

September Brings a Full Calendar of Fun to Hampton B. Allen Library

Exercise, crafts, books, music, gardening, movies and even astronomy offer something for everyone

September is shaping up to be a busy month at the Hampton B. Allen Library, with enough activities to exercise your body, your brain, your green thumb and possibly your ability to keep up with your calendar. The library has announced a wide variety of adult programs ranging from weekly chair exercise and craft gatherings to live music, book clubs, gardening, a movie and an astronomy meeting. **September activities include:**

- **Chair Exercise** Every Thursday at 10 a.m. Participants can get moving without even giving up their chair.
- **Sit & Stitch Craft Group** Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your current project and enjoy some creative company.
- **Listen Together Book Club** Mondays, September 14, 21 and 28 at 5 p.m.
- **J-Drama Watch Party** Fridays in September at 5:30 p.m., featuring the Japanese drama Business Marriage.
- **Book Club** Thursday, September 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. The selection is Dear Bob and Sue by Matt and Karen Smith, chronicling one couple's journey through America's national parks.
- **Music Jam** Sunday, September 13 and Sunday, September 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Musicians and music lovers can enjoy an evening of tunes - and nobody has to worry about a streaming subscription.
- **Music with Quarter House** Monday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Garden Club Planning Day** Tuesday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Meet the Author** Monday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m., featuring author John Marek.
- **Garden Club Project Day** Saturday, September 26 at 9 a.m. It's an opportunity to put all that planning into action.
- **Free Movie Showing** Monday, September 28 at 10 a.m. The library will show "The Secret: Dare to Dream."
- **Astronomy Club Meeting** Tuesday, September 29 at 5:30 p.m. After a month of books, music, crafts and gardening, the library will finish things off by looking considerably farther away.

 The Hampton B. Allen Library is located at 120 South Greene Street in Wadesboro. For additional information about any of the programs, call 704-694-5177. The library can also be found on Facebook, and at www.srls.info.

Governor Stein Proclaims August 26 Women’s Equality Day

Observance marks 106 years since ratification of the 19th Amendment

Governor Josh Stein has proclaimed Wednesday, August 26, as Women’s Equality Day in North Carolina, commemorating the ratification of the 19th Amendment and recognizing continuing efforts to expand opportunities for women and families across the state. The 19th Amendment, which prohibited denying the right to vote on the basis of sex, was ratified in 1920. This year marks the 106th anniversary of that milestone. “Supporting women strengthens families, communities, and our entire state,” Stein said. “On Women’s Equality Day, we honor the women who won the right to vote and recommit ourselves to ensuring every woman in North Carolina has the opportunity to succeed.” The N.C. Department of Administration’s Council for Women and Division for Women and Youth work with organizations throughout the state on issues including civic engagement, education, economic opportunity, gender-based violence and access to health care. N.C. Department of Administration Secretary Gabriel J. Esparza said the anniversary is an opportunity both to celebrate progress and consider challenges that remain, including access to child care and housing, wages and reproductive care. In 2025, the Division for Women and Youth released the sixth report in its Status of Women series. The report, Investing in Economic Opportunity for Women in North Carolina, examines child care access and barriers to economic security. Among its recommendations are a statewide comprehensive paid family and medical leave program and pay equity policies across state agencies. “Women’s equality means stronger communities, economic growth, and a thriving economy,” N.C. Council for Women Chair Annette Taylor said. “For a brighter North Carolina, we must continue to shed light on issues impacting the health and well-being of women through improved programs and policies across the state.” The Division for Women and Youth advises the governor, state legislators and other state leaders on issues affecting women and youth. Additional information about the Council for Women, Division for Women and Youth and the Status of Women reports is available at www.doa.nc.gov/divisions/women-youth.

Anson County Health Department Offers Care for the Whole Family

Local services range from checkups and immunizations to screenings, reproductive health and WIC

The Anson County Health Department is reminding residents that a wide range of health care services is available right here at home for children, adults and families. With a focus on providing quality, compassionate care, the Health Department offers services for residents at many stages of life — whether someone needs a routine physical, immunization, laboratory testing or treatment when they're feeling under the weather. **Services available include:**

- Acute care and sick visits for persons age 21 and older
- Annual physicals, PAP smears and counseling for persons age 21 and older
- Reproductive health services • College physicals
- Sports physicals for persons age 12 and older • Immunizations for children and adults
- Laboratory testing • Communicable disease screening and treatment

- WIC services for women, infants and children

The department's message is a simple one: healthier individuals help build healthier families and, in turn, a healthier Anson County. The Anson County Health Department accepts a variety of insurance plans, including Blue Cross Blue Shield, CIGNA, United Healthcare, MedCost, Aetna, NC Medicaid Pre-Paid Health Plans and Tailored Health Plans, Traditional Medicaid, Multiplan, Ambetter, Medicare Traditional, WellCare Medicare and AmeriHealth Next. Residents interested in making an appointment or learning more about available services may call the Anson County Health Department at 704-694-5188. After all, taking care of your health isn't just something to put on the to-do list for “someday.” The Health Department is here in Anson County, and getting started may be as simple as making a phone call.

SUMMER YARD SALE!

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Grace Senior Center Parking Lot

NOTHING HIGHER THAN \$5.00!

NOTHING BELOW \$1.00!

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Church AUGUST 23 & 25-26 Homecoming & Revival

At Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville. Homecoming Sun-Sunday School 10am, Worship 11am with Rev. Calvin Lee, followed by lunch. Revival Tue-Rev. Harvey Marsh from Lindsey Chapel Holiness Church & Wed-Rev. Robert McGowens of Greater Galilee Baptist Church in Charlotte. **AUGUST 28 Grand Opening** Of Royal Restoration Ministries, Inc. at 9am, located at 1234 E Caswell St in Wadesboro. Come celebrate this special milestone as we begin a new chapter of healing, hope, restoration & empowerment in our community. **SEPTEMBER 6 25th Pastoral Anniversary** for Pastor & 1st Lady Leak at Madison Grove Missionary Baptist Church. 11am Pastor Hall from Flakes Chapel & 2:30pm Pastor McLeod from Pleasant Hill Church. **SEPT 13 & 15-17 Homecoming & Revival** At First Baptist Church, Sikes Ave in Wadesboro. Hommecoming Sun with Rev. Gregory Bennett, followed by lunch. Revival theme: Pursuing the Greater Glory. Tue-Dr. Rev. Jerry Tyson, Wed-Pastor Ellsworth Mingoies & Thu-Pastor Cam Richards, all at 7pm. **SEPTEMBER 17 - 19 Women’s Conference** At Johnson Chapel Holiness Church. Thu-Pastor Cindy Wiggins & Fri-Pastory Sylvia McLendon, both at 7pm. Sat-Lunch 11:45am & Evangelist Brenda Pratt at 1pm. All are welcome. **ONGOING Young Adult Class** 7pm every Wednesday evening & 10:30 on Sundays at Harmony Community Church, 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd, Peachland.

Events AUGUST 31 Board of Education Meeting

5pm Closed Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6) & NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). Open Session at 6pm. Meeting takes place in Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, 320 Camden Rd in Wadesboro. For public comment, sign up in-person. Sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting. View online at Anson County School’s YouTube page. (Search YouTube for Anson County Schools.) **SEPTEMBER 1 Board of Commissioners Meet** 6pm in the Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. There are two regular monthly meetings, with the second September meeting on September 15 at 6pm. Meetings are available online at youtube.com, search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201. **SEPTEMBER 15 Board of Commissioners Meet** 6pm in the Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. Meetings are available online at youtube.com, search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201. **ONGOING EVENTS Food Pantry** Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182.

PEOPLE FEST

WADESBORO, N.C.

A DAY OF COMMUNITY, CONNECTION & CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

UPTOWN Wadesboro!

DELICIOUS FOOD TRUCKS!

FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES!

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Don't Miss the FIREWORKS AT 9:00 PM!

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Come Out. Celebrate. Make Memories!