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Duke Energy Proposes Approximately 3,000 Acre Solar Energy Complex in Anson County

Open house meeting set for Thursday, October 2

Community participation is urged

Citizens of Anson County are urged to participate in an in-person meeting to learn more about the proposed massive Duke Energy solar energy installation in Anson County. This is an opportunity for citizens to offer feedback to Duke Energy and to county leaders

Date: Thursday, October 2
Time: Drop in anytime between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Location: Caraway Business and Learning Center, 9162 Highway 52 North in Ansonville - across from fire dept.
*Registration not necessary.

Atrium Health Anson Expands Cancer Services for Local Patients

Innovative oncology support closer to home

This is a release from Atrium Health Anson: Atrium Health Anson is proud to announce the expansion of oncology support services for patients in Anson County, combining virtual innovation and high-quality cancer care.

For the first time, Atrium Health Levine Cancer will offer local support for Anson County oncology patients, reducing the need for travel to distant locations. Patients can now receive transfusions, lab work, injections, fluids and other cancer treatments locally. These services will be administered on site with virtual support from Levine Cancer staff. Chemotherapy will continue to be available at nearby Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute Union and other Levine Cancer facilities. "This milestone reflects a significant first step forward in bringing compassionate, high-quality cancer care closer to home for the people of Anson County," says Dr. Sridhar Pal, deputy chief clinical officer at Atrium Health Levine Cancer.

The Atrium Health Anson team celebrated the expansion of these new services with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 30.

"Expanding healthcare access is vital for our community's well-being. And this move confirms and reflects Atrium Health's commitment to further advance access to care for Anson County and beyond," said Seth Goldwire, president of Atrium Health Anson.

Lilesville Gears Up for a Spooktacular Trunk-or-Treat

Forget haunted houses - this year, the action is in the parking lot. The Town of Lilesville is inviting ghosts, goblins, superheroes, and probably a few cowboys to gather at Hatcher Park on Tuesday, October 28, for a Trunk-or-Treat event from 6 to 8 p.m.

Families can expect a fang-tastic lineup: decorated trunks filled with candy, plenty of tricks, and food trucks dishing out treats that may or may not be scarier than the costumes. Organizers also promise photo ops galore - because nothing says "fall family memory" like Dad in a Dracula cape holding a taco.

The event, sponsored by the town, boasts "terrifyingly good vibes," which means fun for kids and plenty of opportunities for adults to secretly steal candy under the guise of "checking it."

Lilesville leaders are also calling on volunteers to pitch in. Anyone who wants to join the spooky fun behind the scenes can sign up at Town Hall. "It's a great way to be part of the magic," said organizer Jamie Varela, who is bravely fielding questions at 321-202-3465.

So, bring your costumes, your sweet tooth, and your best pumpkin-carving puns. Just be prepared - the scariest thing at this year's Trunk-or-Treat might be how fast the candy disappears.

Anson's August Unemployment Rate

Anson County Anson County's unemployment rate continues at elevated rates since January. The rate for August was 4.8%. In July it was 4.5%.

Anson's total labor force in August was 8,938, with 8,507 employed and 431 unemployed. In July the labor force was 9,045, with 8,638 employed and 407 unemployed.

Statewide Statewide the unemployment rate for August was 4.0%. In July it was 3.8%.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 95 counties in August 2025, decreased in two, and remained unchanged in three. Edgecombe and Halifax Counties each had the highest unemployment rate at 6.1 percent while Currituck County had the lowest at 3.0 percent.

All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases.

Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.5 percent while Raleigh had the lowest at 3.5 percent.

The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 4.0%

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 61 counties, decreased in 13, and remained unchanged in 26. Twelve metro areas experienced rate increases over the year and three remained unchanged.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in August by 70,403 to 5,054,280, while those unemployed increased by 10,272 to 213,037. Since August 2024, the number of workers employed statewide decreased 10,117, while those unemployed increased 5,796.

It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted estimates.

Commander Jesse J. Campbell (third from left) of the James D. Henderson VFW Post #10403 joins fellow veterans and community members during the National VFW Day ceremony at Grace Senior Center in Wadesboro on Monday, September 29. The event honored the legacy and ongoing service of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Grace Senior Center Honors Sacrifice on National VFW Day

On Monday, September 29 the Grace Senior Center of Wadesboro opened its doors to honor the men and women whose service has safeguarded our nation's freedom. The occasion was the annual observance of National VFW Day, commemorating the founding of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on September 29, 1899.

Commander Jesse J. Campbell of the James D. Henderson VFW Post #10403 addressed the gathering, reminding attendees why this day matters. Born out of the struggles of veterans returning from the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection, the VFW has stood for more than 125 years as a beacon of support for those who served.

"National VFW Day is a reminder of the sacrifices made not only on the battlefield, but also in the daily lives of service members and their families," Commander Campbell said. "It is a day to celebrate the courage, resilience, and dedication of all who continue to uphold the mission of the VFW."

The ceremony was not only a history lesson but also a heartfelt expression of gratitude. Attendees reflected on the VFW's enduring role - providing fellowship, advocating for veterans' needs, and strengthening communities across the nation.

The Grace Senior Center extended deep thanks to every veteran and VFW member, past and present, for their devotion to duty and for carrying forward a legacy of service. In a time when freedoms can easily be taken for granted, National VFW Day served as a poignant reminder that those freedoms were earned by sacrifice - and continue to be protected by the unwavering commitment of America's veterans.

October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is recognized nationwide as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time dedicated to increasing awareness of the disease, encouraging early detection, and supporting those affected by breast cancer. Communities across North Carolina and the nation will take part in events, fundraisers, and educational campaigns throughout the month.

Breast cancer remains one of the most common cancers among women, though men can also be diagnosed. Health experts stress that early detection through regular screenings such as mammograms significantly increases survival rates. Local clinics and health organizations often provide reduced-cost or free screening opportunities during October to help ensure that everyone has access to potentially life-saving care.

In addition to medical awareness, the month is marked by pink ribbons, walks, and community events that honor survivors, remember those lost, and raise funds for continued research. These efforts not only highlight the importance of early detection but also provide strength and solidarity for families facing the challenges of breast cancer.

Residents are encouraged to show support by wearing pink, participating in awareness events, and sharing educational resources with friends and family. Even small actions - such as scheduling a screening or donating to a local cancer support program - can make a meaningful difference.

Together, communities can bring hope, raise awareness, and move closer to a future where breast cancer no longer claims lives.

For information and help in Anson County you can contact the Anson County Health Department at 704-694-5188. The Health Department is located at 110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro. You can find them on Facebook and the website is: *www.co.anson.nc.us/164/Health-Department*.

Super Saturday Brings Students, Parents, and Mentors Together for Growth and Inspiration

Event set for Saturday at Wadesboro Elementary School

The Anson County Schools Professional School-Based Mentoring Team, in partnership with Dr. Adolph Brown, invites students, parents, and mentors to take part in Super Saturday on Saturday, October 4, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Wadesboro Elementary School.

Super Saturday is more than just a weekend program - it's a retreat for personal and professional growth. Designed to uplift and equip, the event focuses on meeting the urgent needs of today's school communities with strategies, encouragement, and meaningful connections.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon, students will take part in group sessions led by mentors and facilitators, with activities aimed at building confidence, strengthening life skills, and encouraging success in school and beyond. A meal will also be provided.

Dr. Adolph Brown, a nationally recognized educator, psychologist, and motivational speaker, will bring his trademark energy and expertise to inspire both students and parents.

The Mentoring Team encourages families across Anson County to mark their calendars for this free event, come ready to learn, and leave with renewed motivation and practical tools for success.

VFW Post 10403 & Auxiliary Bus Trip to Charleston

James D. Henderson VFW Post 10403 and Auxiliary will sponsor a bus trip to Charleston, South Carolina, on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025. The trip will depart from the Food Lion parking lot in Wadesboro at 6 a.m.

The itinerary includes visits to the International African American Museum, Mother Emanuel Church, Market Street, and Tangier Outlet Mall. Travelers will also stop at Golden Corral Restaurant, although lunch is not included in the package price.

A non-refundable deposit of $40 is required to hold your seat, with the balance due by Oct. 6, 2025. The total donation for the trip is $75.

For more information or to reserve your seat, contact Rev. Anthony Hall at 704-294-5798.

Float Into Fall Festival Coming to Morven this Saturday!

Day-long celebration features food, music, vendors, and more

The Town of Morven is inviting everyone to "float" into autumn with a full day of fun at the Float into Fall Festival this Saturday, Oct. 4. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. downtown will be filled with activities, food trucks, music, vendors, and plenty of reasons to linger a little longer than planned.

Organizers say the event is a chance to kick back, enjoy good food, shop local, and maybe even dance a little in the street. With something for all ages, the only challenge may be deciding whether to head for the food trucks first or check out the live music.

And if Mother Nature decides to dampen the party, don't worry - the rain date is set for Saturday, Oct. 11. So whether you come for the funnel cakes, the fellowship, or just to see what's floating around town, Morven promises a festival worth the stop.

Class of 1971 Meeting Saturday

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 will hold a meeting this Saturday, October 4 at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater Room of the Hampton B. Allen Library.

Class members will discuss plans for their next reunion along with other information concerning the Class of 1971.

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