

State Fair Accepting Applications for 2026 Farm Family of the Day Program

Nominations open through August 21 to recognize North Carolina farmers

North Carolina farm families are invited to apply for a special opportunity to be recognized during the 2026 N.C. State Fair through the Farm Family of the Day program, sponsored by Tractor Supply Company.

The N.C. State Fair will recognize 11 farm families during this year's fair. Applications and nominations are being accepted now through Friday, August 21.

The program honors families who work hard to contribute to North Carolina's No. 1 industry while helping connect fair visitors with the people behind the state's agriculture.

"This is the sixth year we have honored farm families with the Farm Family of the Day program at the N.C. State Fair," said N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Helping people make the connection between farming and the food that they enjoy is one of our top missions at the N.C. State Fair each year."

Troxler said the program provides an opportunity to share the stories of farmers who work every day to produce the food, fiber and fuel needed across the state.

Families selected as Farm Family of the Day will be recognized throughout the fairgrounds on their assigned day. Each family will also receive an N.C. State Fair gift basket that includes fair tickets, ride passes and additional items from Tractor Supply Company and the N.C. State Fair.

Farm families may be selected through either an application or nomination process. Applications are available online at www.ncagr.gov/2026-farm-family-day-application-form/open, and nomination forms are available at www.ncagr.gov/2026-farm-family-day-nomination-form/open.

The 2026 N.C. State Fair will be held October 15-25 at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. The annual event features free entertainment, rides, games, thousands of animals, family activities, competitions, vendors and plenty of unique fair food.

For more information, visit www.ncstatefair.org.

Free Mobile Pharmacy Event Coming to Wadesboro Friday

Free over-the-counter medicines and health resources available to the public

Residents of Anson County and surrounding communities will have an opportunity to receive free over-the-counter medications and connect with healthcare resources during a Mobile Free Pharmacy event on Friday, July 31.

NC MedAssist, in partnership with Atrium Health, Grace Senior Services and the Partnership for Children, will host the event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Harvest Ministries, 1134 E. Caswell St. in Wadesboro.

The event is free and open to the public. Adults age 18 and older may receive over-the-counter medications while supplies last. No identification, proof of residency, income verification or registration is required.

Available items may include pain relievers, cold and cough medicines, allergy medications, digestive aids, vitamins, children's medicines and other health essentials, depending on availability.

In addition to distributing free medications, NC MedAssist representatives will be available to determine eligibility for the organization's Free Pharmacy Program, which provides prescription medications at no cost to uninsured North Carolina residents whose household income is at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

For more information about NC MedAssist and its programs, visit www.medassist.org.

South Piedmont Foundation Scholarship Applications Open for Fall Semester Until August 2

The South Piedmont Community College Foundation is accepting applications for its Fall 2026 Foundation Scholarships, with an application deadline of Sunday, August 2.

Funded through the generosity of South Piedmont Foundation donors, the scholarships are available to eligible curriculum and continuing education students to help them pursue their educational and career goals.

Students may apply online at the following websites:

- Curriculum students: spcc.awardspring.com
- Continuing Education students: spcc.awardspring.com/prospective/signin

As part of the application process, students will answer questions about themselves and their educational goals and upload a recent photograph. The information will be shared with scholarship donors to help them learn more about the students they are supporting.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized during the Foundation's Scholarship Recognition Luncheon on April 15, 2027. Recipients will have the opportunity to meet their scholarship donors and will receive a commemorative medallion to wear during commencement ceremonies.

Harmony Community Church 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 this Sunday, Aug. 2, offering an evening of worship, fellowship and fun for area youth.

The event is based on 2 Corinthians 10:3-7 and will feature 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.



Library to Offer Gmail Organization Class

The Hampton B. Allen Library will offer a free two-part computer class designed to help participants better organize and manage their Gmail accounts.

The class, titled Gmail Settings and Organization, will teach attendees how to use Gmail settings to customize account preferences, create rules and organize email for easier access. The sessions are designed for anyone who wants to improve their email skills and make managing messages more efficient.

The two-part class will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 11, and Tuesday, Aug. 25, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library in Wadesboro.

Registration is required and may be completed at the library's circulation desk or by using the QR code.

The Hampton B. Allen Library is part of the Sandhill Regional Library System. For more information, visit www.srls.info.



National Memorial Run to Honor Fallen Police K9 Blitz

Virtual event on National Police K9 Day remembers Wadesboro police dog

The sacrifice of K9 Blitz of the Wadesboro Police Department will be remembered this fall as part of a nationwide memorial event honoring police dogs that died in the line of duty.

K9s United, a national nonprofit organization that supports law enforcement canines and their handlers, will hold its seventh annual Fallen K9 Memorial Run on Tuesday, Sept. 1, in conjunction with National Police K9 Day. The virtual event honors the 23 police K9s across the United States that lost their lives in the line of duty during the past year, including K9 Blitz of Wadesboro.

Participants may choose a 9K run, a traditional 5K or a one-mile fun run. Because the event is virtual, runners and walkers can participate from anywhere in the country. Registration is open through Monday, Aug. 10, and includes a commemorative Fallen K9 Memorial Run T-shirt.

"Each of these K9s answered the call without hesitation and stood beside their handlers until their last breath," said Jay Nix, president of K9s United. "On National Police K9 Day, this run is our opportunity to honor their courage and sacrifice while ensuring their legacy lives on."

Founded to support working law enforcement canines, K9s United has assisted hundreds of agencies nationwide by providing specialized training, protective equipment and other resources for police K9 teams. The organization also provides memorial portraits for handlers who have lost their K9 partners in the line of duty and advocates for stronger legal protections for working police dogs.

Community members who wish to participate in the memorial run or learn more about K9s United can visit www.k9sunitd.org.

Chair Exercise Classes at the Library

Get moving... without ever having to argue with a treadmill.

The Hampton B. Allen Library invites everyone to its weekly Chair Exercise Class every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Pritchett Room.

The class offers a fun, low-impact way to improve flexibility, strength and balance. No fancy workout clothes are required, and the only running involved is if someone mentions free doughnuts afterward.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 704-694-5177.



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