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## NCDA&CS Receives \$7.6 Million to Support CFSA FarmsSHARE Food Assistance Program

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has secured \$7.6 million in USDA-AMS funding to support the continuation and expansion of the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association's FarmsSHARE program that provides food assistance to those in need by purchasing fresh, local food from small farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers and small businesses. FarmsSHARE efforts started in 2020 as a response to COVID-19. It increased access to fresh, healthy, locally-grown food in underserved communities across our state while investing in small North Carolina businesses to cultivate a stable, thriving local food system.

Through a cooperative agreement with USDA-AMS, the USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA) will enable NCDA&CS to provide funding to CFSA to expand the FarmsSHARE program and work with 15 food hub partners and at least 200 community-based organizations to procure and distribute 133,000 boxes of local food. The farms and food hubs also receive assistance to enter new markets for local food.

"Creating more opportunities for North Carolinians to source local products from North Carolina farmers is beneficial all around, for consumers, farmers, and our local food supply long term," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Expanding FarmsSHARE through the LFPA program is expected to strengthen and expand our efforts and allow food hubs to connect and develop relationships with socially disadvantaged farmers, small farmers, and small businesses to the benefit of local farmers and communities."

"This LFPA partnership among state and federal government, nonprofits, land grant universities and food hubs across NC will supply nutritious food from small local farms to local people in need," said CFSA Executive Director Roland McReynolds. "This collaboration to support local food is a model for the country."

Funding for the LFPA program comes from the American Rescue Plan. Questions regarding how to participate as either a farmer or distribution site should be sent to Kana Miller, Local Food Distribution Coordinator, kana@carolinafarmstewards.org and 919-542-2402 ext. 831.

# Church News

THE CHURCH CALENDAR IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THESE SPONSORS

**APRIL 28**  
**BBQ Fundraiser**  
For Jack Porten cancer treatments, 10:30am-until at Cathedral Baptist Church, 1215 Old Lilesville Rd, Wadesboro. Chicken or pork barbecue with slaw, beans, roll & dessert for \$12 donation. Dine in or take out. Deliveries 704-694-6670.

**APRIL 30**  
**Sunday Night Singing**  
At Victory Baptist Church, 1777 Church St. in Lilesville, 5pm. Group specials, solos, congregational & Victory Baptist Church Choir. Join us for meal & fellowship after service. Info 910-206-7151.

**Youth Day**  
At Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist Church. Come bring your youth that we may share the goodness of Jesus.

**MAY 7**  
**10th Appreciation**  
For Pastor Pearl & Shirley Taylor at Johnson Chapel Church, 3pm with Pastor Terry Little of West Deep Creek MBC. Musical guests Overseer McLendon & Min. Bennett. All are invited.

**MAY 14**  
**Missionary Annual Women's Day** at Greater St. Mark Church of Deliverance, 1003 Main St in Wadesboro, 11am with National Mother Mahalia Williams. All women in all white please.

**MAY 20**  
**Bessie Chapel Male Chorus Gospel Fest** - Outside fun! 1pm at Bessie Chapel AME Zion Church, Ingram Mountain Rd in Lilesville. Singing, eating & fun for the kids! Info 704-690-6873.

**Fruit of the Spirit Program** at Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 5pm. Dinner served. Donation \$10. Everyone is welcome.

**ONGOING**  
**Youth Day** Every 5th Sunday at Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist Church.

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## Events

**APRIL 29**  
**Class of 1971** Bowman Senior High School meeting to discuss this year's reunion, 1pm at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Info Patricia Little 704-695-6724.

**MAY 2**  
**Board of Commissioners Meet** 6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. This is the regular monthly meeting. Meeting available online at [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201.

**MAY 3**  
**Special Olympics Spring Games** at Anson High School Stadium. Opening Ceremony at 9:30am, Games end about 12 noon. All are invited to enjoy watching athletes competing in track & field events at their various ability levels. Would you like to volunteer? Please contact Sylvia Tillman at 704-694-4417 ext 1702. Rain date is May 5.

**MAY 4**  
**Chair Exercise Cancelled** at Grace Senior Center.

**MAY 5**  
**Tea Talks** At Grace Senior Center, 2:30-3:30pm. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

**MAY 6**  
**Yard Sale & Bake Sale** by the Burnsville Ladies Auxiliary, Burnsville Fire Dept. Donations appreciated, call 704-826-8949.

**MAY 10**  
**Muffins for Mom** At Grace Senior Center, 2:30-3:30pm. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

**MAY 13**  
**Class of 1973** Bowman High School 50th Reunion planning meeting at Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro, 3pm. All classmates invited to attend. Info Brenda S. Rorie 704-695-5196.

**MAY 16**  
**Senior BINGO** At Grace Senior Center, 1:00 to 2:00pm. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

**MAY 18**  
**Craft & Workshop** At Grace Senior Center, 12 noon to 2:00pm. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

**MAY 19**  
**Senior Line Dancing** at Grace Senior Center, 2:30-3:30pm. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

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**FRIDAY, MAY 12**  
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