

- October 6 Thursday - Mad Hatter Day
- October 7 Friday - World Smile Day & Frappé Day
- October 8 Saturday - Pierogi Day
- October 9 Sunday - Curious Events Day
- October 10 Monday - Handbag Day
- October 11 Tuesday - It's My Party Day & Ada Lovelace Day
- October 12 Wednesday - Old Farmers Day



ANSONVILLE PARADE & HOMECOMING

Saturday, November 5th

FAMILY FUN & FOOD TRUCKS!

The Town of Ansonville is accepting all vendors, churches, individuals & groups to participate in our Homecoming & Parade. The event will take place in downtown Ansonville on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

PARADE LINEUP 10AM PARADE BEGINS 11AM

If you are interested in becoming a vendor or want to participate in the parade, please contact Town Hall at 704-826-8404

Athletic Director Randy Jordan Says, "Get Involved Again!"

Mr. Randy Jordan has been named the Athletic Director at Anson High School after serving as interim last year. This allows Jordan to spend his mornings teaching in the Science Department and his afternoons focusing on the many duties surrounding athletics at the high school level. Additionally he will serve as head men's basketball coach.

Teaching, coaching and directing all high school sports activities provides Jordan with a very full plate. When asked how he will manage, Jordan said, "I have great support and help from our coaches and trade staff. They are hard workers and are always willing to help. They are great people and their help makes my job easier. I am blessed."

With just a few weeks left in the fall sports regular season we find our student athletes working hard toward success. There's more to their story than wins and losses. "Our teams are improving. If you compare last year to this year, there is marked improvement in our men's Soccer team. Volleyball is doing very well, Cross Country is placing well, Football is playing hard and getting better every week, so the programs are headed in the right direction," said Jordan.

Looking ahead has to include improvements to athletic facilities at Anson High School. Jordan said, "Some short term steps toward improving the facilities include painting and resurfacing the gym floor beginning this month by way of grant money recently received. And, in the spring we want to redo the electrical with hopes of adding air conditioning in the gym."

Anson is hosting the Rocky River Conference Softball Tournament this year. "I've spoken with Coach Jarman and she has given me her ideas on what it will take to make the softball facility more conducive to hosting the tournament. We are going to make as much of that happen as we possibly can."

Ansonians know there are needs here. Some of those needs will take huge strides to accomplish and some of those needs will take mere steps. Mr. Jordan, Anson coaches, administrators, the superintendent and school board members all realize what lies ahead will take time, energy, and a lot of money to see it through. Jordan shared this, "Anson is a sleeping giant. We just need to wake some people back up and get them involved again."

Community Support of the Schools is Vital!
While listening to those words it sounded so simple. But it's not. We need the support of our community and its leaders. We need businesses to get motivated and involved. We need individuals to stand up and pitch in. We need positive energy and every hard working person near and far to remember what it's like to grow up in a small, rural town with a great big heart. We need smart, creative-thinking minds to think outside the box and come up with solutions. What are our neighboring counties doing to make big things happen? Are those things we can mirror?

In truth, every student in Anson County does or will use these facilities during their tenure with the school system. Yes, student athletes use them most often. But, Anson students attend sporting events, assemblies, pep rallies, book clubs, meetings, Career and Technical Education job fairs, community events, to name a few.

At the very least, all of us can come out and support student athletes and their sports. This should include our band students, cheerleaders, majorettes and every sport in every school. Each individual student works hard and spends tireless hours preparing for what it is they do. Each deserves the same recognition, praise and people in attendance to witness those accomplishments.

Randy Jordan is right. We do need to wake some people back up and get them involved again. Let's set our alarms for the first thing in the morning and start the next new day on the right foot. Let's get involved again. Our students need us. Let's go Cats!
By Melanie Lyon

Anson County Schools Fall Athletic Stats

Anson High School Volleyball

• *Wednesday, September 28 versus Parkwood.* Anson won 3-1 (25-5, 18-25, 25-13, 25-22). Individual stats: Blair Threadgill 3 aces, 8 kills, 1 block, 6 assists, 8 digs; Allie Steagall 8 aces, 4 kills, 17 assists, 14 digs; Morgan Burr 3 aces, 4 kills, 3 digs; Malayasia Gabriel 4 kills; Cam Martin 1 ace, 4 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 3 digs; Cierra Lear 8 aces, 2 assists, 10 digs; Lauren Dutton 6 kills, 1 block, 2 digs; Leah McLaurin 1 block; Caroline Austin 1 ace, 5 digs.

• *Thursday, September 29 versus West Stanly.* Anson lost 0-3 (18-25, 20-25, 15-25). Individual stats: Cam Martin 1 kill, 1 block, 1 assist, 4 digs; Blair Threadgill 1 ace, 5 kills, 1 lock, 9 digs; Malayasia Gabriel 3 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 1 dig; Cierra Lear 1 ace, 2 kills, 1 assists, 10 digs; Allie Steagall 4 aces, 4 kills, 13 assists, 10 digs; Lauren Dutton 5 kills, 4 digs; Jada Harrington 2 digs; Caroline Austin 2 aces, 1 assist, 9 digs; Morgan Burr 2 kills, 3 digs.

Anson County to Launch "Operation Green Light" in Support of Local Veterans

This is a release from Andrea Lamonds, Anson County Veteran Services Officer:
In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Anson County announced that county buildings would be illuminated green November 7th through the 13th as part of Operation Green Light, a new national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

The new national collaborative is spearheaded by the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers, building upon the successful efforts of the New York State Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association in 2021.

"Since the tragedy of September 11, 2001, our nation's voluntary military force members, and their families, have made immense sacrifices for our safety and security over a two-decade period," said Andrea Lamonds, Veteran Service Officer. "Similar to the sacrifices of previous generations of our armed forces, this service to country also often results in significant stress to many of the veterans who served in times of war and conflict. We want to make sure our veterans and their families know that their service mattered, that we are grateful for their sacrifices, and that it is now our turn to make sure they are served by their county government and our community."

In addition to lighting county buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (November 7th -13th), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

"Operation Green Light is a simple way to express our collective appreciation for the public service of our veterans," said NACo President Denise Winfrey. "We encourage everyone to join us in displaying a green light for our veterans and to also reflect on how we, as a nation and at the county level, assist our military service personal back into civilian life upon completion of their service to our country."

Visit naco.org/operationgreenlight or co.anson.nc.us for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

TALENT IS EVERYWHERE

OPPORTUNITY IS NOT

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
October 2-8, 2022

Every kid needs the chance to thrive. It'll inspire their lives, and they'll inspire our community.

CREATE #OPPORTUNITY4ALL KIDS AT 4-H.ORG

Get involved with 4-H! Contact Samuel Cole, 4-H Agent, at (704) 694-2915 or srcole3@ncsu.edu.

Mary Hill Threatt to Present Program of Music

The Hampton B. Allen Library will be having a program of music on Monday, October 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theater. The musical artist will be Mary Hill Threatt of Marshville. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the beautiful southern gospel music.

Face masks are optional. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.



GULLEDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, October 8 11am until...

CHICKEN OR PORK

Served with
Baked Beans, Slaw, Rolls,
Homemade Desserts
& Drink \$11/Plate



Cartons Available Warm or Cold

PARADE AVON

FEATURED PERFORMANCE BY: NTACT

October 8, 2022
Saturday from 10am - 6pm
PAPARAZZI

Vendor: Sippin wit Saucy

Vendor: Flava Water LLC

Vendor: Creative Canvas

Mobile Zoo Truck

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Gospel Singer Michelle White

Contemporary Gospel Singers Mercy & Grace

Singer & Songwriter Terry "Swiftnote" Lemon Master of Ceremony

FOOD VENDORS, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

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