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## Veterans Day Event in Anson County

Veterans Day is Monday, November 11. Anson County salutes all who have served and those who continue to serve. The Anson County Veteran Services invites Anson County veterans and guests to join them for a celebration, lunch, and fellowship to honor all who have served. The event takes place on Monday, November 11 at 11 a.m. at North Wadesboro Baptist Church, located at 1211 North Greene Street in Wadesboro. For information you can contact Courtney Palmoore, the Veteran Services Officer for Anson County, at 704-465-0086, by email at [cpalmoore@ansoncountync.gov](mailto:cpalmoore@ansoncountync.gov), or by coming to the Veteran Services Office, located at 575 Highway 52 South in Wadesboro (the former Pee Dee Electric facility).

## SPCC Massage Therapy Students Offering 45-Minute Massages for Just \$25

**Proceeds Benefit Helene Recovery**

South Piedmont's Massage Therapy program is offering 45-minute massage treatments for just \$25, with all proceeds going to benefit the victims of Hurricane Helene. "The students at South Piedmont are incredibly compassionate, and following Helene, they came together and said, 'What can we do to help?' They decided they could put their massage skills to work to benefit our neighbors to the west," said Massage Therapy Program Director Elan Schacter. "By signing up for a 45-minute massage, you'll not only be helping those impacted by Helene, but you'll also help our students build their skills and realize the positive difference they can make for others." Massage treatments will be available on Monday, Nov. 4 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at South Piedmont's Old Charlotte Highway campus, 4209 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe. Participants may pay by check, card, or cash at the Business Office, located on the Old Charlotte Highway campus in Monroe. To make an appointment, visit [tinyurl.com/4rarkhc9](http://tinyurl.com/4rarkhc9).

## Wadesboro Christmas Parade is Scheduled for December 5

Mark your calendars for the annual Wadesboro Christmas Parade! This year the parade will be held on Thursday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in the parade you can find the entry form on the Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. Facebook page or you can get a form at the Chamber of Commerce office, located at 107 East Wade Street, Suite I in Wadesboro, or Wadesboro Town Hall. For questions contact Tami Newell at 704-451-6825.

## Statewide 'Booze It & Lose It' Campaign Keeps Impaired Drivers Off N.C. Roads

If you drink this Halloween, never drive. The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program launched the "Halloween Booze It & Lose It" campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of driving while impaired. Beginning Monday, October 28, law enforcement officials have increased saturation patrols to take drunk drivers off the roads. "Driving under the influence is a choice that can have devastating consequences," said NCGHSP Director Mark Ezzell. "A critical part of celebrating Halloween is planning ahead to ensure the safety of everyone. Drivers should secure a designated sober driver to transport you to and from your festivities." The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles reports that 405 people died in alcohol-related crashes in North Carolina in 2023. Of the 1,565 people that died in fatal car crashes last year, 22.4% were alcohol-related crash fatalities.

## New Film & Entertainment Grant Recipients Begin Production Work in North Carolina Locations

**Productions are estimated to have a combined direct in-state spend of \$172 million**  
**Want to be involved? Extras are regularly sought for productions. It's fun!**

Three television-streaming series and three independent feature-length films have been approved for North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grants. With production beginning this year, the six projects combined are expected to spend more than \$172 million in the state, while creating more than 8,500 job opportunities. "North Carolina's film industry plays a critical role in our state's economy, generating significant financial benefits for communities statewide," said N.C. Governor Roy Cooper. "These grants will allow the industry to build on its momentum and will help fund an exciting group of TV and movie projects filmed right here in our state."

**The latest film productions include:**

- **TV/Streaming Series** "The Runarounds" is approved for an award of up to \$14 million with filming taking place greater Wilmington area. Season 2 of "Blue Ridge" will film in and around the greater Charlotte area with an approved grant up to \$2.37 million. "The Waterfront" has been approved for a grant rebate up to \$15 million and will be filmed in New Hanover and Brunswick counties.
- **Feature-length Films:** "Capsized" is shooting in New Hanover and Brunswick counties with production being approved for an award of up to \$2.25 million. "Roofman" is approved for a grant of up to \$4.8 million with filming taking place in various locations in the greater Charlotte metro area. "Apopka / Untitled Christy Martin Project" is also shooting in the greater Charlotte metro area and approved for an award of up to \$4.6 million

"We appreciate the job opportunities that our skilled workforce is afforded from these productions," said N.C. Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. "Our winning formula of production talent combined with unique and compelling film locations, equals economic success for North Carolina's Film industry." These productions join other recent grant recipients "The Summer I Turned Pretty" – Season 3 (\$15M award), "The Hunting Wives" – Season 1 (\$12M award), "Merv" (\$3.84M award), "The Shot" (\$400,000 award), "The Gardener" (\$450,000 award) and "The Double" (\$300,000 award), as well as numerous other non-grant-eligible productions that have shot in the state this year. "A flourishing film industry in our state is a win-win, bringing economic benefits and job opportunities to our residents and elevating North Carolina's presence on the global stage," said Guy Gaster, director of the North Carolina Film Office. "We're committed to nurturing this symbiotic relationship between filmmakers and the communities that make North Carolina an exceptional destination for cinematic storytelling." The North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grant ([filmnc.com/25-rebate](http://filmnc.com/25-rebate)) is used to attract feature film and television/streaming productions that stimulate economic activity and create jobs in the state. Production companies receive no money up front and must meet direct in-state spending requirements to qualify for grant funds, which are paid out as a rebate following the completion of the project and a successful audit of the production's spending. The program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce and promoted by the North Carolina Film Office, part of Visit NC and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina. For more information, visit the North Carolina Film Office website, [filmnc.com](http://filmnc.com).

## SPCC Offers Free Education - the Anson Advantage

The "Anson Advantage" program provides free tuition and fees for Anson County residents enrolled in one of South Piedmont Community College's short-term workforce training programs. These programs can be completed in less than a year and are designed to lead to immediate employment opportunities in fields including:

- Construction • Early Childhood Education • Healthcare
- Manufacturing • Truck Driving • Welding
- More!

The only requirements are a high school diploma, Anson County residency, and to be registered in a qualifying program. Are you ready to take advantage of your chance for a free college education? Scan the QR code above, visit [spcc.edu](http://spcc.edu), or call 704-272-5300.



## Darryl Kenneth Parrish Charged with Multiple Drug and Firearm Offenses

On Wednesday, October 16 the Anson County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Wadesboro Police Department and Polkton Police Department, executed a search warrant at 414 Cherry Street in Wadesboro. During the search officers seized methamphetamine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, cash, and firearms. As a result of the search Darryl Kenneth Parrish, who lives at that house, was arrested and charged with: Trafficking in Methamphetamine; Felony Possession of Methamphetamine; Felony Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Marijuana; Felony Possession of Marijuana; Possession of a Firearm by a Felon; Possession of a Stolen Firearm; and Maintaining a Dwelling for Controlled Substance. Parrish was placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$100,000 secure bond with a court date of November 19, 2024, in Wadesboro District Court.



Darryl K. Parrish



## Get Fired Up!

Pictured are senior Chloe Drake and freshman Elin Lockhart, the Anson High School Feature Twirlers who were definitely "fired up" this past Friday night about their beloved Bearcats. The Cats came away with a very impressive win over the West Stanly Colts. It was also Senior Night for Chloe, who has been twirling for Anson High School for the past four years. Chloe said, "My greatest memory is of twirling fire for our home games. It is something I will never forget." The girls would like to encourage you to make the drive this Friday night to support the Cats against Forest Hills. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

## Sheriff's Trunk or Treat is Thursday

The Anson County Sheriff's Office invites everyone to their Trunk or Treat this Thursday, October 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Trick or treaters will have lots of fun...and collect lots of candy! This safe and friendly event takes place in the parking lot of the Sheriff's Office, located at 119 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

## Anson Youth Football - Championship Game at Albemarle High School Nov. 2

Come out and support our Division 1 - Youth Football team. On Saturday, November 2 at 1:00 p.m. at Albemarle High School. #2 ranked Anson will be participating in the Championship Game against #1 ranked Albemarle. Wendell Small, Director of Anson County Parks and Recreation said, "Our Youth Football participates in the Uwharrie Youth Football League which consists of teams located in Albemarle, Anson, North Stanly, South Stanly, and West Stanly. All four of our teams, 7 on 7 flag (ages 4-6), 11 on 11 flag (ages 7-8), Division 1 Tackle (ages 8-10), and Division 2 Tackle (ages 11-12), made it to the first round of playoffs this year. Division 1 Tackle and Division 2 Tackle made it to the second round of playoffs." Small concluded by saying, "We want to congratulate all of our players, staff, and our coaching volunteers as they succeed!"

## Uptown Wadesboro Candy Trail Will be Held this Thursday!

The community is invited to the Uptown Wadesboro Candy Trail event that will be held on Thursday, October 31, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This event is free for all. Dress up in your spookiest costume and bring your empty bags to be filled! The magical Candy Trail offers safe and delightful trick-or-treating throughout uptown Wadesboro. Participants are encouraged to check out all of the local businesses and organizations that are participating in the Candy Trail: First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue; Calvary Episcopal Church; Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition; Anson County Sheriff's Office; Anson Fire and EMS; Anson County Partnership for Children; HOPE Pregnancy; First Presbyterian Church; First United Methodist Church; Ansonia Soup Company; Salon Meraki; Kat & Liz; H.W. Little & Company Hardware; Hampton B. Allen Library; Studio 256; Parsons Drug Company; Uptown Coffee Company; Uptown Wadesboro Inc.; Dream Nutrition; Triad Barber School; Arts Council; Treasure Corner; Awesome Touch Hair Salon; Sugar IQ Italian Ice & Dessert Bar; MATI Club Martial Arts; Kennedy Services; and Oliver's Restaurant.

## Commissioners Meets November 4

The Anson County Board of Commissioners will hold their first November meeting on Monday, November 4. The second November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19. Meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201. The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. The videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and search for Anson Commissioners.