and backups more typical at traditional intersections with stop signs and traffic signals. The intersection closed to traffic on Tuesday, June 18 and is anticipated to open by Aug. 21. Vegetation establishment and landscaping can continue into next winter. Drivers on N.C. 218 will detour along Old Ferry Road and Brief Road, returning to N.C. 218. Drivers on Sikes Mill Road will detour on AGR Nance Road, Carriker Road and Brief Road, returning to Sikes Mill Road. NCDOT has produced a video showing how roundabouts work and improve overall safety. It's on YouTube, search "Roundabouts in North Carolina." For real-time travel information, visit [DriveNC.gov](http://DriveNC.gov) or follow NCDOT on social media.