

Anson County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours serves two purposes. The event allows the host to showcase its business, services, and facilities to the business community and it offers Chamber members the chance to meet one another and network in a casual relaxed atmosphere.

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**Family Fun is Brewing at the NC. Transportation Museum
with the Brew & Choo Craft Beer Festival on Saturday!**

The N.C. Transportation Museum is brewing up fun and good times in preparation for their annual family-friendly craft beer festival. Visitors are invited to come out and enjoy various games and activities while adults 21+ enjoy local and regional craft beers, from 11 different breweries, in the festival area set up in the Back Shop. The Brew & Choo Craft Beer Festival is on Saturday, August 10, from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. with most activities happening indoors.

Those who wish to purchase tickets will be able to choose between festival only admission and festival plus train ride options. Passengers on the train will be able to sample a selection of beers brewed specially for the event that will only be available for tasting onboard the train. The two specialty beers available exclusively on the train will be provided by New Sarum Brewery, a local brewery located in downtown Salisbury just a few miles from Spencer, NC. Individual snack boxes will be provided for each train passenger. Riders under 21 will be served Cheerwine, Salisbury's own cherry-flavored soft drink. Following the train ride, riders will then be able to keep their Brew & Choo souvenir beer tasting glass to take home with them to remember the evening. Train ride times are 4:30, 5:45, and 7 p.m., and seating is limited. Advanced purchase is encouraged to ensure you get a spot on this one-of-a-kind train ride.

Family-friendly activities will include a variety of lawn games and balloon twister. A selection of food trucks will be onsite offering up tasty grub that pairs perfectly with craft beer.

Event-goers will be rocking with special musical guests Gump Fiction: The Ultimate 90s Experience! They're a high-octane, nostalgia-fueled time-machine with one totally radical destination: the 1990s. Since 2012, the band has performed hundreds of shows across the world, performing for crowds of over 25,000. It's the perfect occasion to rock out to your favorite A-side tracks!

Ticket pricing starts at \$8 for festival admission only for adults 21+, and free festival admission for visitors under 21. Combination tickets that include the festival and the train ride are \$24 for ages 21+ (\$20 for those under 21) for table seating. Parties wishing to purchase seats together at the same table are encouraged to purchase under one ticket order to ensure being seated together. If a party does not purchase all tickets at a table, there is the possibility of another party purchasing the remaining tickets at the table. Ticket prices do not include taxes or fees. Attendees must show a valid photo ID in order to consume alcohol. No alcohol will be served to anyone who has not presented proper identification.

Brew & Choo is presented by the N.C. Transportation Museum Foundation, with all proceeds for the event benefiting the museum. For more information about the festival, a complete schedule of events and activities, and to purchase tickets, go to www.nctransportationmuseum.org/brew-and-choo or call the N.C. Transportation Museum at 704-636-2889.

About N.C. Transportation Museum The N.C. Transportation Museum is located at 1 Samuel Spencer Dr., Spencer, N.C. The mailing address is 411 Salisbury Ave., Spencer, N.C. 28159. The physical address is 1 Samuel Spencer Dr., Spencer, NC 28159. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, and closed Monday. Regular admission is \$4 to \$6 based on age and prices are doubled when a train ride is added. Admission and train ride prices may vary on special event days. For information about the site call (704) 636-2889. The N.C. Transportation Museum is part of the Division of State Historic Sites within the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



Century Farm Program Seeks to Recognize 100-Year-Old and Older Farms

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture's Century Farm Program is looking for farms that have been in continuous family ownership for 100 years or more to join the more than 2,000 farms in the program. The program exists to honor farms for their longstanding contributions to North Carolina's rich agricultural heritage. Every four years, the N.C. State Fair hosts a reunion to recognize Century Farm families. This year's reunion will be held on Monday, Oct. 21.

In Anson County these farms are recognized as 100 years old or older:

- James Winfree Cameron Heirs: James E. Cameron (1897)
- Borderline Farm: Kenneth Loren Griggs (1895) • Joe W. Huntley Jr. (1894) • Elizabeth I. Little Heirs (1769)
- Margaret Smith • Lavon Tyson (1844) • Watson & McRae Family Farm (1909)

"The Century Farm program was first held at the 1970 N.C. State Fair as part of the fair's Salute to Agriculture theme," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Our longtime farm families have been the backbone of North Carolina's No. 1 industry and I am looking forward to celebrating them this year."

"Being part of our Century Farm program is something to be very proud of, as it speaks to the hard work and dedication families invest in keeping their farmland," Troxler said. "I encourage anyone who is eligible to apply to this program, and I encourage all members to plan to attend this year's reunion."

There are 2,006 member farms in the program, with 97 of the state's 100 counties represented. "We'd love to have Century Farms in all 100 counties, so if you have a qualifying farm in your family or know of one in Dare, Graham and Swain counties, please fill out an application," Troxler said. Johnston County has the most Century Farm members at 84, Sampson County comes in second at 73 farms and Robeson County rounds out the top three at 70 farms in the program.

Century Farms represent a small fraction of the total 42,817 farms in North Carolina. The Buie Family is one of the most recent additions to the program. The farm is owned by 16 grandkids and great-grandkids of the late Sampson Buie of Robeson County, who purchased the land on the eve of the Great Depression in 1923. "My grandfather took pride in ownership of the land," said Debra Buie Decker. "The primary cash crop was tobacco and other crops sold were cotton, peanuts, soybeans, corn, cucumbers and pecans." The family still operates a small produce operation on the farm, managed by a great-grandson, Kevin Buie. Kevin is also an ag teacher at Fairmont High School in Robeson County.

"There would be tremendous joy and pride by my grandfather to know that we have maintained the farm he started long enough to be a Century Farm Family," said Decker. "The sign and certificate we received recognizing this milestone is important to our family and we look forward to our first Century Farm Reunion this fall."

The Century Farm Program is a free recognition program managed by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. To be eligible for the program, the farm must be in continuous ownership by your family for 100 years or more. Additionally, the Bicentennial Farm recognition program recognizes farms with 200 years or more of continuous family ownership.

Eligibility for both can be determined from an abstract of title or original records such as original deed or land patents. Other authentic land records may be acceptable in certain cases. Title to the property today must reside with a blood relative of the original owner, or a legally adopted child of the descendant. Continuous residence in the state or on the property is not required.

Apply at: ncagr.gov/divisions/public-affairs/public-affairs-century-farms. Applications are accepted continuously throughout the year. You can download and print an application to fill out or contact the NCDA&CS Public Affairs office at 919-707-3002 to have an application sent to you. Proof of land ownership must be submitted with the application. To be eligible to attend this year's Century Farm Reunion and be included in the Century Farm booklet, applications must be submitted by Monday, Aug. 12.

Blood Drive on August 16

This is a release from Burnsville R&L Center: Burnsville R&L Center & Burnsville Fire /Rescue Department will host the Community Quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive. Site: Burnsville Fire and Rescue. Address: 13380 NC-742 N. , Polkton, NC, 28135. Room Name: Activity Room. Date: Fri Aug 16, 2024. Time: 2:00: PM - 6:00: PM. Red Cross Blood Program Leader Name: Nicole Blair. BRLC Volunteers Blood Drive leaders – Carol Smith BRLC -Director & BRLC Volunteer Michelle Sarno and others -Phone Number: 704-607-7568.

Come donate blood at Burnsville Fire and Rescue. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the App Store, Google Play or text BLOODAPP to 90999. Schedule appointments, view your blood type and results of your mini-physical, and track your donations.

Thanks In Advance, Carol Smith -BRLC Director.

Funny, Random & Weird Holidays

- Aug 8 Thursday - Happiness Happens Day
- Aug 9 Friday - Book Lovers Day
- Aug 10 Saturday - Lazy Day
- Aug 11 Sunday - Son and Daughter Day
- Aug 12 Monday - Middle Child Day
- Aug 13 Tuesday - Left-Handers Day
- Aug 14 Wednesday - Creamsicle Day

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