

The June meeting of the Anson County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will be held on Monday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, located at 612 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro. They welcome you to come and see what is going on. "Each one reach one." For more information contact Anson NAACP President Sinic Marsh at mrshs6@yahoo.com or 704-254-0630.

Open Gym Free for All School Aged Children

The Wadesboro Elementary School Gym will be open every Monday and Wednesday, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all school aged children. This program began June 4 and runs until Wednesday, July 17. It is free, and all kids are welcome. Register online at anson.recdesk.com. For information you can call Anson County Parks and Recreation at 704-994-3025.

Anson County AA Meeting Schedules

The Anson County Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Group meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. for an Open Topic Meeting. (Except the 2nd Monday of each month is an Open Big Book Study.) The Harmony Group meets on Wednesdays at 12 noon for an Open Discussion Meeting. Anyone who thinks they may have a problem with drugs or alcohol, AA wants to help. All meetings are held at the AA Building, located at 2177 Country Club Road in Wadesboro, across from the EMS building. Meetings are non-smoking and handicap accessible.

Rocky River Baptist VBS
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KICK OFF Sun, June 23 6pm
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ROMANS 12:2
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Funny, Random & Weird Holidays

- June 21 Friday - Take Your Dog to Work Day
- June 21 Friday - Daylight Appreciation Day
- June 22 Saturday - Onion Ring Day
- June 23 Sunday - Typewriter Day
- June 24 Monday - Swim a Lap Day
- June 25 Tuesday - Please Take my Children to Work Day
- June 26 Wednesday - Chocolate Pudding Day

Wadesboro Lions Club Meets at Papa Joe's

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Wadesboro every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. They welcome new members. If you are interesting in learning more about the Lions Club and the many good causes they support locally, you are invited to visit. Join in and enjoy the fellowship...plus delicious Papa Joe's pizza! For more information regarding Lions, membership and their services to our community, please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

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The Anson County Water Department will take legal action against any individual or business that unlawfully obtains water from the Anson County water system. **PLEASE REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** to the
 • Anson County Sheriff's Office 704-694-4188, or the
 • Anson County Water Department 704-694-5208.

Hydrant use permit information is available from the Anson County Water Department. Information is available at 704-694-5208.

Church

JUNE 22

Annual Womens Day Conference at Fairview Church of God, 10am with Pastor Dr. Anita Owens-Scott of New Direction Life Ministries.
JUNE 23 & 26 - 28
Holy Convocation At Victory Temple Miracle Center, 1685 Morgan Sellers Rd in Wadesboro. Theme is "Above all else, pursue love!" Sun-Musical at 3:30pm. Wed-Fri nightly services 7:30pm. Come celebrate with us!

JUNE 26 - 28
Vacation Bible School at Divine Unity H.O.R.M. located at 6090 Hwy 109 S in Wadesboro, 6-8pm. Theme is: How God May the Impossible, Possible!
JUNE 29
Community Family & Friends Day at First Baptist Church, Sikes Avenue in Wadesboro, 12-3pm. Lots of food, fun & health screenings. Brings your kids! Fun for all ages! All are welcome!

JUNE 30
5th Sunday Service At House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 600 Camden Road in Wadesboro, at 3pm with Dr. Louis Blakney, Jr. For info contact Pastor J. Van Clyburn or Co-Pastor Fannie Clyburn at 704-475-4643.

JULY 21 - 24
Homecoming & Revival At Henry Grove Baptist Church. Homecoming Sun with Rev. Jeff Adams of Chambers Grove MBC in Marshville at 11am & Rev. Carol Turner of Sneed Grove AME Zion Church in Ellerbe at 2:30pm. Revival Mon-Wed 7:30pm with Rev. Tobias Wall of Saron Baptist Church in Polkton. All are invited.

JULY 28 - 31
Homecoming & Revival At Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Begins Sun with Pastor Horne, dinner served. Mon-Rev. Patricia Russell; Tue-Rev. Joletha Dockery; Wed-Rev. John Kirkpatrick, all at 7pm.

JUNE 20
Free Food **Anson Mobile Food Market** at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, located at 1134 East Caswell Street (Highway 74) in Wadesboro, behind Pizza Hut. It begins at 10am. Fresh veggies, fruit & bread if available. Blood pressure checks, along with healthy living topics & booths. Nothing required to receive food, just come! Sponsored by Anson Extension Service.

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ONGOING EVENTS
Free Food Distribution at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-4pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820
Writers' Club Meets Fourth Sunday each month at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, 3pm (except July & Dec). Open to public, new members of all ages invited. Info 704-694-5211 or sandybruney@gmail.com.
Senior Box Program at Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

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Practice Heat Awareness this Summer

State agencies partner to reduce heat-related impacts ahead of summer season

May 20-26 was North Carolina Heat Awareness Week, and its purpose was to raise awareness of the state's continued climate warming trend and highlight newly available state resources to support local communities in their efforts to reduce impacts of extreme heat.

"As our summers continue to get hotter, today's proclamation raises awareness of the many tools and resources available to keep our communities safe from extreme heat," said Governor Cooper. "Since the implementation of Executive Order 80 in 2018, state agencies have been working together to protect North Carolinians from impacts of climate change."

Communities across the state are encouraged to prepare in advance for high summer temperatures and the significant health risks residents and workers experience during hot weather. Summer 2023 was the hottest summer on record globally and 2024 is on pace to be another extremely hot summer. The North Carolina Climate Science Report (ncics.org/programs/nccsr) projects that extreme heat will be one of the most significant climate impacts to the state.

Climate change and its effects on North Carolina have prompted several state agencies to partner in the development of new tools to reduce potential impacts.

In April, the N.C. Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) launched a Heat Action Plan Toolkit (rebuild.nc.gov/heat-action-plan-toolkit) in collaboration with the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), N.C. State Climate Office and Duke University Heat Policy Innovation Hub. The toolkit aims to reduce heat-related health impacts and is designed for use by health departments, local governments and other community partners. The toolkit includes a template that can be used to create a heat action plan, public outreach resources, checklists and protocols that can be customized for communities in advance of and during heat wave events.

Outdoor workers, infants and children, older adults, pregnant people, athletes, low-income individuals and people with underlying health conditions are at higher risk for heat-related illnesses.

The NCDHHS Climate and Health Program launched a statewide Heat Health Alert System (ncdhhs.gov/heat/health), beginning this month, to notify subscribers via emailed alerts when the heat index is expected to reach unhealthy levels in their county. The team partnered with the N.C. State Climate Office and Duke University Heat Policy Innovation Hub to expand the system from a subset of counties in eastern North Carolina to all 100 counties in the state. The team also created a communications toolkit and health education materials to help users share alerts and heat health information more widely.

"We want all North Carolinians to enjoy a safe and healthy summer," said Dr. Susan Kansagra, NCDHHS Assistant Secretary for Public Health. "With more than 3,900 emergency department visits for heat-related illness in North Carolina last summer, preparing for extreme heat at the local level is critical to protecting the health of North Carolina residents and workers."

In addition to the heat health alert system, the NCDHHS Climate and Health Program operates a Heat-Related Illness Surveillance System (ncdhhs.gov/heat/health) each year from May through September to document weekly emergency department visits for heat-related illness in North Carolina. The team publishes weekly statewide reports on its website and shares them with partners to provide timely and actionable public health information for decision-makers at the state and local levels. This year, the reports include new regional summaries and county-level information.

Last week, NCORR announced the new N.C. Resilience Exchange website (resilienceexchange.nc.gov), an interactive resource to help local and state leaders easily find relevant information in the abundance of climate data available online. The Exchange includes funding opportunities, a directory of experts, interactive mapping tools, sample ordinances and more in a one-stop-shop. The site also fulfills a priority initiative named in the North Carolina Climate Risk Assessment and Resilience Plan.

"Extreme heat impacts are not new to North Carolina, of course, but projections of extra hot summers are prompting us to increase awareness and encourage taking action before and during heat waves," said state Chief Resilience Officer Dr. Amanda Martin. "Taking specific steps helps protect people who live, work and vacation in our state."