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Wadesboro Town Council Meets on Monday, September 9

Wadesboro Town Manager, along with the Police and Fire Departments anticipated to be discussed

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Wadesboro Town Council takes place on Monday, September 9, beginning at 5:00 p.m. As of press time the meeting is set to take place in the Wadesboro Fire Department. The public is urged to participate. There is a time set aside at the beginning of each regular meeting for public comment. The Public Comment Policy is available at: wadesboronc.gov/town-council.

This meeting may include discussions about the Wadesboro Town Manager Wiley Ross, the Wadesboro Police Department, the Wadesboro Fire Department, along with routine business of the town.

The Compassionate Friends Meet Thursday, September 11

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have lost a child of any age, welcomes you to attend their monthly meetings. They meet on the second Thursday each month, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. "We need not walk alone."

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11. For information call Ken Caulder at 704-694-2524.

Mobile Food Market is September 12

The next Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on Thursday, September 12, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Harris Chapel AME Zion Church, located at 406 West Main Street in Morven.

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 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.

Sports Physicals Offered at ARMS

Anson Regional Medical Services (ARMS) is offering sports physicals for students age 12+ for a cash payment of only \$10. The physicals are available by appointment only, at ARMS-Wadesboro and ARMS-Union/Monroe.

Students must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Bring a medication list and a sports physical form.

There's no insurance billing, only the \$10 cash payment. ARMS is located at 203 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro, beside Wadesboro Lumber. The telephone number is 704-694-6700. The hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 12 noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.) arms-chc.org

2024 NC State Fair Home Chef Challenge

Show off your cooking skills at the State Fair!

The N.C. State Fair is known for its tasty treats and promotion of local commodities and other national products. One of its featured events highlights those specialties in the form of fun, family-friendly cooking challenges.

"We always strive to enhance the fair experience by introducing new, unique attractions while, of course, keeping beloved fan favorites," said Commissioner Steve Troxler. "The Home Chef Challenge is back for another year, featuring reimagined food categories such as Tailgate Brunch for a Bunch and Not Your Mama's Pimento Cheese."

No professional chefs are allowed to enter the contest, only home chefs who are residents of North Carolina. The contests will be held in the North Lobby of Dorton Arena each day of the fair and winners will walk away with prize money - \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place. To sweeten the deal, winners will also become the proud owners of a blue ribbon. The deadline to register is Sept. 15.

- This year's schedule is as follows:
- Tailgate Brunch for a Bunch Challenge - presented by N.C. State Basketball, Thursday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m.
 - Sinful Cinnamon Roll Challenge, Friday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m.
 - Milkshakes With SPIRIT! Challenge - co-presented by: Bogue Sound Distillery, Old Nick Willams Co. Farm & Distillery, and Southern Star (Southern Distilling Company), Saturday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m.
 - You Had Me at Chiffon: Pie Challenge, Sunday, Oct. 20, at 11 a.m.
 - Cast Iron Cornbread Challenge - presented by Carolina Cooker, Monday, Oct. 21, at 11 a.m.
 - Bake It 'Til You Make It Cheesecake Challenge, Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m.
 - Curry in a Hurry Challenge, Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 11 a.m.
 - Pig in a Pot Crockpot Challenge - presented by Smithfield Foods, Thursday, Oct. 24, at 11 a.m.
 - Ain't No Thing but a Chicken Wing Challenge - presented by House of Raeford, Friday, Oct. 25, at 11 a.m.
 - Not Your Mama's Pimento Cheese Challenge - presented by North Carolina PTA, Saturday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m.
 - Ultimate Country Ham Biscuit Challenge, Sunday, Oct. 27, at 11 a.m.

On the day of their chosen competition, contestants must bring two copies of their recipe typed on an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper in addition to their entry dish. They will be sent entry tags that need to be attached to the back of each copy of their recipe. Mailed or emailed recipes will not be accepted. Please note that all recipes submitted become the property of the N.C. State Fair and the sponsor of the contest.

Go to the "Home Chef Challenge" tab on the State Fair's website, www.ncstatefair.org, for more information on the competition, required forms and important rules.



Ansonville Elementary School Starts the School Year with a Bang!

This is a release from Ansonville Elementary School on Monday, August 26: Wow!!!! Today was an absolutely amazing "First Day of School" at Ansonville Elementary!

Our students showed up with huge smiles on their faces, ready to get the day started. They were greeted by many community members who came out to celebrate their arrival on campus. We are so grateful to all of you for your willingness to support our students and our school. What a way to start the year off right!

Thank you to J.D. Bricken, Anson County Commissioner; Pastor Jeff Glenn, Ansonville Baptist Church; Mike Turner, Anson County School Board; Pastor Rodney Clements, Red Hill Baptist Church; Jeannene Gilbert, Premiere Fibers; Elizabeth Goins Rizzo, Anson County Partnership for Children; Mayor Angela Caraway and Mayor Pro tem Sarah Burns, Town of Ansonville; Maureen Lett, Jenny Delfino, Bobo and Pumpkin from Anson County Animal Shelter; and Johnnie Edwards, Glenda Hammonds, Pastor Scott Baucom of New Home Baptist Church.

Anson Fall Fest and Ag Fair Set for September 20 & 21

Fall Fest, Friday, September 20 The Family Fall Fest will be on the Square in Wadesboro on West Wade Street and Greene Street on Friday night, September 20, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. All ages are invited to an evening of games, a petting zoo, food and FUN! All activities are free to the public.

The Family Fall Fest will feature fall and agriculture themed games and competitions for kids. There will also be face painting, food trucks, games for children, complimentary popcorn, sno-cones, and so much more. Come out and enjoy an evening of family fun and entertainment.

Ag Fair, Saturday, September 21 Anson County Cooperative Extension is pleased to announce plans for the 2024 Anson Ag Fair, set for Saturday, September 21. The 2024 Fair Rules and Regulations Booklets have arrived and are now available at the Cooperative Extension Center at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

The fair book is also available online at: anson.ces.ncsu.edu. Click on the 2024 Anson Ag Expo & Fair link, and the book can be downloaded in pdf format, complete with registration forms. Information is also available on the Anson County Cooperative Extension Facebook page.

If you have a green thumb, an artistic eye, or a flair for crafts, now is the time to start planning items to enter into this year's county fair. Set aside a jar of canned goods that turned out better than you planned. Finish up a craft project you have been working on.

The County Fair portion of the fifteenth annual Anson Ag Expo and Fair will be held Saturday, September 21 at the Extension Center on McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, from 12 pm until 2 pm. It will be here sooner than you think.

Crafts, canned goods, ag products, photography, art and handicrafts will be welcomed for competition. Take down your vacation photo from the fridge and frame it. Add fertilizer to that favorite plant. Then bring them all down to the Extension Center and enter them in the fair! Remember that fair participation is open to youth as well as adults. Age groups available for competition consist of: Pee Wee: 0 to 5 years, Pre-teen: 6 to 12, Teen: 13 to 19, and Adult: 20 and up. Now is the time to be planning to show off your talents at the fair!

Registration for all entries will be taken in on Thursday, September 19 from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm. We ask that all that are placing items in the fair, have your entry forms completed PRIOR to coming to submit fair items. This will make the process smooth for volunteers that are new to the area of accepting fair entries. The fair will be judged on Friday and open to the public for display on Saturday from 12:00 pm through 2:00 pm.

Items can also be entered into the "In Memoriam" and "Blast from the Past" categories. Items made by deceased loved ones can be entered in "In Memoriam" while items made prior to 2002 and never shown in a fair can be entered in "Blast from the Past."

Cash premiums will be awarded from \$6 for first through \$3 for third in over 200 categories. 2023 county fair showcased 215 entries from 38 fair exhibitors, and \$903 was paid out in fair premiums. Class ribbons are awarded for all entries, with Best of Show and Juror's Choice ribbons awarded for each competition area per age division.

For additional information, contact the Anson County Cooperative Extension Service at 704-694-2915. Come out and join the fun. There is something for everyone. Celebrate agriculture in Anson!

GriefShare Program Offered to the Local Community

Community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to register for the GriefShare program to be held at First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. This nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondages as a slave to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Grief-related books and materials are made available for participants to borrow.

GriefShare will be held September 9 - December 2, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, located at 309 Lee Avenue in Wadesboro.

To register or for questions, contact Ken Caulder at 704-695-4637 or kcaulder9869@gmail.com before September 9. It is open to the community.

Grace Senior Center Trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

- 6 days, 5 nights. 5 nights lodging, including 3 consecutive nights in the Cincinnati area.
- Admission to the stunning Ark Encounter and the Famous Creation Museum.
- Visit to a casino for some gaming
- April 7 -12, 2025 (Monday through Saturday)
- Departure: Food Lion parking lot at 8:00 a.m.
- Double occupancy \$725 per person & single occupancy \$954
- \$75 deposit required. After making the deposit you have 8 months to pay the balance using Grace Senior Center payment plan.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA. For information call 704-694-6616.

Chair Exercise Classes at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting chair exercise class on Thursday, September 12 and Thursday, September 26. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room. Everyone is welcome.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177

Bluegrass Music Jams at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host a bluegrass acoustic music jam on Thursday, September 12, 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Musicians, singers and spectators are welcome. Jam sessions are open to all age levels and skill levels. Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

A second Jam will be held on Thursday, September 26 at the same time.

If you have any questions please contact Dianne or Caroline at the library, 704-694-5177. You may also contact event volunteer Randy Collins at 336-430-6318 (call or text) or via email at: vaguitar@msn.com.

Red Hill Men's Ensemble at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces a musical program featuring the Red Hill Men's Ensemble. This will be held on Monday, Sept. 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Little Theater.

Everyone is invited to join us for this special program. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

NCWorks Veterans Portal

Home to nearly 800,000 veterans and several major military installations, North Carolina has a distinguished history in serving the U.S. military veterans, and their families. The NCWorks Veterans Portal is an online website for veterans. This collection of resources provides services for veterans, transitioning service members, and eligible spouses to obtain employment.

The NCWorks Veterans Portal is at: veterans.ncworks.gov/vosnet.