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Polkton
FUN DAY

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Polkton Fun Day is now
accepting vendor applications
for food and non-food vendors

The Town of Polkton will host its annual Polkton Fun Day on Saturday, October 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All interested vendors can call to request an emailed application or pick up an application at:

Polkton Town Hall
35 West Polk Street
Polkton, NC 28135

For any questions regarding Polkton Fun Day, please call:

Jerricka Napier 704-690-3729

Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine: The Bubble Tour is Coming!

All Aboard! Thomas the Tank Engine, everyone's favorite #1 blue engine, is coming to town and bringing a bubbly new spin to Day Out With Thomas events. For the first time ever, Thomas & Friends will be celebrating the magic of bubbles with Day Out With Thomas: The Bubble Tour. The Bubble Tour will be stopping at the N.C. Transportation Museum Sept. 27-29 and Oct. 4-6.

Day Out With Thomas is a fun-filled family event that takes place at Heritage Railways across the country. Every ticket includes a train ride with a life-sized Thomas the Tank Engine as well as access to a full day of activities for all to enjoy including live entertainment, photo ops with Sir Topham Hatt, lawn games and shopping at the pop-up gift shop for exclusive Thomas swag. Percy train tickets can be purchased as an additional fee.

This year, Day Out With Thomas is celebrating bubbles. Guests can expect plenty of bubbly, family-friendly activities. Even Thomas will be getting in on the fun, as fans can snap photos with Thomas, who will be adorned with bubbles. With plenty of activities for everyone, guests are encouraged to invite family and friends to create new memories that are certain to last a lifetime. This celebration of bubbles is not to be missed.

Day Out With Thomas: The Bubble Tour includes a 25-minute train ride featuring a talking Thomas the Tank Engine locomotive. The Percy train can be added for another 25 minutes of fun riding the rails. Activities and entertainment feature bubble blowing and bubble bouncer-ball racing in the Bubble Zone, Thomas & Friends toys, temporary tattoos in the Play Pod, a hay bale maze, character inflatables, model train layouts, a music show, and more. Professional photos are available for purchase and are offered with Thomas, Percy, and Sir Topham Hatt. An activity sheet will guide guests through the event highlighting the four key station stops to visit for a free giveaway.

Event tickets grant access to the museum's three exhibit buildings featuring rail cars, antique automobiles and trucks, a Wright Brothers flyer replica, and much more. A pop-up gift shop will offer exclusive products only available at Day Out With Thomas. A variety of food vendors will also be available.

Tickets for an unforgettable day at Day Out With Thomas: The Bubble Tour are on sale now and available at nctransportationmuseum.org/day-out-with-thomas. Tickets are \$20 on Fridays, \$22 on weekends, ages 1 and up (plus tax and fees). Members receive a \$2 discount per Day Out with Thomas event ticket. Event tickets include all site activities and one train ride with Thomas. Percy train tickets can be purchased for an additional \$8 on Fridays or for an additional \$10 on weekends (plus tax and fees). Percy Train tickets are only available as an add-on after purchasing your Day Out With Thomas ticket.

For more information about Thomas & Friends visit: thomasandfriends.com, facebook.com/thomasandfriends and for bonus material and exclusive content visit youtube.com/user/thomasandfriends.

About N.C. Transportation Museum The N.C. Transportation Museum is located at 1 Samuel Spencer Dr., Spencer, N.C. The mailing address is 411 Salisbury Ave., Spencer, N.C. 28159. The physical address is 1 Samuel Spencer Dr., Spencer, NC 28159. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, and closed Monday. Regular admission is \$4 to \$6 based on age. Admission with a train ride is \$12 to \$16 based on age. Admission and train ride prices may vary on special event days. For information about the site call (704) 636-2889. The N.C. Transportation Museum is part of the Division of State Historic Sites within the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



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199 Hwy 742 South, Wadesboro, NC 2870
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Writers' Club Annual Contests in Prose and Poetry

The Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC) is now accepting submissions for its annual contests in prose and poetry. The ACWC will award over \$400 in prize money to the winners in adult, youth, and children's categories. Deadline is December 2, 2024.

The adult contests are open to anyone residing in, having resided in, attending school in, or working in Anson County; or members of the ACWC. There is a \$1 entry fee that is waived for students at any institution of higher learning.

There is no entry fee for students in grades 3-12. Rules and entry forms will be provided to all Anson County schools. Home-schooled students are also invited to enter.

There are three ways to enter. 1) Submissions in Word can be emailed to: info@ansoncountywritersclub.org with "contest" in the subject line; 2) mailed to Anson County Writers' Club, 2024 Contests, Box 363, Wadesboro, NC, 28170; or 3) dropped off at the Hampton B. Allen Library.

A complete copy of the rules and an entry form that must accompany each entry are available at the H.B. Allen Library or by writing to ACWC 2022 Contests, P.O. Box 363, Wadesboro, N.C., 28170 (enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope). Rules and entry forms may also be printed from the ACWC website: ansoncountywritersclub.org.

Failure to follow the rules may result in an entry being disqualified.

First, second and third place winners in the adult prose and adult poetry categories will receive \$50, \$30 and \$20, respectively. Youth winners (grades 9-12) will receive \$20, \$15 and \$10, respectively. Grades 3-6 and Grades 7-8 will compete separately in the children's division. Prizes are \$15, \$10 and \$5, respectively, for prose and poetry winners in both categories.

All winners will receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be honored at a reception for friends and family on Sunday, February 23, 2025.

The ACWC held its first contests in 1989, and has since published 11 anthologies of the winning entries. Anson Pathways XI is available for purchase at the Anson County Arts Council or from amazon.com. (choose "books" and then "Anson Pathways"). Anson Pathways XII will be published in 2025.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarves of the Black Forest at the Ansonia

This is the last weekend for *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves of the Black Forest* at the Ansonia Theatre. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 30. Prepare for a journey into a fairy tale world.

For ticket information, visit the Ansonia Theatre's website (ansoniatheatre.com) or call the box office at 704-694-4950.

Anson High School Volleyball Game Results

• **Wednesday, September 18** Anson lost their home game against West Stanly (0-3) 20-25, 15-25, 15-25. **Stat Leaders for the game: Aces** Brooklyn Miles 1, Allie Steagall 1. **Kills** Alena Baxter 8, Brooklyn Miles 3, Eva Hyatt 2, Allie Steagall 2. **Assists** Allie Steagall 12, Hannah Austin 2. **Digs** Hannah Austin 17, Allie Steagall 9, Brooklyn Miles 6, Sophia Yang 6. **Blocks** Brooklyn Miles 4, Alena Baxter 1, Allie Steagall 1.

• **Thursday, September 19** Anson won their home game against Forest Hills (3-0) 25-12, 25-8, 25-23. **Stat Leaders for the game: Aces** Brooklyn Miles 10, Alena Baxter 5, Allie Steagall 2. **Kills** Eva Hyatt 6, Brooklyn Miles 5, Alena Baxter 5, Gretchen Henry 5. **Assists** Allie Steagall 16, Hannah Austin 2, Alena Baxter 2. **Digs** Hannah Austin 14, Allie Steagall 8, Brooklyn Miles 5.

Anson High School Cross Country Results

Anson competed in a five-team meet at Montgomery Central in Troy vs. Ledford, Asheboro, Montgomery Central and Southeast Randolph on Thursday, September 19.

Walter Marsh was the first Bearcat boy to finish the race. Ari Metcalf led the way for the Lady Bearcats and finished 3rd overall for the girls.

Unfortunately rain contaminated the results. Other times and places are unavailable.



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FARM BUREAU ANSON

Anson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
Monday, October 7th

Location: Lockhart-Taylor Center
514 North Washington Street • Wadesboro, NC

Time: Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.
Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.
Business meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Admission: We can only allow 2 people per membership
You must be present for your guest to come.
*Please present your membership card at the door.

This is the Annual Meeting of the members of the Anson County Farm Bureau, Inc., a North Carolina corporation (the "Corporation"). During the meeting, the members will consider a proposed amendment to the Corporation's bylaws regarding the eligibility requirements for the Corporation's Officers and Directors.

We look forward to seeing you there. Ronnie Mills, President