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Come Donate Blood at Burnsville Fire and Rescue Dept.

This is a release from the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center:

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center and Burnsville Fire & Rescue Department are calling out to Anson County citizens. Please know that we definitely need your support for our quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, August 15. It will be held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Room at the Burnsville Fire & Rescue, located at 13380 Highway 742 North in Burnsville. (The address for GPS is 13380 NC-742 N., Polkton, NC, 28135.)

Each blood drive has been successful because of caring donors. As a community we can continue to help others through giving to help others.

The Red Cross Blood Program Coordinator is Michelle Sarno. The telephone number is 704-607-7568.

The need for blood is constant. Only volunteer donors can fulfill this 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.

BRLC Director Carol Smith said, "Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!"

Stride with Pride Shoe Drive is Back Again this Year!

Parents, please contact organizers with your needs.

Donors asked to help area students, donate by August 14.

This is a release from Patti Poulcott of Judy's Tax Service: We want the community to know Stride with Pride is now collecting new tennis shoes and money for the kids in Anson county. With students returning to school in August, these kids need shoes to wear.

This is our 15th annual season of collecting and distributing new tennis shoes to the underprivileged youth of all diversities in Anson County. Stride with Pride is being done in memory of the late Sheriff Landric Reid, co-founder of Stride with Pride along with Patti Poulcott. We will offer all sizes, male and female, from kindergarten to 12th grade. Please contact us as soon as possible so we can get the sizes right.

Message to parents Instead of having a large gathering to distribute the shoes as we have done in the past, we plan to give out the shoes door to door. With that in mind, we need to stress the **importance of parents contacting us as soon as possible** so that we can buy the shoe sizes that are needed. The quicker you can contact us, the quicker we can get the shoes to the kids.

As a reminder, we need you to either email or text Patti Poulcott with the shoe sizes (10-13 childrens and 1-12 youth/adult), ages, male or female shoe style, names of each child, along with your current address and contact phone number. That way we will have all the information to make the purchases and deliveries. If you do not contact us we will not know who needs new shoes.

We are collecting shoes and donations until August 14. Shoes will be handed out before the new school year starts.

• Patti Poulcott - Email: ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com or text: 704-694-8386

Message to donors We do this because we care about our kids here in our county, and hope that our donors will join with us and help us continue to help our youth. If you would like to make a donation please mail it to: Shaundasia T Smith Foundation, Stride with Pride Shoe Drive, c/o Judy's Tax Service, 102 S Rutherford Street, Wadesboro NC 28170.

We continue this charitable effort in memory of Sheriff Landric Reid.

If you have any questions please contact Patti Poulcott.

• Patti Poulcott - Email: ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com or text: 704-694-8386.

Patti Poulcott said, "We hope that you will consider joining us so that we can help our youth 'Stride With Pride' their way to success. Thank you to all the donors for your participation."

Library Author Event & Book Signing with Cedric Tillman

The Hampton B. Allen Library is set to host an engaging author event and book signing featuring Anson County native Cedric Tillman. Scheduled for Monday, August 18, at 10:30 a.m., the event will take place in the Pritchett room.

Cedric Tillman, a celebrated poet with two published books and numerous awards, will be present to meet attendees and discuss his work. The library warmly invites everyone to join this opportunity to connect with the author and enjoy a delightful program.

For further inquiries, interested individuals can contact the library at 704-694-5177.

Anson County Schools 2025-2026 School Calendar

First Day for Students: August 25, 2025

Last Day for Students: May 22, 2026

August 4-8: New Teacher Orientation
August 11: First Day for Teachers
August 11-15, 18: Optional Work Day/Non-Student Day
August 19-21: Required for Staff/Non-Student Day
August 19: Employee Convocation
August 21: Open House (all schools)
August 22: Optional Work Day/Non-Student Day
August 25: First Day for Students

School Calendar for the Next Two Weeks

The Express will feature the annual Inside Anson County Schools special edition next week. This edition is loaded with lots of important information for students, parents, teachers and other school staff.

The complete 2025-2026 school calendar will be published next week. In the meantime, here are important dates for everyone to be aware of before then.

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