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## Ways to Donate to Western North Carolina

Anson County is making it easier to send help with donations to our neighbors in Western North Carolina who are faced with devastation and catastrophic loss after Hurricane Helene.

- Here is a list of drop off sites in our area:
- Ansonville Fire Department
  - Anson County Animal Shelter,
  - First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro
  - Robbie Hill Trucking
  - Polkton Police Department (Drop off at Dollar General)
  - Wadesboro Fire Department
  - Wadesboro Primary School
  - Peachland-Polkton Elementary School.

Items that are needed include: batteries, flashlights, over-the-counter medicines for children and adults, safety goggles, non-refrigerated milk, contact lens solution, tarps, mops, brooms, blankets, new underwear, paper cups, paper plates, hairbrushes, combs, towels, washcloths, bars of soap, deodorant, sports drinks (powdered packets), baby wipes, diapers, baby bottles, baby formula, insect repellent, manual can openers, trash bags, all non-perishable foods (preferably with pop tops), cleaning supplies, plastic sheeting, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toiletries & sanitation items, hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, heavy work gloves, socks.

Please don't forget the animals: Dog & cat food, dog & cat bowls, slip leads, ziplock bags, towels, blankets, washcloths, litter, large litter boxes, large aluminum pans, treats.

Or you can send monetary donations to:

- NC Disaster Relief Fund ([nc.gov/donate](http://nc.gov/donate)), address: NC Disaster Relief Fund, 20312 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699

- Samaritan's Purse ([samaritanpurse.org](http://samaritanpurse.org)), address: Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607
- Red Cross ([redcross.org](http://redcross.org)), address: Helene Relief, American Red Cross, PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839
- Baptists On Mission ([baptistsonmission.org](http://baptistsonmission.org)), address: Baptists on Mission, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512

## South Piedmont Hosting Furniture Yard Sale October 3 & 4

Items are Priced to Move!

South Piedmont Community College will sell surplus furniture at prices starting as low as \$2. The South Piedmont Yard Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4. The sale will happen inside Building A, 4209 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe.

Items available for purchase include desks, desk chairs, filing cabinets, bookcases, and other office furniture items. The furniture was used in South Piedmont's Building A prior to recently completed renovations. The furniture is no longer needed and is being offered to the community for pennies on the dollar. Any money raised from the yard sale will go back into the College's general fund.

Only cash will be accepted. Buyers must take their purchases with them the same day; items will not be held. Buyers are responsible for loading and transporting their purchases.

For more information, contact Construction Manager Erik Dagenhart at [edagenhart@spcc.edu](mailto:edagenhart@spcc.edu).

## Guidance on Sportsbooks and Esports Wagers Approved

### North Carolina State Lottery Commission also gets update on pari-mutuel wagering

The North Carolina State Lottery Commission on Wednesday approved a process to open a Place of Public Accommodation for sports betting, places commonly called sportsbooks; approved new guidance on wagering on esports, and received an update on pari-mutuel horse race wagering.

**Places of Public Accommodation** The Certificate of Compliance for Permanent Places of Public Accommodation outlines the process that a licensed interactive sports wagering operator is to follow if it seeks to open a permanent, in-person sports wagering facility. "Permanent Places of Public Accommodation" is the official, statutory name of what is more commonly known as a sportsbook.

**eSports** The commission's approved Electronic Sports Guidance describes the Gaming Compliance and Sports Betting Division's current approach to regulating wagering on electronic sports. A newly developed Petition for eSport Events or Wagers Form provides a pathway to request the addition of esports events to the state's sports wagering catalog. That form and other information can be found on the commission's website ([ncgaming.gov](http://ncgaming.gov)) along with the updated Petition for New Events or Wagers Form for traditional sporting event requests.

**Pari-Mutuel Wagering Update** Commission members also received an update on staff's progress to implement pari-mutuel horse race wagering via pari-mutuel online and mobile wagering operations. No projected launch date exists at this time; however, a rulemaking process is underway and includes proposed rules for authorized pari-mutuel wagering.

Public comment on the Notice of Rulemaking is open online ([ncgaming.gov](http://ncgaming.gov)) through 11:59 p.m. Oct. 18. Comments can be made in person at a public comment session on Oct. 8 at 9 a.m. at the North Carolina State Lottery Commission Headquarters, 2728 Capital Boulevard, Suite 144, Raleigh, NC 27604. You can register for that session by going to the State Lottery Commission website: [ncgaming.gov](http://ncgaming.gov).

Public comments can also be emailed to: [PublicComment@ncgaming.gov](mailto:PublicComment@ncgaming.gov), along with your name, contact information, business or organization (if applicable), and the rule numbers associated with your comments.

For further information, consult the Notice of Rulemaking linked above or email [SportsWagering@ncgaming.gov](mailto:SportsWagering@ncgaming.gov).



**Outstanding Farmer of the Year**  
Greg Hasenfus is the owner of Nanny Gatewood Farms.



**Outstanding Agribusiness**  
Was awarded to Peaches N' Cream. The award was presented to the owners, Calvin and Tracey Phillips.



**Heaviest Watermelon**  
The winner was Jacob Goodwin. His whopper watermelon weighed 37.6 pounds!

## Community Celebrates Farm-City Week

Ag producers, business representatives and community leaders from across the county attended the annual Farm-City Week dinner, held Tuesday, September 17 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center of South Piedmont Community College in Wadesboro. The event was held to emphasize the collaborations between the agricultural industry and the business community, with 118 in attendance. Outstanding individuals were also recognized and awarded plaques for their dedication to agriculture and business for 2024.

Farm-City Week observances take place around the nation each year to strengthen the understanding of farm-city connections that provide our food, fiber and shelter. Anson County is fortunate to have strong ties that appreciate its agricultural base and its importance to the local economy.

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce and Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District joined the Anson County Cooperative Extension staff to host the evening. The event combined the annual Farm-City Week observances with Brown Creek's annual awards dinner.

Sponsored by Pee Dee Electric, guests were treated to a reception before the event, followed by a southern buffet. The evening program highlighted agriculture, award recipients, and entertainment.

### Plaques given during the evening included:

- **Outstanding Farmer of the Year** was awarded by Anson County Cooperative Extension to Greg Hasenfus owner of Nanny Gatewood Farms.
- **Outstanding Agribusiness** was awarded to Peaches N' Cream, presented to Calvin and Tracey Phillips, presented by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce.
- **Anson County Conservation Farm Family.** Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District recognized the Freddy Carpenter Family.
- **Heaviest Watermelon** winner was Jacob Goodwin, 37.6 pounds.

The evening's entertainment was bluegrass band, Too Much Sylvia! 2024 is the 34th year of To Much Sylvia (2MS), and they are approaching the 4,000 shows mark from DC to the Caribbean. 2MS was inducted into the Carolina Beach Music Hall (CBMA) of Fame in 2019. And, one last fact that stands out - it's been the same 4 guys since 2000 - that's 24 years!

This year's Farm-City event kicked off a week of observing and celebrating agriculture in Anson County. The week ended with a Family Fall Fest on the square in Uptown Wadesboro on Friday, September 20 and the annual Ag Fair at the Extension Center the next day.



**Conservation Farm Family**  
Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District recognized the Freddy Carpenter Family.

## Wadesboro Town Council Meets October 7

The public is urged to attend to make their voices heard

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Wadesboro Town Council takes place on Monday, October 7, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Meetings normally take place in the Wadesboro Town Council meeting room in the Wadesboro Fire Department, located at 205 East Morgan Street.

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](http://wadesboronc.gov/town-council).

To be placed on the agenda, please contact the Town Clerk (704-694-5171) at least one week prior to the council meeting. To view the agenda please contact the Town Clerk.

**Wadesboro form of government** The Town of Wadesboro operates under the council-manager form of government. The Town Council sets the Town's policy, enacts laws and adopts the annual budget. The Council appoints the Town Manager to implement Town policies, administer operations, and supervise personnel.

**Town council structure** There are five council members and a mayor elected-at-large by the registered voters of the town. Town Council members serve four-year terms, with elections being held every two years. The mayor presides at all council meetings and is recognized as the official head of the town for ceremonial purposes. However, the mayor does not vote on matters coming before the council except in the event of a tie.

## October Parent / Teacher Conferences are this Thursday

The date for the Middle and High School Parent/Teacher Conferences in October has been revised. Originally scheduled for Thursday, October 10, the Parent/Teacher Conference date has been moved to Thursday, October 3, due to school conflicts.

- Anson Middle School & High Schools dismiss early at 1:00 p.m. Conferences will be held from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Wadesboro Primary School & Elementary Schools dismiss early at 12:30 p.m. Conferences will be held from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## Elijah Buchanon Won Watermelon Eating Contest at the Fall Fest

Congratulations to seven year old Elijah Buchanon of Wadesboro for winning this year's watermelon eating contest at the Fall Fest! Elijah won several prizes including a raised planter bed and potting soil. He said he plans to grow a watermelon next year for the Heaviest Watermelon Contest.

The Anson County Cooperative Extension Fall Fest was held on Friday, September 20 in uptown Wadesboro. It was followed by the Af Fair on Saturday, September 21. Both events were well attended, offering lots of fun as participants celebrated agriculture in Anson County.

Extension Director Roshunda Terry said, "Thank you Elijah, and to everyone who came and participated. It was a fun filled evening!"



## CPR Classes at the Health Department

Could YOU be someone's lifeline? If you are interested in a Hands-Only CPR session, stop by and see the Anson County Health Dept. Health Educator, Noelia Chumpitaz, and she will be glad to work with you.

**Infant CPR** Want to learn Infant CPR Anytime? Infant CPR Anytime teaches the life-saving skills of CPR, choking relief and more. Learn and practice on your own at home or share with friends and family, and be prepared to act with confidence when unexpected emergencies happen.

Call to make an appointment and reserve your spot at (704) 994-3381. The Health Department is located at 110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro.

## Anson Crisis Ministries Provides Free Food Tuesday Through Friday

Anson Crisis Ministries distributes free food items to over 1,000 families each month. This adds up to an estimated 50,000 people a year in Anson and surrounding counties. They serve families Tuesday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anson Crisis Ministries is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-2445.

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