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North Carolina And Georgia Plan First Air Mobility Corridor

Charlotte–Atlanta route to test next-generation aircraft

The N.C. Department of Transportation and Georgia Department of Transportation have announced plans to study the nation’s first interstate advanced air mobility (AAM) corridor. The project will connect Charlotte and Atlanta with a dedicated route for electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and uncrewed aerial systems.

Officials say the corridor will reduce congestion, improve travel times, and support economic growth while serving as a testbed for cleaner, smarter transportation. “This corridor is a launchpad for innovation,” said Nick Short, director of the NCDOT Division of Aviation.

The project will coordinate with South Carolina to ensure regional integration and may expand around airports and urban centers such as Greenville. Goals include accelerating safe use of AAM technology, fostering state collaboration, and ensuring equitable access to next-generation transportation.

Faith-Based Center Of Hope Huge Monthly Yard Sale

The Faith-Based Center of Hope will host its “Huge Monthly Yard Sale” on Saturday, September 13, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The sale will take place in the parking lot across from Papa Joe’s Pizzeria, located at 911 East Caswell Street in Wadesboro.

All proceeds from the event will go to help support less fortunate brothers and sisters in the community. Contributions and donations are appreciated.

For more information, contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-294-0480.

Anson Class of 1985 Reunion Plans to be Announced

The Anson High School Class of 1985 will come together this fall to celebrate their 40th reunion, marking four decades since graduation. Former classmates are invited to reconnect, share memories, and honor the milestones reached since their high school days.

The reunion will feature dinner, music, and plenty of time to reminisce with old friends. Organizers encourage classmates to bring photos and memorabilia from their time at Anson High to help spark conversations and keep the memories alive.

“This is an exciting opportunity for all of us to reconnect and celebrate the journey we’ve taken since 1985,” said reunion organizers. “We hope to see as many classmates as possible and make this a night to remember.”

Details on the date, time, location, and ticket information will be announced soon. Class members are encouraged to stay in touch with the reunion committee and check for updates. For more information or to help with planning, contact Tracy Merriman at 843-910-2894 or through Facebook messenger.

Chamber on the Half Shell Oyster Roast is Sept. 26

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of the Chamber on the Half Shell Oyster Roast on Friday, September 26, one of the county’s favorite fall events. The celebration will take place 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Flake Haven Events Venue, located at 5298 NC-742, Wadesboro. Music will be provided by the Blewett Dam Band. This year’s Pearl Sponsor is Anson Health and Rehabilitation.

Tickets are available now at ansoncountychamber.org/chamber-events/oyster-roast, or you can email info at ansoncountychamber.org or call 704-694-4181.

Prices are \$65 per person through September 7 and \$75 per person after that date. New this year, receipts will serve as tickets, and guests may simply follow the prompts online after purchase.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For details, call the Chamber office at 704-310-8948 or email scox@ansoncountychamber.org.

The event will again feature the popular Wheelbarrow Raffle. The raffle prize includes a stocked wheelbarrow valued at more than \$500. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the Wadesboro ABC Store or online at: ansoncountychamber.org/chamber-events/oyster-roast.

Winners do not need to be present to claim the prize.

The Chamber thanks the community for its support and looks forward to welcoming everyone to celebrate the season with food, fellowship, and fun.

Farmers Market is Open Every Saturday

The Anson County Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon through September 27. Shoppers can find fresh produce, meats, eggs, baked goods, and handmade items from local artisans.

The market is located at 1736 Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, just past Wadesboro Primary School.

Thank you

The family of **Bertha Lee Ritter** wishes to acknowledge, with deepest appreciation, the many expressions of love and sympathy, and gestures of kindness shown to us following our loss.

We offer heartfelt thanks to the many families, friends, and neighbors who have rendered support at this most difficult time.

We are truly grateful to those who have traveled long distances, and to those who have sent floral tributes, cards, and messages of condolence.

We thank you very much.





Mr. Clayton S. Coleman

Mr. Clayton S. Coleman, age 62, of Wadesboro, North Carolina peacefully departed this life on Sunday, August 31, 2025, at Atrium Hospice of Union County, Monroe, North Carolina.

The Homegoing Services will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Smith’s Memorial Chapel, located at 604 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, September 7, 2025 from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. at Smith’s Memorial Chapel and at all other times at the residence of his daughter, Alicia Kersey, in Wadesboro.

Viewing will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Smith’s Funeral Home.



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**Interested in becoming a sponsor for the event?
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Commissioner Causey urges Medicare beneficiaries to check their options for 2025

RALEIGH — Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey reminds Medicare beneficiaries that it’s time to compare and evaluate their current plans and make necessary changes during the annual Open Enrollment Period.

“What worked for you this year may not be the best plan for you in 2025,” Commissioner Causey said. “It is important to take advantage of the Open Enrollment Period by contacting local Seniors’ Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors to save money, improve your coverage or both.”

The Open Enrollment Period begins on Oct. 15 and runs for eight weeks to give you enough time to review and make changes to your Medicare coverage. Changes must be made by Dec. 7 to guarantee your coverage will begin without interruption on Jan. 1, 2025.

It is important to contact your local SHIIP counselor before deciding about coverage for 2025. This may help you receive a more affordable and better Medicare health and/or drug plan in your area. For example, even if you are satisfied with your current Medicare Advantage or Part D plan, there may be another plan in your area that covers your health care and/or drugs at a better price.


SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. SHIIP counselors can also help people find out if they are eligible for Medicare cost savings programs.

Here are some of the ways to review and compare plans available for 2025:

- Get one-on-one help from a local SHIIP office by calling Grace Senior Center at (704) 694-6616.
- Get one-on-one help from SHIIP by calling 1-855-408-1212, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

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