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Covid Update for Anson County

According to the latest information posted by the Anson County Health Department on Wednesday, September 14 the total Covid cases in Anson County were 7,774, with 61 active and 99 deaths. On September 7 the county was at 7,701 total Covid-19 cases, with 94 active cases.

If you are positive or currently awaiting test results, please stay home.

A new COVID Testing site has been set up in Morven at the Church of God Prophecy (8447 US Hwy 52 South). Currently they are only administering PCR tests and are open Monday-Friday (9am-4pm).

You can still stop by the health department and pick up test kits to keep at home. If you aren't feeling well you can send someone and they will send some to you.

The Health Department still offers Moderna vaccine on Thursdays (Walk-In). They hope to be offering the new (Fall) Bivalent Booster Vaccines within the next few weeks. They will make an announcement when those are received and available.

The Health Department is also offering N-95 masks. For more specific information related to Anson County and NC please visit: covid19.ncdhhs.gov.

The Health Department is located at 110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-5188.

Nickels for Know-How Referendum

The Anson County Nickels for Know-How Referendum will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022. County Extension Director Roshunda Terry said one polling place has been established in the county. It is the County Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Roshunda explained that the referendum is being held to let users and producers of feed or fertilizer decide if they wish to continue the self-assessment program. This program has been in place since 1948, and the law requires that a new referendum be held every six years.

A 2/3s favorable vote will mean that growers are willing to continue to assess themselves to support agricultural research and education. The assessment is fifteen cents per hundred pounds on feed and fertilizer produced in North Carolina.

The funds, about \$1.4 million annually, are collected by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and then allocated by the NC Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc.'s 148 volunteer Board of Directors to support agricultural research and extension projects at North Carolina State University benefitting agriculture in North Carolina.

For more information on the referendum please call the Anson County Extension Office at 704.695.4420.

North Carolina's August Employment Figures Released

The state's seasonally adjusted August 2022 unemployment rate was 3.5 percent, increasing 0.1 of a percentage point from July's revised rate. The national rate increased 0.2 of a percentage point to 3.7 percent.

North Carolina's unemployment rate decreased 1.3 percentage points from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 1,375 over the month to 4,944,797 and increased 198,133 over the year. The number of people unemployed increased 7,904 over the month to 179,561 and decreased 57,547 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 10,100 to 4,801,300 in August. Major industries experiencing increases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 3,800; Professional & Business Services, 3,000; Education & Health Services, 2,300; Manufacturing, 2,100; Information, 1,700; Construction, 1,200; Financial Activities, 1,100; Other Services, 200; and Mining & Logging, 100. Major industries experiencing decreases were Government, 4,900; and Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 500.

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Lions Club Camp Dogwood

Since 1967 the North Carolina Lions Camp Dogwood for the blind and visually impaired has been a beacon of service to citizens from all over North Carolina. This summer destination provides a wonderful and therapeutic retreat for persons with visual impairment and blindness.

Over 800 campers during the summer months enjoy weekly overnight stays with numerous recreational and entertainment activities. The visually impaired persons enjoy fun and relaxation while developing friendships with each other, staff and volunteers.

The guest rooms feature two full size beds, climate control and a private bathroom.

The Wadesboro Lions Club supports Camp Dogwood through the sales of brooms, raffle tickets and charitable contributions.

Brooms continue to be sold at Lacy's and Martin Furniture in Wadesboro, Allen's Restaurant in Peachland and Northcutt Affordables in Marshville.

The Original Soft Sweep Magnetic Action Broom features a unique magnetic cleaning action that picks up lint and dust, especially human and pet hair. It will not scratch any floor, and rinses clean and dries quickly. The kitten soft bristle is approximately 12" long and comes with a metal handle. Patio and warehouse brooms are available, as well as whisk brooms. For information call Lion Jim at 910-571-448

Want information regarding the Lions Club? Would you like to become a Lion? Please contact membership Chairman Steve Morthcutt at 704-690-5092.

Would you like to donate to the Lions Club to support the many good causes the club promotes? You can donate online at www.nclion



Pee Dee Electric and CoBank Award Sharing Success Grant to Wadesboro Rotary Club Planetarium Science Center

Pee Dee Electric has awarded the Wadesboro Rotary Club Planetarium and Science Center with the CoBank/Pee Dee Electric "Sharing Success" matching grant.

The Wadesboro Rotary Club Planetarium and Science Center will receive two checks totaling \$18,000 - \$9,000 from Pee Dee Electric and \$9,000 from CoBank - to update the technology in the hands-on science lab. "The current smartboard is over 10 years old and lacks the technology to present clear and vivid pictures for our students," stated Wendy Efird, Planetarium Director.

The Rotary Planetarium and Science Center provides science activities concentrating on the NC State Essentials. While visiting the planetarium, students investigate all areas of the sciences. Students dissect specimens, operate science lab equipment, care for live animals, and explore the night sky in the planetarium.

"On behalf of the Rotary Planetarium and Science Center, I would like to thank Pee Dee Electric and CoBank for the Sharing Success Program and their contribution and support to our community. This new technology will benefit and serve students of Anson County for years to come," Efird said.

The Sharing Success grant opportunity is a joint grant in partnership with CoBank, a national cooperative bank. The matching grant program is designed to support individual communities across the country. "Thanks to CoBank and our board of directors, the Sharing Success Grant allows Pee Dee Electric to give back to the communities we serve," said Pee Dee Electric CEO Donnie Spivey.

Pee Dee Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative whose goal is to provide reliable, dependable electric service for its members while focusing on value, quality customer service, and enhancing life in the communities they serve. Pee Dee's service area consists of Anson, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly, and Union counties.

For more information about Pee Dee Electric, please visit www.pdemc.com.

Governor Cooper Proclaims September 15 to October 15, 2022 as Hispanic Heritage Month

Governor Cooper has proclaimed September 15 – October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month to honor and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of the Hispanic, Latino and Latinx communities across North Carolina. This year's theme is Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation.

"Thanks to the countless contributions from generations of Hispanic, Latino and Latinx people, our state is a stronger place to live and work," Governor Cooper said. "As we celebrate their achievements, we must continue working to make North Carolina more just and equitable for all."

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated between September 15 – October 15 when seven Latin American countries celebrate their independence days.

Governor Cooper is committed to uplifting and supporting the inclusion and equitable access of resources for our diverse Hispanic, Latino, and Latinx communities, which represent an important and growing demographic in North Carolina. In 2017, Gov. Cooper signed Executive Order No. 23, establishing the Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic/Latino/Latinx Affairs to advise the Governor on issues related to the Hispanic, Latino and Latinx population and how North Carolina can better support the communities.

As the state emerges from the pandemic, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) remains committed to supporting the Hispanic, Latino and Latinx communities. NCDHHS translated COVID-19 information in Spanish and worked to ensure that access to vaccines was equitable across the state. In June 2020, NCDHHS awarded a total of \$500,000 in grants to five local North Carolina organizations to help address the disparate impact of COVID-19 among the state's Hispanic, Latino and Latinx communities.

Governor Cooper's administration is committed to ensuring that Spanish-speaking communities have access to information across state government agencies with translators and language access plans.

School Board Meeting is September 26

Closed Session begins at 4 p.m., Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education will hold their regular meeting on Monday, September 26. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Open Session to the public will begin at about 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Anson County Schools' YouTube channel for the public to view. To find the channel you can search YouTube for "Anson County Schools."

The meeting will be held in the Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

If the public wishes to sign up for public comment, they can sign up in-person. A sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting begins for any individual or group to indicate their desire to address the board.

Anson County Beekeepers Meet Every Month

Next meeting is Thursday, September 22

All Anson County Beekeepers members are reminded of the monthly meetings, held on the fourth Thursday. The upcoming meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22 at Welika Fish House Restaurant in Lilesville. If you would like to eat, come at 6 p.m., pay your own meal. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. The guest speaker has not been confirmed yet.

Anson County Beekeepers meeting are open to everyone who is interested in having bees for honey and pollination as well.

For more information call 704-272-7154 or check their Facebook page, "Anson Beekeepers Association."

Parent / Teacher Conferences are October 6 & 13

Students at Anson Middle School, along with Anson High School and Anson County Early College students will have early dismissal at 1 p.m. on Thursday 6 for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held from 2 to 7 p.m.

Students at Anson County Elementary Schools will have early dismissal at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday 13 for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held from 1 to 6 p.m.

Anson County Ag Expo and Fair is Friday

Join the Anson County Cooperative Extension and the Brown Creek Soil & Water staff at the Wadesboro downtown Square from 6:00pm – 8:00pm on Friday, September 23rd to partake in the festivities. The 2022 Family Fall Fest will have multiple food truck vendors, complimentary popcorn and snow cones, face painting, and carnival games. The hands-free watermelon eating contest will be at 6:15, the cupcake walk from 6:30 – 7:00, and dancing in the streets from 7:00 – 8:00.

The Anson Ag Expo & Fair '22 Rules and Regulations can be found online at anson.ces.ncsu.edu/2022/07/anson-ag-fair-set-for-end-of-september.

Peachland's Music on the Square is Saturday

The Town of Peachland invites everyone to their 16th annual "Music on the Square" to be held Saturday, September 24, from 4:30 to 10 p.m. This free event will feature DJ Leon Gatewood and the Village Green Band along with a variety of food vendors.

For more information contact Lynn H. Griffin at 704-272-7781.

Wadesboro Lions Club Meets at Papa Joe's

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Wadesboro every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They welcome new members. If you are interested in learning more about the Lions Club and the many good causes they support locally, you are invited to visit. Join in and enjoy the fellowship...plus delicious Papa Joe's pizza!