

As students across North Carolina make preparations to begin the school year, the State Highway Patrol is requesting the motoring public to keep safe travel a top priority. More than 14,000 school buses will be hitting the roadways, transporting over 790,000 children to and from school. With this in mind, motorists are encouraged to plan for delays as congestion is to be expected during the morning and afternoon commute.

Troopers statewide will increase their focus in and around school zones, monitoring driver behavior both before and after school. Emphasis will also be placed on ensuring motorists stop for school buses as troopers will ride on various buses during their respective routes.

According to state law, motorists are required to stop when a school bus is displaying its mechanical stop signal or flashing red lights and the bus is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers. The driver of any other vehicle that approaches the school bus from any direction on the same street, highway, or public vehicular area shall bring that other vehicle to a full stop and shall remain stopped.

"The primary focus of every student across our state should be on education," said Colonel Glenn McNeill Jr., commander of the State Highway Patrol. "Our mission is simple; ensure that focus does not waiver due to safety concerns while traveling to and from school."

Motorists are encouraged to follow the provided suggestions during morning and afternoon travel:

- Plan ahead for potential delays between the hours of 6 to 9 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.
 - Never pass a stopped school bus under any circumstance
 - Reduce speeds when approaching school zones
 - Avoid driving distracted
 - Be mindful of school bus stops along chosen routes
 - Stay alert in and around school zones for pedestrians and crossing guards
- While SHP and law enforcement across the state will be partnering to facilitate safe travel for students of every age, this responsibility must be shared by everyone. With this in mind, motorists are encouraged to assist the Patrol in reporting dangerous drivers by dialing *HP (*47) from their mobile device. Callers are requested to provide their location, nature of offense observed and description of the vehicle in question.

North Carolina's July Employment Figures Released

The state's seasonally adjusted July unemployment rate was 4.2 percent, remaining unchanged from June's revised rate. The national rate remained unchanged from June's revised rate of 3.7 percent.

North Carolina's July 2019 unemployment rate increased 0.4 of a percentage point from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 17,620 over the month to 4,885,696 and increased 92,864 over the year. The number of people unemployed increased 1,295 over the month to 212,072 and increased 22,428 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm industry employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 10,500 to 4,572,200 in July. The major industries with the largest over-the-month increases were Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 3,100; Other Services, 2,100; Government, 2,000; Professional & Business Services, 2,000; Manufacturing, 1,700; Education & Health Services, 1,600; and Financial Activities, 300. Major industries experiencing decreases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 1,500; Construction, 700; and Mining & Logging, 100. Information employment remained unchanged.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates Since July 2018

July 2018 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); Aug 2018 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); Sep 2018 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); Oct 2018 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); Nov 2018 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); Dec 2018 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); Jan 2019 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); Feb 2019 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); Mar 2019 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); Apr 2019 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); May 2019 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); June 2019 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%); July 2019 (NC 3.8% & US 3.9%)

Since July 2018, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 75,700 with the Total Private sector increasing by 72,600 and Government increasing by 3,100. The largest over-the-year increase among major industries was Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 25,600, followed by Leisure & Hospitality Services, 12,700; Education & Health Services, 12,200; Professional & Business Services, 10,200; Financial Activities, 8,300; Other Services, 6,200; Government, 3,100; and Information, 500. Major industries experiencing decreases were Manufacturing, 2,500; Mining & Logging, 400; and Construction, 200.

Chair Yoga Offered at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library offers free chair yoga every Wednesday, from 10 to 11 a.m. You don't have to preregister, just come and have fun! For more information call 704-694-5177.

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Church News

AUGUST 25 - 28

Revival Week

At Wall Center Community Church, located at 800 Morgan Sellers Rd in Wadesboro. Sun-Rev John Wall at 11am & Rev Jeffrey Crump of Robinson Chapel AME Zion at 3pm. Revival Mon-Wed with Rev Columbus Kiser from Cedar Grove AME Zion, 7pm

AUGUST 25 - 29

Homecoming & Revival

At New Meltonville MBC. Homecoming Sun 11am followed by lunch. Revival Mon-Thu 7pm

AUGUST 25 & 27-29

Homecoming & Revival

At Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville. Homecoming Sun 10am with Pastor Antonia Smith & 3pm with Dr. John Walker of Macedonia Baptist Church in Charlotte. Revival Tue-Thu with Rev Eric Baker of New St John Baptist Church in Charlotte, 7pm

SEPTEMBER 1

Church Anniversary

At Evangelistic Outreach Center in Polkton, 4pm with Apostle Tongan Scofield of Charlotte. Dinner will be served

No Service

At House of Faith Outreach Ministries

SEPTEMBER 1 & 4-5

Revival

At Piney Grove Holiness Church, Hwy 109 N. Sun service. Revival Wed & Thu with Dr. Johnny McLendon from Fisherhill Baptist Community Baptist Church of Cheraw

SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

Fundraiser Plate Sale

At House of Faith Outreach Ministries

SEPTEMBER 7

Graduation

Of TCIF Bible College at New Parkers Grove MBC, 3pm with Elder Charles Ellerbe

SEPTEMBER 8

Pack the Pew Program

At New Beginning Baptist Church, 416 McLeod Rd, 2:30pm with Min Ivan Ledbetter

SEPTEMBER 8 - 11

Revival

At Harmony Community Church, 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd, Peachland. Pastor Adrian Despres at 7pm nightly

SEPTEMBER 8 - 12

Homecoming & Revival

At Fairview COG. Homecoming Sun with Dr Eugene Sturdivant 11am & Pastor Nathaniel Floyd 3pm. Revival Mon-Pastor Anthony Hall, Tue-Pastor Robert Morrison, Wed-Pastor Ildris Strange, Thu-Pastor Cornelius Atkinson, all at 7pm

SEPTEMBER 14

Rainbow Tea

At House of Faith Outreach Ministries, 3pm with Pastor Christopher Chance of Word of Faith

SEPTEMBER 15

84th Anniversary Of Senior Choir

at Cedar Creek MBC, 3pm with Rev Freddie Little. All are welcome

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SEPTEMBER 20

Pastor's Night Out

At Parsons Grove Baptist Church, 5pm. Please RSVP to 843-910-0018 your name & church by 9/14

SEPTEMBER 22

Homecoming & Revival

At Victory Baptist Church in Lilesville. Homecoming Sun 11am, followed by covered dish lunch. Revival Mon-Wed 7pm with special music

12 Tribes Program

At House of Faith Outreach Ministries, 3pm. All are invited

SEPTEMBER 28

Women's Conference

At Christ Chapel of Truth, Hwy 52 South in Wadesboro, 11am with Rev Amanda Zinnerman & Rev Tangula Diggs

ONGOING

Wednesday Intercersory

Prayer at New Meltonville MBC, 6:30pm

Bible Study

At Sneedsboro Church, Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, everyone invited

ONGOING

Prayer Line

Each Wednesday, Reaching the Lost Church of God from 7-8pm. Call 704-695-1842. Someone will be available to assist you and pray with you

Sunday Youth Day

Every 5th Sunday at Cedar Creek MBC

Bible Study

Every Tuesday night at 7pm at Garris Grove MBC

Victory in the Sanctuary

Every Saturday at 11:30am at Pathway to Peace, 11775 Hwy 109S, Peachland. Info 704-695-1441

Tools for Christian Living

Academy, fourth Saturdays, New Piney Grove Ministries, 6pm, 6-7pm

Bible Study

At Thomas Chapel AME Zion every Wednesday, 7pm

Gospel Aerobics

At Pleasant Hill A.M.E. Zion Church of Wadesboro, Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Bible Study from 6pm to 7pm

Events

AUGUST 28

Board Meeting

Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District, 10am at BCSWCD office, 1758 Morven Rd in Wadesboro. 704-694-3516

SEPTEMBER 4

Free Groceries

For families in need Mobile Food Pantry & CHS Mobile Health Unit at First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Ave in Wadesboro. Register 8-10am. Call for details 704-694-2445

SEPTEMBER 8

Meet & Greet Book Signing

by local author Sandy Bruney, with her new book entitled "Morven." 2-4pm in the Drake Gallery next door to Ansonia Theatre, 110 S Rutherford St in Wadesboro. All are invited, refreshments served. Info 704-694-4950

SEPTEMBER 13

Carnival in the Park

Hosted by Grace Senior Center at Little Park. Enjoy lunch, fun & games...all free! Info & register (by 9/6) 704-694-6616

SEPTEMBER 19

Party Meeting

Anson County Democratic Party, 6pm at party office, located next door to La Fogata in Wadesboro

ONGOING EVENTS

NAACP Meeting

Third Sundays, Hampton B. Allen library theater, 5pm, 704-694-6749

Learning Center Hours

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, Mon-Fri, 10:30-5:30pm. Computer lab (children & adults), copy service, fax service & resource library. All available to the public for a small fee

Exercise to Music

Every Monday at 1pm & Thursday at 10am at Grace Senior Center. Info & register 704-694-6616

Chair (Seated) Exercise

every Tuesday at 10am & Thursday at 11:15am at Grace Senior Center. Info & register 704-694-6616

Cognitive Disability

Caregiver Support Group, second Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro. 7-8:30pm, Nancy Capel 704-694-3156, Cynthia Furr 704-695-3233

Al-Anon Family Groups

Support for Family & Friends, Al-Anon Family Groups meets Thursdays, 8pm at AA Building, 2177 Country Club Rd in Wadesboro, between Wadesboro Health and Rehabilitation & Twin Valley Golf Club

Anson Singers

Rehearsal, Every Tuesday, 7-8:30pm at First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro. Info Emily Privette 704-475-0491

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