

Anson Mobile Food Market is Thursday

The next Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on Thursday, August 21, starting at 10:00 a.m. The location is Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department, located at 13880 NC 742, Polkton.

Food will be given away, including fresh vegetables, fruit and bread (if available). There will be blood pressure and blood sugar checks, along with other healthy living topics and booths.

This free event offers citizens of Anson County six to eight different types of fresh produce monthly. This is a free initiative, so please come and get some produce.

Nothing is required for you to receive produce, just come.

The event is sponsored by the Anson County Extension and its partners.

This event is to assist in the scarcity of fresh, healthy food in the county. It will also serve as an educational event to offer education on the two targeted areas of the county health assessment which are tobacco use and hypertension. Agencies will be set up offering services and information in those two targeted areas.

Library to Show *La Dolce Villa*

The Hampton B. Allen Library will present the movie *La Dolce Villa* on Monday, August 25, at 10 a.m. in the library’s Pritchett Room.

The film, rated PG, is a romantic comedy suitable for all audiences. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy this free screening.

For information, call the library at 704-694-5177.

Hampton B. Allen Library to Host Bluegrass Acoustic Set

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host its Bluegrass music acoustic set on Thursday, Aug. 28, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the library’s Little Theater.

These sessions are open to musicians, singers, and spectators of all ages and skill levels. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Everyone is invited to bring their instruments, voices, or simply enjoy an evening of live bluegrass music.

For more information, call 704-694-5177.

North Carolinians Invited to Share Their Ideas at Statewide Economic Development Listening Sessions

Public sessions begin August 27 - registration now open

The North Carolina Department of Commerce is inviting residents across the state to help shape North Carolina’s economic future by participating in a series of public listening sessions starting August 27. These sessions will give North Carolinians a direct opportunity to share ideas, concerns, and priorities that will inform the state’s next Comprehensive Strategic Economic Development Plan.

Hosted in each of the state’s eight Prosperity Zones and one virtual format, the sessions will be facilitated by the University of North Carolina School of Government’s ncIMPACT Initiative. Feedback gathered will guide the Steering Committee — comprised of leaders from the public and private sectors — as it develops a collaborative, forward-looking plan to strengthen communities and grow the economy.

“North Carolina’s economic success is a product of strategic investments in our people, our places, and our partnerships, and these sessions will help us shape a plan that makes us more competitive and prosperous,” said North Carolina Commerce Secretary Lee Lilley, who also serves as chair of the steering committee. “We need the voices of people from around the state to help us build a plan that works for all regions of North Carolina.”

Residents, community members, and leaders from local, state, regional, and tribal governments, as well as community-based organizations, nonprofits, education, healthcare and the business industry are encouraged to attend. Online registration is free and available at commerce.nc.gov/StrategicPlan.

Listening Session Schedule:

- August 27 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Durham
- August 28 | 3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | Kernersville
- September 8 | 3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | Charlotte
- September 12 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Pembroke
- September 18 | 3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | Sylva
- September 19 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Lenoir
- September 23 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Edenton
- September 24 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Jacksonville
- September 30 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Virtual

The listening sessions will also be informed by a robust economic analysis conducted by the Commerce Department’s Labor and Economic Analysis Division (LEAD), providing a data-driven foundation for the plan’s priorities, goals, and recommendations.

“North Carolina’s economic future is best shaped by those who live and work in our communities every day,” said Anita Brown-Graham, director of the ncIMPACT Initiative at the UNC School of Government. “We want to hear their stories, ideas, and perspectives so the plan reflects the full range of opportunities and challenges across our state.”

North Carolina’s Comprehensive Strategic Economic Development Plan, required every four years under G.S. 143B-434.01, aligns partners and policies across government, industry, education, and communities to ensure that all North Carolinians — regardless of geography or background — have the opportunity to succeed.

Reflecting the state’s evolving workforce needs, regional assets, and priority industry clusters, the plan will be finalized and published in spring 2026 as the blueprint for statewide action and investment through 2030.

To register for a listening session or learn more about the planning process, visit commerce.nc.gov/StrategicPlan.

Applications open for the N.C. State Fair Farm Family of the Day Program

Do you know a farm family deserving of recognition? The N.C. State Fair is accepting applications for the Farm Family of the Day program, sponsored by Tractor Supply Company. Nominations and applications are being accepted through Sept. 5. If you are a proud N.C. farmer who works hard to contribute to our state’s No. 1 industry, and loves both farming and the N.C. State Fair, your family could be one of the 11 lucky ones selected to represent the industry at the fair.

The Farm Family of the Day program, sponsored by Tractor Supply Company, is returning for its fifth year to recognize and celebrate more of our state’s rich agricultural heritage and the farm families that are behind our \$111.1 billion agriculture and agribusiness industry. Families recognized as Farm Family of the Day honorees will receive an N.C. State Fair gift basket, including fair tickets to use on any day of their choice during the 2025 N.C. State Fair, ride passes and additional swag from both Tractor Supply Company and the N.C. State Fair.

Families will be chosen by both nomination and application forms. Applications can be found online at ncagr.gov/public-affairs/tractor-supply-farm-family-day-app or nomination forms can be found online at:

ncagr.gov/public-affairs/tractor-supply-farm-family-day-nomination-form/download?attachment.

“The State Fair’s earliest beginnings sought to elevate the understanding of new agricultural practices and technology. 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,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “Thanks to Tractor Supply Company, we can help tell the story of our farmers because they are out there every day working to grow the food, fiber and fuel that we need to survive.”

The 2025 N.C. State Fair will run Oct. 16-26 at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. The fair offers an experience unique to North Carolina for all who attend, and is an unparalleled value with free entertainment, thrilling rides and games, thousands of animals, endless family activities, competitions, vendors and creative deep-fried delights. For more information, visit www.ncstatefair.org.

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Church

AUGUST 17 - 21

Homecoming & Revival At Garriss Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Homecoming Sun with Rev. Dr. R.A. Lisenby at 11am followed by dinner. No afternoon service. Revival Mon - Thu with Rev. Frank Butler at 7pm nightly.

AUGUST 17 - 22

Revival Services At New Jerusalem FCOG in Morven. Sunday sermon by Bishop Arvestor Lindsey. Nightly services Mon-Fri with Rev. Vincent Tillman of Life Giving Church of God in Concord at 7:30pm.

AUGUST 24

Homecoming Service At Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville, 11am with Rev. Calvin Lee followed by lunch. No afternoon service.

SEPTEMBER 7 - 11

Revival

Harmony Community Church. Sun-9:30am morning service. Sun, Tue, Wed & Thur 6:30pm at Harmony, 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland. Mon-8pm in Batte Auditorium on Wingate University campus at 8pm. Info 704-272-7127.

SEPTEMBER 28

Family & Friends Day At Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries Fellowship Hall, 3760 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro. 3pm with Pastor Terry Little of West Deep Creek Baptist Church. Food, games & lots of fun for everyone!

OCTOBER 18

Fall Festival At Harmony Community Church, 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland, 5:30pm. **FREE EVENT!** Info 704-272-7127.

OCTOBER 25

50 Years of Pastoral Service Celebration For Dr. T.J. Horne at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro, 4-7pm with Pastor Diane Barrino & musical guests. Donated tickets are \$10, formal event attire is black & silver.

OCTOBER 26

15th Pastoral Anniversary At Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church for Pastor T.J. Horne at 11am with Rev. Eddie May, followed by dinner. Rev. LaGrant Maye at 3pm.

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AUGUST 25

NAACP Meeting They invite you to attend. 6:30pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church, located at 612 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro. They welcome everyone. For info: Sinic Marsh mrshs6@yahoo.com or 704-254-0630.

ONGOING EVENTS

Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 8am-1pm. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445.

Free Food Distribution At Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-4pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820.

Writers’ Club Meets Fourth Sunday each month at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, 3pm (except July & Dec). Open to public, new members of all ages invited. Info 704-694-5211 or sandybruney@gmail.com.

Lions Club Welcomes New Members The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joes Restaurant the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 6:30pm For more info or to purchase a broom please call Jim Chandler 910-571-1448.

Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Sign-ups Call the Farm Service Agency Office at 704-694-3516 ext. 2 to complete eligibility forms.

Compassionate Friends Meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.at 7pm, at the Training Room at First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. Bereaved parents, family and friends who have lost a child of any age are invited. Info 704-694-2425

Senior Box Program At Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820.

A Legacy of Love Fundraiser

This is a release from Charlie’s Angels: A Legacy of Love Fundraiser for something, an event sponsored by the Charlie’s Angels Nonprofit Organization, will be held on Saturday, September 27. Event host G-Man will present featured artists: The Mickens | Flossie Boyd-Johnson & Favor | The McDuffies | Evangelist Mary Brown & The Spiritual Singers | The Holy Voices | Divinity of K-Town | Flat Rock Gospel Choir | The Massey Singers.

Charlie’s Angels, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to fostering love, support, and a sense of community among individuals. We strive to empower the youth with knowledge and support, so they can become leaders of tomorrow. One of our key missions is to support local schools through back-to-school drives and other events. We also offer scholarships to high school students to help them achieve their academic goals. By giving back to the community, we hope to inspire others to join us in making a positive impact on society.

It all takes place at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and the show starts at 5:00 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$20, at the door is \$25. Vendor spots are available. Purchase tickets online or by calling: Lisa at 980-278-0527 or Latrice at 704-915-6946.

Cheraw Arts Commission Presents Chi-Town Transit Authority in September

The Cheraw Arts Commission presents Chi-Town Transit Authority – a Chicago tribute group – on Thursday, September 18 at the Theatre on the Green. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Cheraw Community Center, 200 Powe Street. Call the CAC for additional information at 843.537.8420 x12.

Chi-Town Transit Authority is a high-energy band of accomplished musicians dedicated to reproducing the Chicago concert experience. Founded in 2017, this 8-piece band features three main vocalists, a vibrant brass section, beautifully arranged harmonies, and driving rhythms brought together by an expert production team.

Chi-Town carefully recreates the best of Chicago’s songs from both studio and live versions. Hits like Saturday in the Park, If You Leave Me Now, Look Away, Old Days, Hard Habit to Break, Make Me Smile, and 25 or 6 to 4 get audiences dancing and singing. Chi-Town rocks the house.

Beat Atlanta Magazine calls Chi-Town the “best tribute band out there.” Based in Atlanta, Ga., Chi-Town performs at a wide range of venues, including performing arts theaters, casinos, festivals, and private events.

Cheraw Arts Commission Theatre Auditions

The Cheraw Arts Commission will hold open auditions for adults on Monday, August 25 for its upcoming production “Mystery at the Waving Cypress.” The mystery show will be presented November 13 and 14 at Cypress Music Hall – Side B.

The adult auditions will be held at the Theatre on the Green (200 Market Street) from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Laney Rogers is the director of this production. She has served as director for recent CAC Kid’s Theatre productions.

Adults who are interested in auditioning should contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843.537.8420 x12.