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## Celebrate Agriculture this Weekend!

Come to the Anson Ag Expo & Fair and celebrate agriculture with us! The annual Ag Fair and Youth Livestock Show are scheduled for this Saturday, September 23. And, new this year is a Family Fall Fest on Friday night, September 22.

The Family Fall Fest and 4-H Youth Livestock Show will be held at Circle G Arena in Lilesville, while the Anson Ag Fair will be at the Extension Center in Wadesboro, on McLaurin Street.

Starting on Thursday, fair entries will be received at the Cooperative Extension Center on McLaurin Street from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Judging will take place on Friday, with the show open to the public on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Family Fall Fest will kick off at 6 p.m. at Circle G Arena in Lilesville. Fun for the family will include children's carnival games, youth relay games, a cupcake walk for all ages, and line dancing starting at 8 p.m. with Yvonne Lineberger of DJ Services by Yvonne, from Charlotte.

Tag-Along Take Out Food Truck will be set up for the evening offering food truck fare and drinks for sale. In addition, popcorn and sno cones will be available for children and adults, compliments of Anson County 4-H.

The Anson County Partnership for Children will also be visiting and giving out books for children. They will also have stickers and tattoos for fun. Plan to bring a chair to relax and enjoy the festivities.

Livestock weigh-in for lambs and check-in for heifers begins Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m., with the show starting at 10 a.m. The full line up and times are:

### Friday, September 22

- Family Fall Fest at Circle G Arena, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Games, Food and Music, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Line Dancing, 8 to 9 p.m.

### Saturday, September 23

- 4-H Youth Livestock Show at Circle G Arena, 10 a.m. until...
- Heifer Show Check-In, 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.
- 4-H Youth Heifer Show, 10 a.m.
- Lamb Weigh-In, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- 4-H Youth Lamb Show, Immediately Following Heifer Show
- Anson Ag Fair at the Cooperative Extension Center in Wadesboro, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Fair Viewing, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Winners Pick Up Ribbons, Premiums and Entries, 2 p.m.

Celebrate Anson Agriculture t-shirts are on sale now for youth and adult sizes, \$6 and \$8, and will be on sale during the fair at the Extension office. Complete event information is available on the web at [anson.ces.ncsu.edu](http://anson.ces.ncsu.edu) and Facebook, under 2017 Anson Ag Expo & Fair.

The Anson County Cooperative Extension Staff is pleased to be able to host these events, with the help of a 12-member planning committee and numerous community sponsors. Come out and enjoy the fun this weekend. Celebrate agriculture in Anson!

## CFNC Financial Aid Workshop Thurs. for High School Seniors and Parents

The College Foundation of North Carolina will hold a financial aid workshop this Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the media center at Anson High School. A CFNC representative will present information about applying for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Colleges and universities use this information to determine financial aid packages for students. This year the FAFSA application for the 2018-2019 school year will become available on October 1.

Parents will learn more about student and parent loans, work study and how to interpret financial aid award letters received from schools once their student is accepted. Seniors and their parents from Anson High School, Anson Early College, and Anson Academy are strongly encouraged to attend.

## Shop with a Cop Motorcycle Ride is Saturday, September 30

Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer has announced that the annual Shop with a Cop Motorcycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 30. This ride raises funds that are used to help provide Christmas gifts for less fortunate kids in Anson County.

Registration will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the new Wadesboro Police Department, located at 212 South Rutherford Street. The cost is \$15 for single riders, \$20 for double riders. Lunch will be served.

For more information contact Chief Spencer at 704-475-2695 or Sgt. Cannon at 704-465-8705.

## Follow Tree Stand Safety Guidelines

As deer season ramps up, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission reminds hunters to follow safety guidelines when hunting from a tree stand. Accidents involving tree stands are the leading cause of hunting-related injuries.

"Take adequate time to properly prepare your tree stand and be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommended safety procedures," said Chet Clark, the Commission's eastern outreach manager. "The extra time that it takes to prepare is essential as it helps prevent injuries and will help hunters return home safe and sound."

Commission tree stand safety recommendations include:

- Before using a stand, check all belts, chains, bolts and attachment cords for damage and wear.
- Select a healthy, straight tree for your tree stand.
- Use a full-body safety harness at all times.
- Set up the stand with another person.
- Let someone know where you're setting up your stand ahead of time.
- Bring an emergency signal device, such as a cell phone or a whistle.
- Never carry anything as you climb – use a haul line to raise and lower equipment.
- Maintain three points of contact when climbing up or down a stand, as most falls occur during this time.
- Do not exceed manufacturer's maximum height or weight settings.

Hunters can review a free tree stand safety course online at [www.huntercourse.com/treestandafety](http://www.huntercourse.com/treestandafety). For more information on the Hunter Education Program, hunting seasons and Hunting Heritage Apprentice Permits, visit [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) or call 919-707-0031.

## Tite Cutz Once Again Provides Students with Free Haircuts

A great example of community service by Garrett Snuggs

For the second consecutive year Tite Cutz Barber Shop owner Garrett Snuggs opened his shop on Sunday, August 27 and gave free haircuts to over seventy young men, from 3 years old (head start) to 18 years old (high school). These young men got a "Back-to-School" haircut to look their best for the new school year courtesy of Tite Cutz Barber Shop. Snuggs was aided in this endeavor by Faith Based Center of Hope CEO Vancine Sturdivant and Barber Terrill Hamilton.

Snuggs opened his shop at 11 a.m., and he and Hamilton got to work on the haircuts. Hamilton volunteered four hours of help.

Snuggs, who lives in Norwood, has been a barber for 18 years, learning under the leadership of Flower's Barber Shop on Salisbury Street in Wadesboro at the age of 20. He said even though college was not an option for him, he was determined he would not end up on the streets.

Each year we witness the barber shop transform into a day care, restaurant - providing a free meal of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks - a telephone service, and a place where he took time to encourage each young man to do his best in school. Snuggs encouraged each of the youth to make their parents proud of them and to obey their teachers and elders. The remaining food was donated to the Samaritan Inn.

From the first young gentleman to the last, he asked each one were they satisfied as if they were paying customers. At 7 p.m., with over ten students remaining, Snuggs was still smiling and talking to each child about the importance of an education.

This year Snuggs added a new component to his blessing - he and Westley Williams also passed out bookbags with school supplies during the event.

When asked why he does this public service, Snuggs' only response was, "I want to give back." Tite Cutz also provides haircuts to senior citizens for only \$5 daily.

Vancine Sturdivant stated, "I cannot cut hair, but just to be able to keep the registration papers, help serve the food and sweep up all that hair was truly an honor."

Snuggs offered a special thank you to Sturdivant, Hamilton, Williams and his cooks, Clarence Howard and Ron Caldwell on the grill.



## Farmers and Ranchers Affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma

Granted extra time, procedures, to document and claim disaster losses

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue today announced special procedures to assist producers who lost crops or livestock or had other damage to their farms or ranches as a result of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Also, because of the severe and widespread damage caused by the hurricanes, USDA will provide additional flexibility to assist farm loan borrowers.

"The impact is shocking and will be felt for many months," said Secretary Perdue. "In addition to efforts being made on the ground to assist producers, we have taken a hard look at our regular reporting requirements and adjusted them so producers can take care of pressing needs first and mostly deal with documentation and claims later. President Trump's directive is to help people first and deal with paperwork second. And that's what USDA is doing."

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), is authorizing emergency procedures on a case-by-case basis to assist impacted borrowers, livestock owners, contract growers, and other producers. The measures announced today apply only to counties impacted by a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-determined tropical storm, typhoon, or hurricane, including Harvey and Irma that have received a primary Presidential Disaster Declaration and those counties contiguous to such designated counties.

Financially stressed FSA farm loan borrowers affected by the hurricanes who have received primary loan servicing applications may be eligible for 60 day extensions. Full details are available at [go.usa.gov/xRe8V](http://go.usa.gov/xRe8V).

A more complete listing of all of the special farm program provisions is posted at [go.usa.gov/xRe8p](http://go.usa.gov/xRe8p).

Among the actions announced today are lengthened deadlines for certain provisions under the Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) program, the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL), and the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP), the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP). Emergency grazing may also be authorized under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for up to 60 days.

In addition, the deadlines to file a loss for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP) are extended, and special provisions are provided for "acceptable proof of livestock death and inventory for livestock losses."

Farmers and ranchers affected by the hurricanes are urged to keep thorough records of all losses, including livestock death losses, as well as expenses for such things as feed purchases and other extraordinary costs because of lost supplies and or increased transportation costs.

Producers with coverage through USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) administered federal crop insurance program should contact their crop insurance agent for issues regarding filing claims. Those who purchased crop insurance will be paid for covered losses. Producers should report crop damage within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days. The Approved Insurance Providers (AIP), loss adjusters and agents are experienced and well trained in handling these types of events. For more information see [www.rma.usda.gov/news/stormdisaster](http://www.rma.usda.gov/news/stormdisaster).

As part of its commitment to delivering excellent customer service, RMA is working closely with AIPs that sell and service crop insurance policies to ensure enough loss adjusters will be available to process claims in the affected areas as quickly as possible.

In anticipation of flooding due to Hurricane Harvey, RMA took several proactive steps to ensure the efficient and reliable delivery of the crop insurance program. RMA authorized the use of emergency loss adjustment procedures to streamline certain loss determinations on specific crops and accelerated the adjustment of losses and issuance of indemnity payments to policyholders in all Texas and Louisiana counties impacted by Hurricane Harvey. RMA is reviewing the need for additional measures in response to Hurricane Irma.

USDA encourages all farmers and ranchers to contact their crop insurance agents and their local FSA office, as applicable, to report damages to crops or livestock loss. To find the FSA office nearest you, please visit [offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app](http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app). Additional resources to help farmers and ranchers deal with flooding and other damage may be found at [www.usda.gov/disaster](http://www.usda.gov/disaster).

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## Anson Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers. Would You Like to Help?

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). Please consider volunteering. For more information on helping, call 704-694-4832.

Anson County Animal Shelter is listed on [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com). This is a searchable national database of pets available for adoption that includes a description and photo. All the animals that are up for adoption are listed and have a picture. Just go to [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com) and search for any Anson County town or zip code.

A rescue from Animal Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win.

**And remember, older animals need a home and love too!**

## Batman Day at Hampton B. Allen Library

All Batman fans are invited to the Hampton B. Allen Library this Saturday, September 23 for Batman Day. It will be several hours of Bat Fun! POW!

Here is the schedule of events:

- 12 - 1:30 p.m. Screening episodes of *Batman: The Animated Series*
- 1:30 - 2 p.m. Batman Trivia Game
- 2 - 3 p.m. Comics Out Loud

Comics and Manga will be available for purchase from the Comic Book Shop and the Carolina Manga Library.

Plus, Batman HIMSELF will be in attendance for photographs!

For more information on this event call the library at 704-694-5177.

## Free Movie is *The Shack*

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie for Monday, September 25 at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre, *The Shack*. After the abduction and presumed death of Mackenzie Allen Phillips' youngest daughter Missy, Mack receives a letter and suspects it is from God, asking him to return to The Shack where Missy may have been murdered. After contemplating it he leaves his home to go to The Shack for the first time since Missy's abduction...and an encounter that will change his life forever. The movie is rated PG-13 and stars Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer, Tim McGraw and Radha Mitchell. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the movie.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Farmers Market Open Wed. & Sat.

It is time again to purchase locally grown vegetables and other items at the Anson County Farmers Market. The market is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays through October 28. The hours are 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Farmers Market is located 1736 Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, just past Wadesboro Primary School. For more information contact Francis Campbell at 704-690-0638.