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## Wadesboro Town Council Meets on Monday, December 2

**Public is urged to attend, make their voices heard**

The regular monthly meeting of the Wadesboro Town Council takes place on Monday, December 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.

## Anson County Board of Commissioners Meets December 3

The Anson County Board of Commissioners will hold their first December meeting on Tuesday, December 3. The second meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17.

Meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and search for Anson Commissioners.

## The Next Anson Mobile Food Market is Thursday, December 12

The next Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on Thursday, December 12, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Anson County Animal Shelter, located at 7257 Highway 74 in Polkton, at the entrance to Field of Dreams.

Food will be given away, including fresh vegetables, fruit and bread (if available). There will be blood pressure and blood sugar checks, along with other healthy living topics and booths.

This free event offers citizens of Anson County six to eight different types of fresh produce monthly. This is a free initiative, so please come and get some produce.

**Nothing is required for you to receive produce, just come.**

The event is sponsored by the Anson County Extension and its partners.

This event is to assist in the scarcity of fresh, healthy food in the county. It will also serve as an educational event to offer education on the two targeted areas of the county health assessment which are tobacco use and hypertension. Agencies will be set up offering services and information in those two targeted areas.

## Statewide Thanksgiving ‘Click It or Ticket’ Campaign Kicks Off

The N.C. Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is reminding everyone to buckle up while traveling during the Thanksgiving season.

Recently the GHSP partnered with the Mooresville Police Department, NASCAR driver Ross Chastain and others this week at the North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame to launch the statewide Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign. From Nov. 25-Dec. 1, law enforcement officers across all 100 counties will increase patrols to keep everyone safe during the holiday travel period.

“For most, Thanksgiving means community gatherings, family, friends and food but every year, for a small number of North Carolinians, Thanksgiving means tragedy,” said GHSP Director Mark Ezzell. “It means that somebody has to knock on the door and tell someone that a loved one is not coming home because they did not wear their seat belt.”

Last year in North Carolina, 495 people died in unbuckled crashes, including five people in Iredell County where officials hosted this week’s Click It or Ticket event. Choosing not to buckle up is dangerous and can be expensive. Drivers in North Carolina can face up to \$187 in fines and fees if anyone in their vehicle is not wearing a seat belt.

“Wearing a seat belt is not just a good habit, it is the law,” said Mooresville Police Chief Campurciani. “Our goal is to make sure that everyone arrives to their destination safely.”

Unfortunately, that isn’t always the case. Recently, Campurciani had to explain to a 9-year-old boy that his older brother, who was unbelted, was killed in a car crash while coming home from football practice. “The kid was sitting on the couch with his football waiting for his brother to play catch with him when he got home,” Campurciani said. “He’s still waiting for his brother to come home.”

This week’s event was held not far from the Mooresville home of NASCAR driver Ross Chastain, who is working with the Governor’s Highway Safety Program to promote safe driving practices.

Ross Chastain said seat belts are so important to his livelihood he wears nine of them to keep him safe in case of a crash.

“If one person sees this and buckles their seat belt and it saves their life, then all of this was worth it,” Chastain said.



### Career Day at Lilesville Elementary School

From small, locally owned businesses to large cooperations, to community service workers and organizations, it was serious business learning about many careers opportunities in Anson County and beyond. Career Day at Lilesville Elementary School was a lot of fun for all, and a huge success!



### Anson Commissioners Participate in Shaping 2025-26 NCACC Legislative Agenda

Anson County Commissioners James “Jamie” Caudle and Jarvis T. Woodburn joined fellow county leaders as the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) convened its biennial Legislative Goals Conference on November 14 and 15 at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley. The two-day event, which gathered county representatives from across the state, finalized the NCACC’s legislative priorities ahead of the upcoming long session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

During the event, conference attendees and county voting delegates discussed and voted on 47 legislative proposals, which will guide the NCACC’s advocacy efforts for the 2025 session. The proposals cover both state and federal issues that impact counties throughout North Carolina.

“This conference is a vital part of our democratic process,” said NCACC President and Warren County Commissioner Tare “T.” Davis. “It allows each county to directly shape the NCACC’s legislative agenda, ensuring that local governments have a unified voice in shaping policies that affect our communities.”

Panel speakers included State Senator Jim Burgin and State Representative Ray Jeffers. In addition, NCACC leadership provided updates and insights throughout the event.

The Legislative Goals Conference serves as the final step in a comprehensive process, which began months ago with counties submitting proposals for consideration. Through discussion, debate and voting, counties helped determine NCACC’s legislative priorities for the next two years.

“This is the moment when counties come together to align their voices and push for the policies that will improve our communities,” said NCACC Executive Director Kevin Leonard. “The decisions made at this conference will have a lasting impact on local governments across North Carolina.”



Pictured above are County Commissioners Jamie Caudle (left) and Jarvis Woodburn.