

This is a release from Burnville Recreation & Learning Center: Burnsville Fire and Rescue Blood Drive; Address: 13380 NC-742 N. - Polkton, NC, 28135; Room Name: Activity Room; Date: Friday, October 18th 2024; Time: 1:00: PM - 5:00: PM Due to the limited supply of blood the Red Cross is in need of your help once again. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime

The Community is ask to please participate in this time of giving. for more information BRLC Volunteer Michelle Sarno Phone Number: 704-607-7568. Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program! Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the App Store, Google Play or text BLOODAPP to 90999. Schedule appointments, view your blood type and results of your mini-physical, and track your donations. Thanks in advance, Carol Smith -BRLC Director Cell-704-778-7478

Author Event at the Library is October 21

Hampton B. Allen Library will be having an author event on Monday, October 21 at 10:30 a.m. This will be in the Pritchett room.

Featured authors are Huni Ali author and owner of ZEG Publishing with Abigail Boudreaux child author and illustrator. Everyone is invited to come and hear their exciting writing stories.

Huni will answer questions about getting published. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

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Church

Feast of the Tabernacle Service At Light House Ministries, 433 Whispering Pine Rd, Wadesboro, 11am with food & fellowship following service. Pastor Terry Taylor, Associate Pastor Lawanda Rogers. Info 704-465-1757.

Fall Festival At Harmony Community Church, 6pm. The event is free. Located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland. Info 704-272-7127.

OCTOBER 20
Homecoming At First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro, 11am with Dr. Van Lankford who served as Youth Minister in the 1980s & early 1990s. Guest pianist is Rev. Lee Tarver, former Minister of Music. Covered dish lunch in Fellowship Hall after service. Everyone is welcome.
74th Homecoming At Bethany Freewill Baptist Church on Old Lilesville Rd in Wadesboro. Rev. Tim Knotts is guest speaker. Catered meal after service.

OCTOBER 26
Gospel Celebration At Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 7pm. (Prelude to Pastor T.J. Horne's Anniversary Service.) Choirs, soloists, musicians & praise dancers are welcome.
Mother & Daughter Pink Tea Brunch Victorious Women of Saron, 11am-2pm. Dress pink casual. \$10 donation.

OCTOBER 27
Pastoral Anniversary At First Baptist Church, Sikes Ave in Wadesboro for Pastor Gregory Everett & 1st Lady Donna Everett with Pastor Robert Coleman of Charlotte at 11am. All are invited.
14th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor T.J. Horne at Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 11am with Pastor Donna McNair, followed by dinner. 3pm service with Pastor Charles Nabors. Everyone is welcome.

50th Anniversary of Pastor Donnell Taylor at East Rock Ford Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Jay Van Clyburn at 11am, followed by dinner. Rev. Jerry Tyson at 3pm.

NOVEMBER 3
Pastoral Anniversary For Bishop Arvester & Elder Terry Lindsey at New Jerusalem FCOG in Morven, 3pm with Elder Harvey Marsh of Lindsey Chapel FCOG in Lilesville.

ONGOING
Saturday Services Lighthouse Ministries holds services every Saturday at 11am. Located at 311 Birchwood Dr in Wadesboro. The Pastor is Terry Taylor & Assistant Pastor is Lawanda Rodgers. For info call 704-465-1757.
Monthly Singing On the last Sunday of every month at New Life Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1678 Hwy 109 South. Info Pastor Randy Brooks 910-544-9232.
Men & Women Fellowship Last Wednesday each month at New Life Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1678 Hwy 109 South. Info Pastor Randy Brooks 910-544-9232.

Events

OCTOBER 17
Free Food Anson Mobile Food Market 4:00 p.m. at Wadesboro Primary School, 1542 Hwy 52 South, Wadesboro. Fresh veggies, fruit & bread if available. Blood pressure checks, along with healthy living topics & booths. Nothing required to receive food, just come! Sponsored by Anson Extension Service.

OCTOBER 28
NAACP Meeting They invited you to attend. 6pm at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 612 Salisbury St. in Wadesboro. They welcome you to attend. For info: Sinic Marsh mrshs6@yahoo.com or 704-254-0630.

ONGOING EVENTS
Learning Center Hours Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, Mon-Fri, 10:30-5:30pm. Computer lab (children & adults), copy service, fax service & resource library. All available to the public for a small fee.
After School Program Kid Cafe Mon-Fri from 2:30-5:30p.m. at the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, 704-826-8737

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The NC Forest Service Urging the Public to be Careful and Responsible with Outdoor Fire

With the amount of storm debris brought on by Hurricane Helene and North Carolina on the cusp of fall wildfire season, the N.C. Forest Service is reminding the public to think ahead and be cautious when burning outdoors.

"Recent tropical weather, most notably Hurricane Helene, has left piles of debris in its wake. Once safe to do so, many people will have significant yard cleanup and may choose to dispose of leaves and other yard debris by way of burning," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Outdoor fires left unattended can get out of hand quickly, becoming wildfires that threaten lives and property."

Typically, wildfires occur more frequently October through early December. In 2023, the N.C. Forest Service responded to nearly 2,000 wildfires during those months, with response to more than 1,200 of those fires taking place in November. Backyard debris burning, arson, escaped campfires and machine and vehicle use continue to be common ignition sources for human-caused wildfires.

Wildfire trends and causes in North Carolina are consistent with the rest of the Southern U.S. The American South experiences more wildfires each year than any other region in the U.S., with 87% of wildfires igniting on private property and being started by people. In North Carolina, human activity is responsible for 99% of wildfires.

The wildland urban interface (WUI) -- the area where structures and other human development blend with undeveloped wildland, forest or vegetation -- is a notable threat for increased wildfire impacts due to rapid population growth and people moving into formerly rural areas, resulting in an increase in WUI acreage. This trend is significant as three of the top four states with the most homes near wildlands are in the South, including North Carolina. As of 2020, roughly more than half of North Carolina's citizens live in WUI areas.

"Before choosing to burn, folks need to obtain a valid burn permit and keep an eye on the weather. Never burn on dry, windy days and never leave your fire unattended," said Troxler. "Smokey Bear celebrated his 80th birthday back in August, and think we owe it to him to uphold his message by remembering that we are the best defense against wildfires."

For those who choose to burn, the N.C. Forest Service offers these tips:

- Have a valid permit. You can obtain a burn permit at any N.C. Forest Service office or authorized permitting agent, or online at ncforestservice.gov/burnpermit.
- Check the weather. Never burn on dry, windy days.
- Keep your fire small, not tall.
- Be sure you are fully prepared before burning. To control the fire, you will need a water hose, bucket, steel rake and a shovel for tossing dirt on the fire.
- Keep a phone nearby, too.
- Never use kerosene, gasoline, diesel fuel or other flammable liquids to speed up burning.
- Douse burning charcoal briquettes or campfires thoroughly with water. Drown all embers, not just the red ones. When soaked, stir the coals and soak them again. Make sure everything is wet and that embers are cold to the touch. If you do not have water, mix enough dirt or sand with the embers to extinguish the fire, being careful not to bury the fire. Never dump hot ashes or coals into a wooded area.
- Never leave your fire. Stay with it until it is completely out.

The USDA Forest Service offers the following guidelines for safely extinguishing campfires and helping to prevent wildfires:

- Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible.
- Pour lots of water on the fire, drown ALL embers, not just the red ones.
- Pour until the hissing sound stops.
- Stir campfire ashes and embers with a shovel.
- Scrape the sticks and logs to remove any embers.
- Stir and make sure everything is wet and that embers are cold to the touch.
- If you do not have water, use dirt. Pour dirt or sand on the fire, mixing enough dirt or sand with the embers to extinguish the fire.
- Continue adding or stirring until all remaining material is cool.
- Do NOT bury the fire as the fire will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire that will eventually get to the surface and start a wildfire.

To learn more about fire safety and preventing wildfires and loss of property, visit www.ncforestservice.gov and www.smokeybear.com. For more information and tips to help create a defensible space around your home and protect your property from wildfire, visit www.resistwildfireinc.org.

Attention Parents! We Need You!

Anson County Schools invites parents to join them on Tuesday, October 22 for an impactful evening of connection and inspiration with the incredible Dr. Adolph Brown!

Dr. Brown, a renowned expert in family and community engagement, will guide attendees on how they can collaborate to enhance their children's education and strengthen the bonds within our community. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable insights and be part of a meaningful discussion about your kids' future.

Mark your calendars and make plans to be there! Let's unite to empower our children and create a brighter tomorrow.

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