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## Anson County Covid-19 Update

**Ansonians urged to get vaccinated.**  
**Flu shots now available at the Health Department.**

The latest information posted by the Anson County Health Department on Monday, October 18 showed 3,816 total Covid-19 cases, with 58 active. There were three additional deaths from Covid-19 in the last week, bringing the total deaths to 80.

Vaccines are available, including walk-in clinics. They are free, and all you have to do is call the Health Department at 704-694-5188 for more information.

Now free testing is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. without an appointment. Testing takes place in the old hospital parking lot on Morven Road. They are testing Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. No appointment is needed and there is no charge for the Covid test. Results will be called or emailed directly to the person tested or, in the case of children, to their parent or adult caregiver, in 2-3 days. They will test anyone over the age of 1.

**Flu Shots** The Health Department is offering both the regular flu shot and the high dose flu shot, for those 65 and over, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, between 1:30 and 4 p.m. No appointment is needed. Just come on over to the Health Department with your ID and your insurance card and they will take care of you.

The Health Department is located at 110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-694-5188.

The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) reported that statewide as of Monday, October 18 there were 1,599 new cases, with 17,536 deaths and 1,852 hospitalized. 70% of adults in NC had at least one dose of vaccine, 66% were fully vaccinated.

## School Board Meeting for October 25 to be Live Streamed on YouTube

The Anson County Board of Education will hold their regular meeting on Monday, October 25. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Open Session to the public will begin at about 5:30 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."

The meeting will be held in the Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Masks will be required for visitors. If the public wishes to sign up for public comment, they can sign up in person or go to the public comment link on the Anson Schools website at [www.ansonschools.org](http://www.ansonschools.org) to sign up. Public comment sign up will be from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. on Monday, October 25.

## This is the Last Weekend for Wait Until Dark at the Ansonia

The play *Wait Until Dark* has crept onto the Ansonia Theatre stage, and this weekend is the end of its two week run. Get your tickets now for this scary presentation.

Unknowingly in possession of a doll stuffed with heroin, Sam and his blind wife Susy are the target of three con men trying to retrieve the contraband. Deception, murder and intimidation lead to Susy using all of her wits and the darkness she is so familiar with to her benefit to ultimately survive.

This stage classic inspired a movie of the same name starring Audrey Hepburn which became a huge critical and box office hit, landing itself in the history books as one of the scariest films of all time.

Amanda Traywick stars as Susy, with Lance Barber, Joshua Peterson, Glenn Caulder, Chipper Long, Gracilee Bricker and Mark Traywick rounding out the rest of the cast.

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at [ansoniatheatre.com](http://ansoniatheatre.com) or at the door. Call 707-694-4950 for more information.

## Polkton Fun Day is Back this Saturday!

**Trunk or Treat for the kids too!**

Looking for something fun to do in October? Come on out to Polkton Fun Day this Saturday, October 23. The fun begins at 11 a.m. and finishes at 5 p.m.

Trunk or treating will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the walking trail for the children.

This year's event will feature something for all ages. For the kids there will be free amusement rides and face painting. For the adults there are numerous booths that will offer such things as arts and crafts, monogrammed items, home décor, information about local agencies, and lots more.

For those who come hungry, and we hope that's everyone, there will be LOTS of food to choose from! And, they sure didn't forget those with a sweet tooth. You'll have your pick of funnel cakes, cotton candy, shaved ice and much more!

On stage entertainment throughout the day is sure to please anyone. There will be everything from country to jazz, southern rock to gospel.

We hope each of you will be "Making Tracks for a Fun Day" and joining us for Polkton Fun Day!

## Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru at SPCC in Polkton on Thursday

South Piedmont Community College invites everyone to come to their L.L. Polk Campus, located at 680 Highway 74 in Polkton, for a fun and safe Halloween Trunk or Treat event. The event takes place on Thursday, October 21 at 8 p.m. and is a drive-thru.



## Awareness is KEY!

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

On Tuesday, October 12 the Morven Chapter of Las Amigas (MCLA), a local nonprofit organization donated \$100 to Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition (ACDVC). The donation is in support of ACDVC's mission to develop domestic violence awareness through community education and to promote empowerment for victims and families by developing a system for effective communication and facilitation of change.

MCLA partners with various organizations within the Anson County community by donating their time and resources to support those in need. MCLA has partnered with ACDVC annually because they strive to make a difference in the community in which they serve and want to be a voice for the domestic violence victims across the world.

Pictured at left, JoLetha Little, Domestic Violence Project Co-Chair (right), presents a donation to Karen Baucom, Executive Director of Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition.

## Toys for Tots 2021 Kick-Off is Sunday

This is a release from Toys for Tots: The Toys for Tots 2021 Christmas campaign Kick-off will be held this Sunday, October 24 at 11:00 a.m. at Centenary A.M.E. Zion Church, Pastor Fred Miller, in Lilesville. We are asking every church, local business, schools and elected officials to please come and have a representative present. Our theme for 2021 is "The Sky is the Limit when we have God." We need your support.

In 2011 Toys for Tots came to Anson County. During our first campaign we were blessed to collect and distribute toys to over 1,500 children. Since then the number has grown to over 3,000 children. Each year the need gets greater. Now with our county going through the Covid pandemic, more than ever we need the assistance of our community, businesses, churches, school and citizens to make this program a continued success.

Businesses, churches, schools, citizens, and our elected officials are very important to us. It's a way you can give back to your community and to our less fortunate children and families. You can support Toys for Tots through a monetary donation or by purchasing toys. Toys for Tots drop-off locations will be announced.

Vancine Sturdivant, Toys for Tots Coordinator, stated, "Christmas is a time of joy, happiness, good will and love for our fellow man. It is a time of giving and helping others, especially those who are less fortunate. I challenge each one of you to give. Bless someone."

All donations are to be written out to: Toys for Tots / Anson. You can contact anyone below to find out how to give.

For further information please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704 848-4412.

## County-Wide Zoning Ordinance Development: Last Open House is this Thursday, October 21

Anson County is working to develop a draft county-wide zoning ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the County based on the recently approved comprehensive land use plan. The County held a series of open houses in July 2021 (first round) for residents to provide input on what they would like to see incorporated into a zoning ordinance. A second series of open houses have been held during October, with the last one scheduled for this Thursday, October 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It will take place in Ansonville at the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, located at 5770 US Highway 52 North, Wadesboro.

Phase 1 of the process was Development of a zoning ordinance. Phase 2 is the development of a companion zoning map projected to begin in the spring of 2022.

The October (second round) open houses are for residents to receive a presentation on the draft ordinance and provide feedback. Each open house will include a PowerPoint presentation overview of the draft zoning ordinance and facilitated residents' feedback and input.

For more information contact Larry Newton, Tax Director/Interim Planning Director, at 704-994-3211 or email: [lnewton@ansoncountync.gov](mailto:lnewton@ansoncountync.gov).

## Christmas in November Is Cancelled Due to COVID-19

The Anson County Arts Council has cancelled their annual Christmas in November Art & Crafts Sale, scheduled for November 13 due to concerns about COVID-19. Although this is a disappointment for both vendors and shoppers, safety is the top priority.

Area shoppers still have the opportunity to purchase unique gifts at the Arts Council's Drake Gallery in October and November when several area craftsmen will exhibit their creations. It is located next door to the Ansonia Theatre, at 108 North Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. The gallery is currently open Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday hours may be added if the COVID situation allows.

Look for Christmas in November to return next year on November 12.

## Bearcat Toney Gainey in the Running for Player of the Week

**Everyone urged to vote!**

Anson High School Bearcat football player Toney Gainey is one of the nominees for the Charlotte Observer's high school football offensive and defensive players of the week. Readers can vote as often as they want until this Friday, October 22, around noon.

During the Anson High School Homecoming game last Friday, October 15, Gainey ran nine times for 80 yards, averaging nine yards per carry, in a 39-27 win over Covenant Day. He caught two passes for 84 yards. He caught a touchdown pass and had a touchdown run. The Bearcats rallied from a 13-0 deficit to win.

Vote at [www.charlotteobserver.com/sports/high-school/article255061567.html](http://www.charlotteobserver.com/sports/high-school/article255061567.html).

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## Anson County Schools Covid Dashboard Updated 10-15-2021

Location/Site	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Employees	Positive Cases Students	Positive Cases Employees
Anson Early College High School	2	0	0	0
Anson High School	10	0	1	0
Anson Middle School	5	2	1	1
Ansonville Elementary	3	0	2	0
Lilesville Elementary	8	0	2	0
Morven Elementary	2	0	1	0
Peachland-Polkton Elementary	5	0	3	1
Wadesboro Elementary	5	1	0	1
Wadesboro Primary	3	0	1	0
District Office	N/A	0	N/A	0
Transportation	N/A	0	N/A	0
Maintenance	N/A	0	N/A	0
Child Nutrition/Cafeteria Employees	N/A	0	N/A	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Students + Employees</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>14</b>	

  

*Student Enrollment as of 10/15/21	2,956	# of Employees	513
*Enrollment changes daily		% of Employees Positive	0.58%
% of Students Positive	0.37%		

A link to the dashboard is on the Anson County Schools Facebook page.

## Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Event is October 30

Tasha Coleman will be hosting an event for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Attendees will be remembering all of the sweet babies who have gone far too soon.

Coleman said, "My desire is to turn my grief into an initiative to help other grieving families while commemorating my children in the process. This event will have various guest speakers, a dove release, and light refreshments. It is in memory of Anina Coleman-Howard and Eden Jeremiah Coleman."

The event will be held on Saturday, October 30, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at HOLLA!, located at 229 Main Street in Morven.

If you plan to attend please RSVP Tasha Coleman at 704-961-6299.

## Lion's Club District Governor Visiting Wadesboro Club

Lion's Club District Governor Barbara Thompson will visit the Wadesboro Lions Club on Thursday, October 28. She will present the district goals and the goals of North Carolina Lions and Lions Clubs International.

Thompson has been a member of the Pleasant Garden Lions Club since 2012, when she and her husband Jim joined. She has had the opportunity of serving as Club President and has worked closely with the Pleasant Garden community to serve those in need along with the club.

Thompson has been awarded the Lion of the Year by her club and is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, Jack Stickley Fellow, received the William L. Woolard Partner-in-service and the Sid L. Scruggs III Beacon of Hope awards. The most rewarding part of being a Lion is serving fellow Lions and those in need.

## Wadesboro AA Meeting Schedule

- Monday - Anson Group meets 7 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday - Harmony Group meets 12 to 1 p.m.

Anyone who thinks they may have a problem with drugs or alcohol, AA wants to help.

The Alcoholics Anonymous building is located at 2177 Country Club Road in Wadesboro, across from the EMS building. For more information call 704-294-4468.