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Board of Elections to Consider Early Voting Plan

July 14 meeting also includes voter registration update, election preparations

The Anson County Board of Elections will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Board of Elections office, 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

Following the opening of the meeting and approval of previous meeting minutes, the board will accept written public comments. Individuals wishing to comment may email their remarks to boe@ansoncountync.gov or complete a written comment form available at the meeting. No verbal public comments will be accepted.

Among the items on the agenda, board members will revisit the county's Early Voting Plan during new business. Staff reports will include updates on voter registration, the Soil and Water Conservation contest, the 2026 General Election candidate list, Election Day precincts, poll worker recruitment, the approved fiscal year 2027 budget, the deputy director position, and public notices for July.

The board is also scheduled to enter closed session to discuss personnel matters before returning for board member remarks and adjournment.

Busy July Election Calendar

Board of Elections releases upcoming deadlines and events

The Anson County Board of Elections has released its July 2026 public notices calendar, highlighting filing deadlines, campaign finance reporting dates and other important election-related events for candidates and voters. The following dates are included in the July schedule:

• July 1 - Deadline to withdraw a Notice of Candidacy for Soil and Water Conservation Districts and receive a refund.

• July 3 - Board of Elections office closed for the Independence Day holiday.

• July 6, 8:00 a.m. - Candidate filing begins for municipalities elections

• July 6, 5:00 p.m. - Candidate filing ends for the Soil and Water Conservation contest.

• July 10 - Second Quarter Campaign Finance Reports due for state and county candidates on the 2026 ballot, party committees and PACs.

• July 14, 5:30 p.m. — Regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Elections

• July 17, 12:00 noon - Candidate filing ends for municipalities elections.

• July 20, 5:00 p.m. - Deadline to challenge a candidate's Notice of Candidacy for Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

• July 21, 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for statewide write-in candidates to submit petition signature sheets containing 500 signatures to the County Board of Elections.

• July 24 - Deadline to submit Early Voting Plans for the General Election.

• July 31, 5:00 p.m. - Deadline to challenge a candidate's Notice of Candidacy for municipal contests.

• July 31 - Mid-Year Semiannual Campaign Finance Reports due for state and county candidates not on the 2026 ballot.

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Sat, July 4th

Mon, July 6

Candidate Filing for Soil And Water Conservation District Supervisors Ends July 6

Interested residents have an opportunity to help shape the future of conservation efforts in Anson County by filing as a candidate for Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor positions. The filing period continues 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, 2026.

For additional information, contact the Anson County Board of Elections at 704-994-3223 or email nhelms@ansoncountync.gov.

NC Watermelon Festival Returns July 29 Through August 1

4 days of music, food, rides and family fun planned in historic Murfreesboro

The 41st Annual North Carolina Watermelon Festival will bring four days of entertainment, food, carnival rides and small-town hospitality to historic Murfreesboro from Wednesday, July 29, through Saturday, August 1.

Located about 185 miles northeast of Wadesboro, the annual festival is one of eastern North Carolina's premier summer celebrations. Visitors can enjoy live music, arts and crafts, a festival marketplace, delicious food, amusement rides, contests, a parade and a spectacular fireworks show.

This year's featured entertainment includes Band of Oz on Wednesday, Travis Reigh Band on Thursday, Liquid Pleasure Band on Friday and The Pizazz Band featuring Kent Zimmerman on Saturday evening.

Saturday's activities begin with the Watermelon Fest 5K, followed by the popular parade through downtown Murfreesboro, opening ceremonies, children's contests, live entertainment, watermelon eating & seed-spitting contests, and evening fireworks display.

Admission is free on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, admission is free before 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m. admission is \$5 for adults ages 18 and older, while children are admitted free.

Festival organizers say visitors can once again expect the Southern hospitality that has made the event a favorite for more than four decades.

Vendor applications, a complete schedule of events and additional festival information are available at www.ncwatermelonfest.com.

For more information, call 252-398-7702.

YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT

BATTLE READY '26

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-7

"FOR THOUGH WE LIVE IN THE WORLD, WE DO NOT WAGE WAR AS THE WORLD DOES..."

AUGUST 2ND, 2026

GUEST SPEAKER: ADRIAN DESPRES

DINNER & YARD GAMES & HANGOUT

5:00 PM

DOORS OPEN

5:50 PM

EVENT

6:00-8:00 PM

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Harmony Community Church to Host Youth Worship Night

Battle Ready '26 event will feature worship, games, food and guest speaker

Harmony Community Church will host its "Battle Ready '26" Youth Worship Night on Sunday, Aug. 2, offering an evening of worship, fellowship and fun for area youth.

The event, based on 2 Corinthians 10:3-7, features guest speaker Adrian Despres, who will share a message encouraging young people to stand firm in their faith.

The evening begins with dinner, yard games and fellowship at 5 p.m. Doors for the worship service will open at 5:50 p.m., with the program scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m.

Organizers invite youth to "Wear your faith. Bring your squad."

The event is designed to provide an opportunity for young people to grow spiritually while enjoying food, games and fellowship with friends.

Battle Ready '26 will be held at Harmony Community Church, 1984 Pulpwood Yard Road in Peachland. Participants are encouraged to register in advance using the church's online registration form at forms.gle/BnWu9neiQ7gy4j55A or the QR code at right.

Madalyn Carpenter Earns \$5,000 Scholarship

Madalyn G. Carpenter of Wadesboro has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship from the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, the charitable giving partner of Perdue Farms.

Carpenter is one of 15 students selected this year from across the region to receive the scholarship, which is awarded to children of Perdue associates and independent contract farmers. Her mother, Nichole Carpenter, is a broiler producer at Four C Farms LLC. Recipients were chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community involvement.

A graduate of Anson High School, Carpenter earned an unweighted grade point average of 3.93. During high school, she served as vice president of the North Carolina Junior Angus Association and was an active member of FFA, the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Anson County Cattlemen's Association and Anson County 4-H.

This fall, Carpenter will attend North Carolina State University in Raleigh, where she plans to major in animal sciences.

Her long-term goal is to become a veterinarian specializing in large animals, particularly cattle.

"I am confident that becoming a veterinarian will not only allow me to come back and use my knowledge on our family's farm, but on other farms as well, helping make the agriculture industry stronger and healthier," Carpenter said.

The Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation awarded a total of \$75,000 in scholarships this year as part of Perdue Farms' Delivering Hope To Our Neighbors initiative, which supports education and strengthens communities where the company and its associates live and work.

