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Anson County Farmers Market Extends Season to December 9

November 11 Craft Fair scheduled

The Anson County Farmers Market Association is extending the Saturday market through early December. Market Manager Leslie Lee explained their reasoning. "We took a survey, and both customers and merchants were interested in having a place to meet. It's exciting to know that so many Anson County residents want to continue to support local farmers, bakers and artisans."

The fall and winter market, called "Seasons' Eatings," will continue at its existing location at 1736 US Highway 52 South in Wadesboro. Hours of operation will be 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, through December 9.

Special events will include a Craft Fair on November 11 and Small Business Saturday on November 26.

Medicare Beneficiaries Should Review Their Options for 2024

NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey reminds Medicare beneficiaries to compare and evaluate their current plans and make necessary changes during the annual Open Enrollment Period.

"Medicare plans and prices change," Commissioner Causey said. "It is important for Medicare beneficiaries 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 October 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 December 7 to guarantee your coverage will begin without interruption on January 1, 2024.

It is important to contact your local SHIIP counselor before deciding about coverage because you may be able to receive more affordable and better Medicare health and/or drug plan options 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.

In Anson County, Grace Senior Center is our local SHIIP office. You can contact them at 704-694-6616.

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 2024.

- Get one-on-one help from your local SHIIP office.
- 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 to compare your current coverage with all the options that are available in your area and enroll in a new plan if you decide to make a change.
- Review the Medicare & You handbook. It was mailed to people with Medicare in September.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- Contact your trusted licensed insurance agent.

SHIIP counselors are not licensed insurance agents, and they do not sell, endorse, or oppose any product, plan or company. If you have questions about your specific plan, we encourage you to contact your insurance agent or the insurance company.

For more information about SHIIP and the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, call 1-855-408-1212 or visit www.ncshiip.com.

Multistate Operation Results in Arrest of Tony Anthony Deese, Jr.

Law enforcement officers from the Wadesboro Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office of Lancaster County, SC, Anson County Sheriff's Office, and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, executed a search warrant the morning of Friday, September 29 at a residence on Camden Road in Wadesboro, with technical assistance provided by the Union County Sheriff's Office.

This warrant comes after a joint investigation between the Wadesboro Police Department, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, and the Lancaster County Multijurisdictional Violent Crime Taskforce. Numerous illegal items were located and seized during the search and as a result Tony Anthony Deese, Jr., 30, of Wadesboro was arrested and charged with the following offenses: Possession of a Weapon of Mass Destruction; Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon; 2 counts - Possession of a Stolen Firearm; Possession with intent to sell and/or deliver cocaine; Possession with intent to sell and/or manufacture and/or deliver methamphetamine; Possession with intent to sell and/or manufacture and/or deliver MDMA; Felony possession of cocaine; Felony possession of methamphetamine; Felony possession of a Schedule I controlled substance; Maintaining a vehicle for keeping or selling controlled substances.



Deese was placed into the Anson County Jail with a \$100,000 secured bond, where he is currently awaiting trial.



Anson High School Athletic Director Randy Jordan

Anson High School Athletics Recognized by the NC High School Athletic Association

Anson High School Athletics has been recognized by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) for going ejection free for the 2022-2023 season. In the picture at left is Mr. Randy Jordan, Anson High School Athletic Director, who said, "This is reflective of all athletes and coaches, and we are extremely proud of this recognition." Congratulations to Mr. Jordan and all of the Bearcat athletes and coaches on a job well done. **Let's go Cats!**

Anson Schools Sports Update

AHS Anson High School Soccer
• Tuesday, September 26 - Anson lost to Forest Hills 9-1. Goal scored by Huntley Bowers, assisted by Graham Fowler.
• Thursday, September 28 - Anson lost to Albemarle 12-3. Goals scored by Huntley Bowers (2 Penalty Kicks and 1 assisted goal. 3 total goals. Assisted by Anden Estrada.

Anson High School Varsity Football

• Friday, September 29 - Anson beat Parkwood 34-27. Passing (attempts-yards): Luke Hyatt 6-11, 131 yards, 2 TD. **Rushing** (carries-yards): Jazear Griffin 21-258, 2 TD; Kendrick Maye 8-101 1 TD; Luke Hyatt 6-34. **Receiving** (catches-yards): Courtney Sturdivant 3-41, 1 TD; Jazear Griffin 1-59 1 TD; Jase Martin 1-17; Kendrick Maye 1-9; Jayden Little 1-5. **Tackles** (solo, assists): Cedrick Zeno solo 4, assist 3; Denez Chambers solo 4, assist 3; Daquan Mckeever solo 4, assist 2; D. Harrington solo 3, assist 3; Jazear Griffin solo 3, assist 1; Zack Griffin solo 4; Jase Martin solo 3, assist 1; J. Griffin solo 3; T'landis Carr solo 2; Jaqualin Liles solo 2. **Sacks:** T'landis Carr 1; Jaqualin Liles 1. **Interceptions:** Cedric Zeno 1; Kendrick Maye 1.

Anson High School Junior Varsity Football

• Thursday, September 28 - Anson beat Parkwood 30-0. Jackson Stinson 1 kickoff return TD; Tasean Harris 1 rushing TD; Izayah Hatcher 1 rushing TD; Dallas Lilly 1 rushing.

AMS

Anson Middle School Football

• Wednesday, September 27 - Anson beat South Stanly 28-14. Cordarius Bivens 2 Rushing TD, 1 Passing TD; Deontae Nelson 1 Rushing TD; Truth Rorie 1 Rec TD.

Anson Middle School Cross Country

• Monday, September 25 - Competed at the East/West Montgomery Meet at Denson's Creek Golf Club. **Team Times Boys:** Walter Marsh 17:28; Brady Hyatt 17:53; LaGrant Chisholm 21:20; Issac Marsh 21:49; David Colston 31.13. **Team Times Girls:** Lorlei Woodall 21:00 (15th overall); Briannon Phillips-Murdock 23:38.

Anson Middle School Volleyball

• Tuesday, September 26 - AMS beat Albemarle 3-0
• Tuesday, October 3 - AMS beat West Middle 3-1

Anson Middle School Girls Track

• Anson finished 2nd Place Overall at Hoke County meet. Carika McNair 1st place Shotput, 1st place Discus; London Williams 2nd place Discus; Comorayah McManus 3rd place Long Jump.

Anson Middle School Golf

• Tuesday, September 26 - At Foxfire Golf Club. Anson finished 1st Place overall with 187 score. Coy Lear 40; Griffin Hasty 46; Garrett Baucom 49; Dakota McGowen 52; Gabriel Dillon 53; Brodie Lear 58.

This is National 4-H Week!

National 4-H Week kicked off on Sunday, October 1 and will run through Saturday, October 7. National 4-H Week is a great opportunity for folks to learn more about 4-H. To celebrate this week, Samuel Cole, 4-H Agent at the Anson County Cooperative Extension, asked two Anson County 4-H'ers, Maddie Carpenter and Jahzaria Underwood, to write about how they have benefited from Anson County 4-H. Here are their stories:

Maddie Carpenter Growing up showing livestock through 4-H has given me many experiences and taught me life lessons that will stick with me all through life. I have made lots of new friends and connections, many that will last a lifetime.

Most of the best memories I have made through showing have not been made on the inside of the show ring but on the outside, back at the stalls with friends and family along with late nights and early mornings in the show barn at home.

I have been blessed to have success in the show ring, but that's not what matters, the life lessons, in and around the show ring, the countless friendships and memories made, that's what matters.

Jahzaria Underwood Being part of Anson County 4-H is an amazing opportunity and experience. I have gotten to see a lot of things over my time period with this great organization. Experiences like going to Raleigh to be a part of Citizenship Focus, Congress and Youth Voice.

Youth Voice was fun because I got to see what it takes to be a County Commissioner and it's not so easy. I even got to see what the NC House of Representatives look like on the inside and how they carry out the laws that come from our county. That was so cool and just an amazing experience.

My favorite was Teen Retreat because it had us more outside, not being on our phones, and just enjoying time with each other. There was also a dance at the end that was pretty cool and fun.

If you are not in 4-H now I don't know what you are waiting for! Be a part of something wonderful to learn and grow from because us youth are the future! You might as well learn everything you can to become a better person, citizen or loved one.



Maddie Carpenter's heifer won Breed Reserve Champion Heifer in the Junior Beef Round-Up.



Jahzaria Underwood is pictured above with Rep. Brody during her visit to the NC House of Representatives.

Harvard Street Band in Concert at the Library

Everyone is invited to come enjoy the free musical presentation

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces that the Harvard Street Band will be performing a program of music on Columbus Day, Monday, October 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theater. Band members are Brady Greene, Robbie Griffin, Don Shell and Rick Hansen. Everyone is invited to come enjoy beautiful country and gospel music. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.