

Holla Back Fashion Show Coming To Morven

Fashion, food, entertainment and local vendors featured in community celebration

Anson County will take center stage on Sunday, August 30, as the Holla Back Fashion Show brings an evening of style, entertainment and community spirit to Morven.

The event will be held at 6 p.m. at the Holla Amphitheater & Tennis Complex, located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. Hosted by Leon Gatewood, the show promises an exciting blend of fashion, culture and local talent.

Organizers describe the event as a celebration of confidence, creativity and community connections. Guests will enjoy runway fashion presentations along with live entertainment, food and opportunities to support local businesses and vendors.

In addition to the fashion show itself, attendees can browse vendor booths, enjoy food and drinks, and experience live music and performances throughout the evening.

Early bird and general admission tickets are available.

N.C. State Fair Invites Home Chefs to Compete

Eleven cooking challenges open to amateur and professional chefs

Whether your specialty is lasagna, Brunswick stew, dips or desserts, the 2026 N.C. State Fair is inviting cooks from across the state to show off their culinary talents during this year's Home Chef Challenge competitions.

The fair will feature 11 daily cooking competitions from Oct. 15 through Oct. 25, with separate divisions for amateur home cooks and professional chefs. State Fair officials say the popular competition continues to grow after attracting nearly 400 entries from 174 home chefs last year.

New challenges this year include the Blue Ribbon Brunch Board Challenge, Holy Guacamole! Challenge, Delightful Dips Challenge, Bless Your Tart! Challenge, Sweet Potato Showdown, Cheez-It Challenge, East to West Pork BBQ Challenge, Peanut Candy Challenge,

Organizers encourage community members to purchase tickets in advance and make plans to attend what is expected to be a lively and memorable event.

The Holla Back Fashion Show will take place Sunday, August 30, at 6 p.m. at the Holla Amphitheater & Tennis Complex in Morven.

Event organizers say the evening will highlight fashion, culture and community while bringing people together for a night of entertainment and local pride.

Vendors, Designers, Entertainers Organizers of "The Holla Back Fashion Show" are now accepting submissions from designers, vendors and entertainers interested in participating. Those interested in participating or learning more may contact organizers through Instagram at @latasha.watts.12 or @brenlee_tm, or by phone at 704-851-3144.

Brunswick Stew Challenge and Layer It Up Lasagna Challenge.

Contestants must prepare their dishes at home and bring them to the N.C. State Fair on the day of their competition. Each entry must include two printed copies of the recipe with a creative title. Competitors must also be present to win.

All Home Chef Challenge events will be held in the North Lobby of Dorton Arena. Participants should enter through Gate 3 and allow plenty of time to check in before judging begins.

Pre-registration is required, and the deadline to enter is Sept. 15. Entry forms, competition rules and additional information are available at www.ncstatefair.org under the General Competitions section by selecting Home Chef Challenge.

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church Celebrates Successful Summer Camp

This is a release from Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church: Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church of Wadesboro recently completed its three-week Summer Enrichment Camp, providing local children with educational activities, recreation, field trips and opportunities to learn more about Anson County and the world around them.

The theme of the camp was "Reading and Math Connections," with activities designed to show students how reading and mathematics connect with everyday life. The program also included Black History and World Travel, along with opportunities to learn about the resources and attractions available in Anson County.

The church expressed its appreciation to the many local organizations, businesses and individuals who helped make the program possible, including the Hampton B. Allen Library, Social Services, Police Department, Sheriff Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Historical Society, Board of Education, Anson County Court System, HOLLA!, Smith Funeral Home, South Piedmont Community College, Lady Bugs, McDonald's, Burger King, Doctor Lincoln, Highway Patrol, Mr. Rorie and his wife Attorney Toney Rorie, National Association of University Women, Alpha Pi Chi Sorority, Steve James, Marc Richardson, Mayor Jim Watkin, Quality Florist, Creamery, Tanya Chance of SPCC, Rev. Michael McLeod, Frank Richardson, Evadne Smith, Rev. Mayor Bernice Bennett, Martin Luther King Committee, Janie Liles and Strikers Bowling Alley.

Numerous volunteers also came to the camp to teach and share their expertise with the children. They included Bea Colson, Cecil Lilly, Gwendolyn Ratliff, Weaver

Thomas, Rev. Joann Bennett, Latonya Wright, Dr. Lisa Bracey Cash, Winnie Bennett, Ricky Hyatt, Rodney Hyatt, Curtis Hailey, Robin Ingram, Ollie Pearl Daniels, Walter Lisenby, Emily Little, Telesha Haileigh, Steve Bailey, Cornelia Liles, Mary Neal, Arizine Robinson, Sarah Rushing, Mary Wright, Caroline Hightower, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh of Quality Florist and Carolyn James.

Students traveled twice each week to enjoy and learn from attractions in Anson County and surrounding counties. They also learned more about the connections between reading and math and explored Anson County Black History and other countries through presentations by Winnie Bennett and Bea Colson, including learning about making a passport.

Church organizers said the Summer Enrichment Camp gave students an opportunity to discover the value of agencies and organizations in their own county while having fun and enjoying recreational activities. The participation of community members also helped students learn about the importance of giving and respect and how reading and math connect to virtually everything they encounter.

Thanks to the generosity of participants, volunteers and supporters from throughout the county, children who wanted to attend the camp were welcomed at no cost to their families.

"Our hearts are overflowing with the participations acts of kindness from all around the county," the church stated in its message of gratitude. "So again thank you everyone who helped in any way and if you just wished us the best or prayed for us We Thank You."

Richmond County Woman Turns \$2 Into \$706,092 Jackpot

Most people who spend \$2 while relaxing at home don't expect a return of \$706,092. Temika Hough of Rockingham apparently had a much better Saturday than most.

The Richmond County woman was relaxing and playing Digital Instants when she landed the top-level "Epic jackpot" in the Bison Bonanza game.

"I was in disbelief," Hough said. "I called my dad in shock."

That seems like a reasonable reaction. Hough had played for just \$2, and the odds of winning the progressive jackpot were 1 in 15.5 million. In other words, this was not exactly something she should have seen coming.

"I was just sitting there thinking, 'Am I looking at this right,'" Hough recalled. She was.

Hough claimed her prize Wednesday at lottery headquarters. After required federal and state tax withholdings, her \$706,092 jackpot became a

still-not-too-shabby \$508,469.

"I guess it was my time," Hough said. "This is a blessing."

She plans to use her winnings to pay bills and help her family. Presumably, paying the bills will be considerably less painful for a while.

Bison Bonanza allows players to wager from 50 cents to \$30. After Hough captured the jackpot, it reset to \$50,000 and had already climbed to more than \$95,000 as of Thursday afternoon. Apparently the bison wasted little time rebuilding the herd.

Digital Instant games are played exclusively online through the N.C. Education Lottery website or the NC Lottery Official Mobile App. There are currently 80 different games available.

Richmond County, Anson County's neighbor to the east, received \$3.3 million in support for education programs from lottery funds last year.

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Church AUGUST 16 - 20 Homecoming & Revival

At Garris Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Homecoming with Rev. Dr. R.A. Lisenby at 11am, followed by dinner. No afternoon service. Revival Mon-Thur with Rev. Frank Butler at 7pm nightly.

AUGUST 16 - 21

Revival At New Jerusalem FCOG. Sun-Pastor Arvestor Lindsey. Mon-Fri Pastor Vincent Tillman of Life Giving Church of Concord at 7:30pm.

AUGUST 21

Golf Tournament

Sponsored by Galilee AME Zion Church. Registration at 7am at Twin Valley Country Club. \$65 per player.

AUGUST 23

The Four Gospels At New Life Ministry and Faith Center, 121 Wortham St. in Wadesboro, 2:30pm with Pastors Johnnie McCullers, James Baldwin, Robert Richardson & Jamison Quick. All are welcome.

Family & Friends Day

At Cedar Creek MBC, 11am with Rev. Freddie Little.

AUGUST 22

Guest Pastor

Pastor Beverly Wilson, 10am at Lighthouse Ministries, 433 Whispering Pines Rd, Wadesboro. Please join us.

AUGUST 23 & 25-26

Homecoming & Revival At Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville. Homecoming Sun-Sunday School 10am, Worship 11am with Rev. Calvin Lee, followed by lunch. Revival Tue-Rev. Harvey Marsh from Lindsey Chapel Holiness Church & Wed-Rev. Robert McGowens of Greater Galilee Baptist Church in Charlotte.

AUGUST 28

Grand Opening

Of Royal Restoration Ministries, Inc. at 9am, located at 1234 E Caswell St in Wadesboro. Come celebrate this special milestone as we begin a new chapter of healing, hope, restoration & empowerment in our community.

SEPTEMBER 6

25th Pastoral Anniversary For Pastor & 1st Lady Leak at Madison Grove Missionary Baptist Church. 11am Pastor Hall from Flakes Chapel & 2:30pm Pastor McLeod from Pleasant Hill Church.

Events AUGUST 20 Free Food Anson Mobile Food

Market 10:00 a.m. at Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department, located at 13880 Highway 742, Polkton. Fresh veggies, fruit & bread if available. Blood pressure checks, along with healthy living topics & booths. Nothing required to receive food, just come! Volunteers will help you with the bags. Sponsored by Anson Extension Service.

ONGOING EVENTS

Food Pantry Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182.

After School Program Kid Cafe Mon-Fri from 2:30-5:30p.m. at the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, 704-826-8737

Alcoholics Anonymous Regular meetings on Mondays & Thursdays at 6:30pm and Wednesdays at 12 noon. AA welcomes all who are seeking help, as well those wanting to help another person. The AA building is located at 2177 Country Club Rd. in Wadesboro, across from the Anson EMS building.

Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries

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

Get Moving...Then Get Crafty at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library continues to offer chair exercise classes every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room. It's a chance to get some exercise without giving up your seat, which sounds like a pretty good arrangement.

Craft Workshop August 24 The library will switch from exercising muscles to exercising creativity on Monday, August 24 at 10:30 a.m. with a craft workshop led by Sharon Edwards and Arvonja Edwards.

Participants are asked to bring scissors along with an article, ribbon, button or other keepsake to incorporate into a tapestry. Supplies will be provided, so there's no need to arrive carrying half the craft aisle from the store.

You're invited to attend. Come ready to create something special - and perhaps finally give that button, ribbon or little keepsake you've been saving for years a purpose.

Bluegrass Is Back at the Library

Pickers and singers, come one, come all, The library's hosting a bluegrass call! August 27 is the musical date, Music that night from 6:30 'til 8.

Bring your banjo, fiddle or guitar, No need to be a bluegrass star. If you can't play, that's quite all right — Just come and listen Wednesday night!

All ages and skill levels are welcome, you see, In the Little Theater, where admission is free. Children 12 and under need an adult in tow — Because somebody has to drive them home after the show!

For questions call 704-694-5177.

Anson County Tax Administrator

TAX FORECLOSURE AUCTION



Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
Anson County Courthouse Steps

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD

Harris, Osborn #24759 - Parcel 743318415975 1840 off Pee Dee Rd 26CV000185-030 Opening Bid: \$3,500.00	Liles, Sr., et al., Clayton #24392 - Parcel 645200921832 Bethel Rd 26CV000091-30 Opening Bid: \$8,400.00
McCrea, Velma Le #23826 - Parcel 649012870193 321 Robinson Bridge Road 25CV000769-030 Opening Bid: \$11,500.00	Maree, Denise #24580 - Parcel 648415630922 628 Cherry Street 25CV000812-030 Opening Bid: \$12,000.00

Note: Upset bids can be made for up to 10 days after the sale date at the clerk of court's office.

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AT 704-994-3211 FOR MORE INFORMATION