

Bluegrass, Banjos & Good Times at Hampton B. Allen Library

Musicians, singers and spectators invited for an evening of foot-tapping fun

The Hampton B. Allen Library in Wadesboro is getting ready for another evening of bluegrass music, and the only thing likely to be quiet is the librarian's traditional request to "Shhh!"

The library's ongoing Bluegrass Acoustic Music Session will take place Thursday, , from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Musicians, singers and spectators of all ages are invited to enjoy an evening of traditional music, friendly fellowship and perhaps a little toe-tapping that gets out of hand.

Whether you play the banjo, guitar, fiddle, mandolin or something else that makes a joyful noise, you're welcome to join in. All skill levels are encouraged, from seasoned pickers who can play with their eyes closed to beginners who are still trying to figure out which end of the instrument makes the music.

Don't play an instrument? No problem! Every good bluegrass gathering needs an appreciative audience, and listening is a skill that requires absolutely no practice.

Children are welcome, too, although those age 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. There's no age limit on enjoying good music, and nobody has to audition to get through the door.

So bring your instrument, bring your singing voice or just bring yourself. The music is acoustic, the atmosphere is friendly, and nobody will complain if you tap your feet.

For more information, call the Hampton B. Allen Library at 704-694-5177.



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What Anson County Voters
Need to Know About Photo ID

Voters will be asked for identification, but those
without an acceptable photo ID can still cast a ballot

North Carolina voters will be asked to show photo identification when voting in the November 3 General Election, but an important point can easily get lost in discussions about the requirement: all eligible voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID. A voter who cannot show an acceptable ID may use the state's Photo ID Exception Form and cast a provisional ballot.

Here are the major points Anson County voters should know:

• **What IDs can I use?** For most voters, a North Carolina driver's license will be the easiest choice. Other acceptable IDs include an NCDMV non-driver state ID, U.S. Passport or Passport card, free voter photo ID issued by a county board of elections, and approved college or university student IDs and state or local government or charter school employee IDs. Military or veterans photo IDs issued by the federal government and qualifying tribal enrollment cards are also accepted.

• **Can my ID be expired?** Generally, an ID with an expiration date may be unexpired or expired for one year or less. A Class C North Carolina driver's license that expired on or after July 1, 2025, can still be used even if it has been expired for more than one year. A voter age 65 or older may use an otherwise acceptable expired ID if it was unexpired on the voter's 65th birthday.

• **What if I recently moved to North Carolina?** A driver's license or non-driver ID from another state, the District of Columbia or a U.S. territory may be used if the voter registered in North Carolina within 90 days of the election.

• **Does the address on my ID have to match my voter registration?** No. Election workers check whether the photograph reasonably resembles the voter and whether the name is the same as, or very similar to, the name on the voter registration record. The address on the ID does not have to match the voter registration address.

• **What if I have an ID but forget to bring it?** A voter may leave the voting site, retrieve the photo ID and return to cast a regular ballot. Another option is to cast a provisional ballot and later present acceptable identification to the county elections office by the applicable deadline.

• **What if I don't have an acceptable photo ID?** You can still vote. A voter who is unable to show photo ID may complete a Photo ID Exception Form and cast a provisional ballot. Permitted exceptions include lack of transportation, disability or illness, inability to obtain necessary documents, work or school schedules, family responsibilities, a lost, stolen or misplaced ID, or having applied for an ID but not yet received it. Other reasonable impediments may also be listed.

• **Are there other exceptions?** Yes. Exceptions are available for voters with a religious objection to being photographed and for certain voters affected by a natural disaster declared by the President of the United States or governor of North Carolina within 100 days before Election Day.

• **Will my ballot count if I use the exception form?** County boards of elections must count provisional ballots accompanied by truthfully completed Photo ID Exception Forms. Falsely completing an exception form is a felony under North Carolina law and may result in the ballot not being counted.

• **What about absentee ballots?** Voters casting absentee ballots by mail must include a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID when returning the ballot or complete an ID Exception Form. The photocopy or exception form is placed in the designated pocket on the outside of the ballot container envelope before it is placed in the outer return envelope. Military and overseas voters using special voting provisions must also submit a photocopy of their ID or an ID Exception Form.

• **Can I get a photo ID for free?** Yes. County boards of elections can issue free voter photo ID cards to registered voters. To receive one, a voter provides a name, date of birth and the last four digits of a Social Security number and has a photograph taken. No supporting documents are required. North Carolina residents may also obtain a free non-driver ID card through the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles.

For Anson County voters, the Anson County Board of Elections is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-3223.

Complete information about North Carolina's voter photo ID requirements is available at: www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id.

Kesler Chapel to Host “You Are My Neighbor” Program

Weekend program will focus on services, resources, health and safety for senior citizens

Kesler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Wadesboro will focus on “Supporting Our Senior Citizens” during its annual “You Are My Neighbor” program this Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18.

Saturday's program will begin at 11 a.m. at Kesler Chapel, located at 708 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro. A panel of community leaders and service providers will offer information for senior citizens, their families and caregivers on health services, activities, government benefits, community resources and safety.

Brian Ellerby, director of the Anson County Health Department, will discuss services available to senior citizens through the Health Department and ways older residents can make use of local health resources.

Tonja Smith, Activities Director of Elderly Services at the Grace Senior Center, will highlight programs, activities and services available to senior citizens at the Wadesboro center.

Surluta B. Anthony, community advocate and mayor pro-tem of Monroe, will share information about accessing important programs and benefits, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security and Medicare.

The Rev. Tyron McAllister, pastor of Simfield A.M.E. Zion Church, will discuss safety and security for senior citizens and their families. The Rev. Vivian Williams, pastor of Kesler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, will serve as moderator for the panel discussion.

The “You Are My Neighbor” program is designed to bring useful information directly into the community while helping older residents and their families learn about resources that can help senior citizens remain healthy, safe, active and connected.

The weekend observance will continue Sunday, October 18, with worship beginning at 10 a.m. at Kesler Chapel. Williams will deliver the morning sermon.

Senior citizens, family members, caregivers and other interested members of the Anson County community are invited to attend both days of activities.

First Baptist Church to Host Community Cookout

Free food, children’s activities, bingo and
community resources planned for October 17

First Baptist Church in Wadesboro is inviting neighbors of all ages to come together for an afternoon of free food, fun and fellowship during its Community Cookout on Saturday, October 17.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church, located at 722 Sikes Avenue in Wadesboro. Adults and children are welcome, and there is no charge to attend.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and other food will be served free of charge. And while adults may claim they are coming primarily for the fellowship, the smell of hamburgers and hot dogs cooking on the grill probably won't hurt attendance.

There will be plenty for youngsters to enjoy, including a bounce house, games, balloons and other activities. Snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn and cookies will also be available for children, along with an ice cream truck offering a limited ice cream giveaway. In other words, parents may want to postpone any serious discussion about sugar until Sunday.

Adults can get in on the fun with bingo under the tents and small giveaway prizes. A Community Health Tent and Book Tent will also be available, along with other resources and information for the community.

The church is presenting the cookout as an opportunity for neighbors to spend time together in a relaxed setting while strengthening connections throughout the community.

First Baptist Church describes itself as “A Church in the Community for the Community,” and everyone is invited to come enjoy the food, activities and fellowship on October 17.

Children’s Book Author Pamela Huntley Turner
to Visit Hampton B. Allen Library

Author and illustrator will share their new book during Oct. 19 program

The Hampton B. Allen Library in Wadesboro will welcome author Pamela Huntley Turner as its featured guest on Monday, October 19, at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room. Turner, also known as Pam, will introduce her new children's book, *Saigon in a Rickshaw*, and share information about the story and the inspiration behind it.

Joining Turner will be illustrator Melanie Sanchez, who will discuss her contributions to the book and the creative process of bringing its characters and story to life through illustrations.

The program offers an opportunity for children, families and book lovers to meet both the author and illustrator, learn about creating a children's book and enjoy a morning celebrating reading and storytelling.

Copies of *Saigon in a Rickshaw* will be available for purchase during the event. The program is open to everyone, and the public is encouraged to attend.

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