

Trunks, Treats and Halloween Fun at SPCC on Thur.

Halloween is almost here, and children everywhere are preparing for that important annual tradition: collecting enough candy to keep their dentists employed through Thanksgiving. South Piedmont Community College will help with that mission when it hosts a free Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the L.L. Polk Campus in Polkton.

Families are invited to dress in their favorite costumes, visit decorated vehicle trunks and collect plenty of treats. Parents, of course, will have the important responsibility of inspecting the candy, particularly those suspicious-looking miniature chocolate bars.

The event takes place at 680 U.S. 74 in Polkton. Only service animals are permitted, and families should be aware that some candy may contain nuts or other allergens. Registration is encouraged at bit.ly/4jv8PQW.

So grab the costumes and candy buckets. Halloween comes only once a year, but the sugar rush may last considerably longer!

FREE Home Repair Services for Low-Income Seniors (62+), Disabled or Veteran Homeowners in Anson County Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Program

This program assists homeowners who live in their homes. It is sponsored by Sandhills Community Action Program (SCAP), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, with funds provided by the NC Housing Finance Agency to assist eligible homeowners with critical and essential rehabilitation that will allow Anson County homeowners to safely age in place.

Types of Repairs: Roof repair or replacement, unsafe electrical problems, plumbing issues, HVAC repair or replacement or accessibility improvements for seniors or disabled homeowners, etc. Owner Occupied Homes – **no rentals** – manufactured homes on permanent masonry foundation and deeded as real property may be eligible with restrictions (underpinned manufactured homes having title only are not eligible).

Homeowner or household member must be elderly (62+) or disabled, a home having lead hazards and a child under 6 years old or younger, veterans are also eligible.

Funding is limited and other eligibility requirements or restrictions apply.

How to Apply: Applications are available at the Sandhills Community Action Program Office, 205 W. Morgan Street, Wadesboro, NC on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please bring documentation of household income, in order to apply (Social Security Determination letter, check stubs, annual retirement statement, etc.).

For questions or to request that an application be mailed to you, please call (704) 994-2306 ext. 101.

Applications will also be accepted on **Thursday, November 5, 2026 from 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon at The HOLLA Center, 229 Main St., Morven, NC 28119, and from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Ansonville Town Hall, 8778 Hwy 52 N., Ansonville, NC 28007.**

How It Works: Terms of assistance – this is a 0% interest loan, secured with a Deed of Trust (which is a lien on the home). The loan is forgiven at \$14,000 per year, as long as the owner remains in the home or until the balance is reduced to \$0. (For example, if loan is \$67,452, then the loan will be reduced to \$0 in 5 years and the lien is released. As long as the homeowner lives in the home, no payments on the loan are required.

Please call with any questions (704) 994-2306 ext. 101. Website: www.sandhillscap.org



Church

OCTOBER 31
Halloween Celebration
At Calvary Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Brent & East Wade Streets, 5pm with hot dog & marshmallow roast. Come join the fun!
Hallelujah Festival
At Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries Fellowship Hall, 3760 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 2-4:30pm with food, candy, games, bouncy house & more indoor & outdoor activities.
NOVEMBER 1
Pastoral Anniversary
Of Bishop Arvester Lindsey & Elder Terry Lindsey at New Jerusalem FCOG, 3pm with Bishop Walter Ellerbe.
NOVEMBER 8
154th Anniversary
Of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church of Wadesboro at 11am with Rev. Oscar Tillman. Dinner served after service. Morning service only.
Friends & Family Day At East Rock Ford Missionary Baptist Church, 2pm with Rev. Warren Parsons. All are invited.
NOVEMBER 14
Evangelist Appreciation At Evangelistic Outreach Center, 7852 Hwy 74 W, Polkton, 2pm with Min. Sylvia Pratt, WCF Singers & praise dancer Destiny Wells.
NOVEMBER 22
Building Fund Program At Henry Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lilesville, 2pm with Rev. Terry Little of West Deep Creek MBC in Wadesboro. Program theme is “Working Together for a Common Cause.”

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ONGOING EVENTS
Free Food Distribution at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-4pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820.
Writers’ Club Meets Fourth Sunday each month at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, 3pm (except July & Dec). Open to public, new members of all ages invited. Info 704-694-5211 or sandybruney@gmail.com.
Senior Box Program at Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820.

‘Booze It & Lose It’ Campaign Returns for Halloween

Halloween is a time for costumes, candy and celebrations, but North Carolina officials are reminding motorists that driving under the influence is one Halloween scare nobody wants. The Governor’s Highway Safety Program has launched its annual Halloween “Booze It & Lose It” campaign, with increased law enforcement patrols and sobriety checkpoints taking place across all 100 North Carolina counties from October 26 through November 1. The campaign is designed to identify impaired drivers, prevent crashes and encourage everyone celebrating Halloween to make arrangements for a safe ride home.

Impaired driving remains a serious problem on North Carolina highways. According to the N.C. Department of Transportation, alcohol-related crashes claimed 387 lives in 2025, while drug-related crashes resulted in 105 deaths.

During last year’s Halloween “Booze It & Lose It” enforcement campaign, officers made 594 driving while impaired (DWI) arrests statewide.

Officials encourage anyone planning to celebrate with alcohol or other impairing substances to designate a sober driver, arrange transportation through a rideshare service or taxi, or make other plans to get home safely.

Motorists who encounter a suspected impaired driver should maintain a safe distance and contact law enforcement when it is safe to do so.

The Governor’s Highway Safety Program is also continuing its “Don’t Play With Death” public awareness campaign, emphasizing the potentially deadly consequences of dangerous driving decisions.

So enjoy the costumes, the candy and the Halloween festivities. Just remember, the only thing that should be frightening on Halloween is your costume, not your driving. And a DWI arrest is one Halloween treat nobody wants to take home.

Anson Unemployment Rate Dropped in September

Anson County’s unemployment rate fell to 4.0 percent in September 2026, down from 4.6 percent in August and 4.5 percent in September 2025, according to figures released October 28 by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. The improvement reflects a statewide trend, with unemployment rates declining in all 100 North Carolina counties during September. Anson’s decrease of 0.6 percentage points was slightly larger than the statewide decline of 0.5 percentage points.

Anson County’s civilian labor force totaled 8,865 people in September, with 358 unemployed and approximately 8,507 employed. The county’s unemployment rate remained above the statewide average of 3.1 percent, placing Anson 91st among North Carolina’s 100 counties when ranked from lowest to highest unemployment.

The county’s September rate was also an improvement over the same month last year, when unemployment stood at 4.5 percent. That represents a decrease of half a percentage point over the 12-month period.

Among neighboring counties, Stanly recorded a particularly low unemployment rate of 2.6 percent, ranking fourth statewide. Union County reported 2.9 percent, Richmond County 3.5 percent and Montgomery County 3.5 percent. Scotland County’s rate was 4.1 percent.

Across North Carolina, the unemployment rate declined from 3.6 percent in August to 3.1 percent in September. The statewide rate was also below the 3.7 percent recorded in September 2025.

Edgecombe County had the state’s highest unemployment rate at 4.7 percent, while Currituck County recorded the lowest at 2.3 percent. All 100 counties had unemployment rates of 5 percent or less in September, compared with 97 in August.

Statewide employment increased by 79,395 workers during September, reaching 5,120,418, while the number of unemployed residents declined by 23,482 to 164,944.

The Department of Commerce cautions that monthly employment figures can be affected by seasonal patterns, making year-over-year comparisons particularly useful. The figures are not seasonally adjusted and remain subject to revision.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WADESBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY

Wadesboro Housing Authority will hold a public hearing at:
1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2026
at the Wadesboro Housing Authority Office, located at:
200 West Short PlazaWadesboro NC 28170
for the purpose of receiving public comment of the agency’s 2027-2031 Capital Fund Program 5-year Action Plan and Budget and Annual Plan.

A draft of the plan will be available for review at the Wadesboro Housing Authority Office, located at 200 West Short Plaza, Monday through Thursday during the business hours: (8:00 am-5:00 pm).

Betty L. Huntley, Executive Director

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