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AHS Varsity Football Game Has Been Rescheduled to Wednesday, September 25

The Friday, September 27 Anson High School varsity football game versus Central-Pageland has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. The Anson High School Junior Varsity football game is canceled for Thursday, September 26.

Community Night Community Night, including Mass Band, Elementary Night, and CTE Fall Fest, which was originally scheduled for this Friday, September 27, has been rescheduled to Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.



Pictured at Wadesboro Primary School are, from left: Deputy Robert Mims, Marilynn Bennett, Kristen Mims, Elizabeth Kersey, Sandra Harrell, Pat McCoy, Winnie Bennett, Sheriff Scott Howell, Dr. Heather Gerald and Felicia Burch-Jackson.

North Carolina's August Employment Figures Released

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted August 2024 unemployment rate was 3.8 percent, increasing 0.1 of a percentage point from July's revised rate. The national rate decreased 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.2 percent.

North Carolina's unemployment rate increased 0.3 of a percentage point from a year ago. The number of people employed decreased 6,456 over the month to 5,067,497 and increased 2,428 over the year. The number of people unemployed increased 4,127 over the month to 199,637 and increased 16,115 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 4,700 to 5,025,200 in August. Major industries experiencing increases were Construction, 1,800; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 1,800; Information, 1,000; Government, 900; Education & Health Services, 400; and Professional & Business Services, 300. Major industries experiencing decreases were Other Services, 500; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 500; Manufacturing, 300; and Financial Activities, 200. Mining & Logging employment remained unchanged.

Since August 2023, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 74,100 with the Total Private sector increasing by 57,300 and Government increasing by 16,800. Major industries experiencing increases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 22,500; Education & Health Services, 20,900; Government, 16,800; Construction, 9,200; Other Services, 5,000; Financial Activities, 4,500; and Professional & Business Services, 3,200. Major industries experiencing decreases over the year were Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 4,900; Manufacturing, 2,400; Information, 600; and Mining & Logging, 100.

Anson County Board of Commissioners Meets October 1

The Anson County Board of Commissioners will hold their first October meeting on Tuesday, October 1. The second October meeting takes place on Tuesday, October 15.

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](https://www.youtube.com) and search for Anson Commissioners.

Las Amigas in Partnership with Local Law Enforcement Provided Much Needed Items to Area Schools

This is a release from Las Amigas: The Morven Chapter of Las Amigas wants to extend our heartfelt thanks to Anson County Sheriff Scott Howell and the Anson County Sheriff's Office for their generous donations to support local "Back to School" initiatives at Morven Elementary and Wadesboro Primary Schools.

Donations were carried to each school on Friday morning, September 6.

This support from local law enforcement reflects a deep commitment to the education and well-being of our community's children. Las Amigas is truly grateful for this partnership with our organization and for the positive impact you are helping us make in our community.



Pictured at Morven Elementary School are, from left: Sheriff Scott Howell, Marilynn Bennett, Dr. Dionnya Pratt (Principal), Kristen Mims, Pat McCoy, Elizabeth Kersey, Winnie Bennett, Deputy Robert Mims

School Board Meeting is September 30

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 30. The meeting will be held in the Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel and property pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5). Open Session to the public will begin at 6:00 p.m.

If the public wishes to sign up for public comment, they can sign up in-person. A sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting begins for any individual or group to indicate their desire to address the board. Public comment will be held during the Open Session portion of the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Anson County Schools' YouTube channel for the public to view. To find the channel you can search YouTube for "Anson County Schools."

Anson Beekeepers Meet Thursday

The Anson County Beekeepers will hold their regular bee meeting on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Anson County Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Anson County's own NCSBA Inspector, Shirley Harris, will talk about the storing and protecting drawn combs.

There will be 50-50 drawings to help earn funds for the association. If you are able to bring some items for the drawings, the Anson Beekeepers will greatly appreciate it.

Not a member but would like to learn more about the local chapter and beekeeping educational programs? Do you need a beekeeper to re-home a visiting swarm? Visit the "Anson County Beekeepers Association" Facebook page for more information.

Do You Need More Energy, Body, Soul and Mind Renewal?

You are invited to join and take advantage of Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center's Fitness Team

- Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:30 p.m. - until.
- Education, health, wellness, local instructors.
- Meet and greet your neighbors.
- Walking teams meet and walk on Saturdays Mornings at 7:30 a.m.

Call for more information 704-826-8737 daily Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Fall Plant Exchange at the Marshville Museum

It's time for you to start digging and potting your shrubs, bulbs and fall seedlings. And, mark your calendars for the Marshville Museum and Cultural Center's annual Fall Plant Exchange on Saturday, September 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon! Bring plants, get plants. Or make a donation and get a plant! There will be Master Gardeners to answer questions and give advice too!

This event also features door prizes and it will be a lot of fun!

The Marshville Museum is located at 201 North Elm Street. It is open for visits Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 4 p.m. and other times by appointments and at special events. They are closed on all national holidays. It's on Facebook or the website www.mmcc1893.com.

Cheraw Jazz Festival Sidewalk Chalk Competition Seeking Individuals and Teams

The Cheraw Arts Commission is seeking teams and individuals to participate in the Sidewalk Chalk Competition on Saturday, October 19 at this year's South Carolina Jazz Festival. We will be remembering jazz legend and Cheraw native Dizzy Gillespie during his 107th birthday.

The annual festival will once again present "Madonnari-Southern Style." This sidewalk chalk competition is based on the 16th century Italian art form called "Madonnari" or Italian Street Painting. Italian street painters or chalk artists were named I Madonnari as their creations were of the Madonna.

The artists were employed to create art for city cathedrals. Upon completion of their work, the street painters replicated the church paintings onto the pavement during holy days and festivals. Visitors would toss coins upon approval of the street paintings.

Sidewalk masterpieces have been featured for several years during the South Carolina Jazz Festival. Individuals and Teams will display their Street Painting skills on the sidewalk near at the Theatre on the Green. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the winning teams and individuals. Teams can consist of families, friends, organizations, schools, churches, or businesses. All ages can participate. Supplies are provided.

Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission 843.537.8420 x 12 for registration forms and information. Deadline to register is October 17. For additional information about the 2024 South Carolina Jazz Festival - visit www.scjazzfestival.com.

SPCC to Host Open House Event on October 17

South Piedmont Community College welcomes prospective students to its Open House event on Thursday, October 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Old Charlotte Highway campus and Tyson Family Center for Technology, both in Monroe.

During the event attendees will be able to tour both locations, learn about financial aid options and the application process, meet faculty and staff, and take part in fun program demonstrations showcasing equipment used in everything from welding to surgical technology.

The event is drop-in style.

Attendees will be entered to win a \$100 gift card if they register and check in at the event. To register, visit events.spcc.edu. To check in, see a South Piedmont admissions employee at the event.

The Old Charlotte Highway campus is located at 4209 Old Charlotte Highway. The Tyson Family Center for Technology is located at 3509 Old Charlotte Highway.

Bluegrass Acoustic Music Jam at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host a bluegrass acoustic music jam on Thursday, September 26, 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Musicians, singers and spectators are welcome. Jam sessions are open to all age levels and skill levels. Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions please contact Dianne or Caroline at the library, 704-694-5177. You may also contact event volunteer Randy Collins at 336-430-6318 (call or text) or via email at: vaguitar@msn.com.

Parent / Teacher Conferences are October 3

The date for the Middle and High School Parent / Teacher Conferences in October has been revised. Originally scheduled for Thursday, October 10, the Parent/Teacher Conference date has been moved to Thursday, October 3, due to school conflicts.

Please update your calendars accordingly.

The updated 2024-2025 School Calendar can be found at this link: linktr.ee/ansoncountyschools.