

With fall's arrival, many families will be looking to visit local farms for apple picking, pumpkin patches, corn mazes and other agritourism activities. While things will look a little different this year due to COVID-19, the state's farms offering agritourism are ready to greet visitors.

"Farms that create educational, recreation and entertainment activities are ideal for families looking for fun," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Farms already offer plenty of room for social distancing in an outdoor setting. This year, farms that have diversified to include agritourism activities are taking additional measures to ensure that everyone has a safe experience on the farm in response to COVID-19."

For some farms, such as Elodie Farm in Rougemont, this has meant limiting the number of visitors on the farm at one time. The historic tobacco farm turned goat dairy has plans to offer private sunset tours of the farm, along with limited-seating farm dinners. In Banner Elk, Apple Hill Farm is taking a similar approach by offering small group tours of the working alpaca farm by reservation only.

While most apple orchards, pumpkin patches and corn mazes will not require reservations, visitors will notice changes at these farms as well. Farms will include additional hand washing and hand sanitizer stations, increased signage promoting social distancing and face masks requirements for certain activities.

The department encourages those wishing to visit local farms this fall to continue to practice recommendations from public health officials. Wear a cloth mask over your nose and mouth. Wait six feet apart and avoid close contact. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer. Visitors are encouraged to contact farms directly to learn about specific requirements or restrictions for each farm.

Families can plan their next agritourism adventure through the Got to Be NC website at gottobenc.com/find-local/agritourism or the Visit NC Farms app. The free app, which is available for Apple and Android devices, offers over 800 listings from the mountains to the coast. Users can search by activity or location. More information is available at visitncfarmstoday.com.

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Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition

204 East Wade Street in Wadesboro

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* All events are subject to change because of the COVID-19 situation. You may want to seek confirmation of events.

Church News

OCTOBER 18

70th Homecoming

At Bethany Freewill Baptist Church with Rev David Parrish, catered meal served afterwards. Pastor Richard Marsh 704-294-4313

ONGOING

HOPE Grief

Support Group at Harmony Community Church, meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm offering help for those feeling grief or loss. Free & confidential. Info & register 704-272-7127 or 704-242-2499. Located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland

Service Times

Wadesboro Church of God. Sunday School 10am, morning worship 11am, Intercessory prayer 5:45pm, evening service 6pm

Bible Study

And Intercessory Prayer at Wadesboro Church of God, 6:15pm. Currently studying the life of Christ

Events

OCTOBER 17

Pie-Pumpkin Sale

In support of the Anson High School FFA program. 8am-3pm at Tractor Supply in Wadesboro. Small pumpkins \$7, large pumpkins \$10

OCTOBER 20

Goodie Bag

Handout - Eat better, eat together at Grace Senior Center, 10am-12 noon. Located at 199 Hwy 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. 704-694-6616

Scout Signups

Drive thru for Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts, 6-7:30pm at Wadesboro Primary School. Cost is \$25. First time scouters pay one time \$25 additional fee. Alternative date 10/22 at Food King in Ellerbe. Info & also register by contacting Melissa Ewing melissa.ewing@scouting.org or 910-334-2050

ONGOING EVENTS

Al-Anon Family Groups

Support for Family & Friends. Al-Anon Family Groups meets Thursdays, 8pm at AA Building, 2177 Country Club Rd in Wadesboro, between Wadesboro Health and Rehabilitation & Twin Valley Golf Club

Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8am-1pm. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445

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Anson County Board

of Commissioners

Monthly Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm in Board Rm (Suite 209) of Government Bldg, 101 S. Greene St in Wadesboro. Info 704-994-3201

Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Sign-ups

Call the Farm Service Agency Office at 704-694-3516 ext. 2 to complete eligibility forms

Lions Club Welcomes

New Members The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joes Restaurant the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 6:30pm For more info or to purchase a broom please call Jim Chandler 910-571-1448

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