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## Vaccines Available for Kids 5 and Older

**Booster doses are available.**

**Ansonians are urged to get vaccinated.**

**Flu shots now available at the Health Department.**

The latest information posted by the Anson County Health Department on Monday, November 8 showed 3,954 total Covid-19 cases (55 more than 11/1), with 76 active. There was an additional death from Covid-19 in the last week, bringing the total deaths to 83.

Vaccines are available for everyone 5 years old and older, including walk-in clinics. (Children 5-11 by appointment only.) Vaccine boosters are available. They are free, and all you have to do is call the Health Department at 704-694-5188 for more information. Walk-in clinics are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

**Health Director Fred Thompson, PhD gave this update on November 4.** "The Health Department is pleased to announce that we will be now offering COVID-19 vaccinations, with the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5 to 11, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The vaccination will consist of a series of two shots, 21 days apart. Each shot will be one third of the adult dose.

A few important things:

- Due to a very limited supply of the children's vaccine, we will be vaccinating children by appointment only, and scheduling the appointments no more than one week in advance.
- We are asking that parents call on a Friday to schedule an appointment for their child on the following Monday or Wednesday afternoon. Appointments can be made by calling the Health Department's main number: (704) 694-5188.
- Most importantly, a parent or legal guardian must accompany the child to give the required legal consent for the child to receive the vaccine.

COVID-19 cases in children can result in hospitalizations, deaths, and long-term complications, such as "long COVID," in which symptoms can linger for months. The spread of the Delta variant resulted in a surge of COVID-19 cases in children in Anson County throughout the summer. Vaccination, along with other preventative measures, can protect our children from COVID-19. In clinical trials, vaccination was nearly 91 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 among children aged 5-11 years. Vaccine side effects were mild, self-limiting, and similar to those seen in adults. The most common side effect was a sore arm.

COVID-19 vaccines have undergone – and will continue to undergo – the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. Vaccinating children will help protect them from getting COVID-19 and therefore reduce their risk of severe disease, hospitalizations, or developing long-term COVID-19 complications. Getting your children vaccinated can help protect them against COVID-19, as well as reduce disruptions to in-person learning and other activities by helping curb community transmission of the virus.

If you have questions about the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11, please reach out to our Immunization Nurse, Lori Ross, at (704) 994-3384 and she will be glad to assist 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, November 8 there were 1,103 new cases, with 18,317 deaths and 1,2040 hospitalized. 72% of adults in NC had at least one dose of vaccine, 67% were fully vaccinated.

## Municipal Election Results

Anson County Municipal Elections were held on Tuesday, November 2. The unofficial results are below:

**Winners are in red**

**• Town of Lilesville**

Mayor **Bernice Bennett (82 votes / 96.47%)**, Write-In misc. (3 votes / 3.53%)

*Commissioner (5 seats available)*

**John Montgomery (71 votes / 27.95%), Chuck Cook (44 votes / 17.32%), Gaye Harrington (38 votes / 14.96%), Lewis Adams (37 votes / 14.57%), Randy Henry (31 votes / 12.2%), Frank McAllister (28 votes / 11.02%), Write-In misc. (5 votes / 1.97%)**

**• Town of Morven**

*Council (3 seats available)* **Rhonda Johnson Liles (52 votes / 30.06%), Rachel Melton (50 votes / 28.9%), Marjorie Cole (40 votes / 23.12%), Tanya Chance (28 votes / 16.18%), Write-In misc. (3 votes / 1.73%)**

**• Town of Peachland**

*Council (3 seats available)* **Mary Burns - Write-In (41 votes / 34.75%), James Thomas Hamilton (38 votes / 32.2%), Kenneth Rowell (30 votes / 25.42%), Write-In misc. (9 votes / 7.63%)**

**• Town of Polkton**

Mayor **Cynthia Williams (48 votes / 53.93%)**, Bruce Landon (41 votes / 46.07%)

*Commissioner (5 seats available)*

**Johnny Faulk (60 votes / 18.99%), Jimmy Hildreth (58 votes / 18.35%), W. Clifton Martin III (55 votes / 17.41%), Russell Goodwin (53 votes / 16.77%), Sissy Stegall (49 votes / 15.51%), Cindy Melton Heafner (38 votes / 12.03%), Write-In misc. (3 votes / 0.95%)**

**• Town of Wadesboro**

*Council (3 seats available)* **Fred Davis (278 votes / 25.02%), J.F. Harward (238 votes / 21.42%), Chipper Long (183 votes / 16.47%), Russell Sikes (180 votes / 16.2%), Judy Little (111 votes / 9.99%), Wanda Talbert Exum (82 votes / 7.38%), Amanda Moak (36 votes / 3.24%), Write-In misc. (3 votes / 0.27%)**

**Upcoming Dates**

- November 12 County Canvass for the November 2 election will be held at the Board of Elections Office at 11 a.m.
- November 23 the State Board of Elections will hold a Canvass for the November 2 elections.
- November 25 & 26 County offices closed for Thanksgiving
- December 6 - 17 Candidate filing for 2022 Primary Election
- December 14 Regular board meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- December 23, 24 & 27 County offices closed for Christmas

## Pee Dee Electric has Moved

Pee Dee Electric has finished construction of their new facility on Highway 74 East in Lilesville, and is now open at that location. The address is 9825 US Highway 74 East, Lilesville NC 28091.

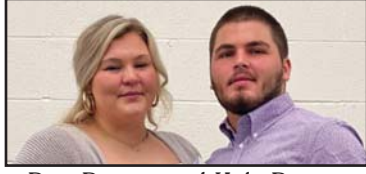
That location is about halfway between Lilesville and the Pee Dee River, on the left if you are driving east.



Donnie Spivey David Edwards



Katy Edwards Ashley Scarborough



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## Award Winners at Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 59th Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet on Thursday, October 14 at South Piedmont Community College's Lockhart-Taylor Center. This event serves as an opportunity to honor those who have made significant contributions to enhance our quality of life, make Anson County a better place to live and improve our educational, medical and public service communities.

Congratulations to all the award winners!

- **Henry W. Little, III Community Leadership Award** Donnie Spivey, Pee Dee Electric, North Carolina
- **W. Dunlap Covington Community Service Award** David Edwards, Town of Wadesboro Manager
- **Young Professional of the Year** Katy Carpenter Edwards, Plank Road Realty & Ashley Rivers Scarborough, Plank Road Forestry, LLC
- **Chamber Champion** Joe Dutton, presented to the Dutton Family

The Chamber was honored to announce that the Chamber Champion award will now be known as the Joseph E. Dutton Chamber Champion Award. Joe was a dedicated board member who truly believed in the mission and purpose of the Chamber. He loved Anson County to the fullest, and shared that with everyone he came in contact with. His famous line, "there is always something good happening in Anson County" will live on for years to come.

## Gary Porter Inducted into the Monster Jam Hall of Fame

On February 28 it was announced that Anson County's own monster truck legend Gary Porter would be inducted into the Monster Jam Hall of Fame. Porter was inducted during a show at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas on October 23.

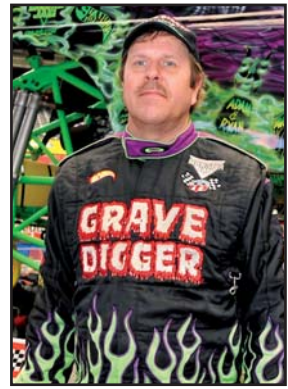
The Monster Jam Hall of Fame published this bio of Porter: Gary Porter carved himself a place in history, over a 32-year career that saw him win multiple championships, that few will ever match. It all began in 1981 when Gary took out a loan from a local bank to turn his 1972 Chevy truck into a monster truck and on July 22, 1985, the Carolina Crusher was born. What started as a way to promote his brother's shop turned into a career that would span over three decades.

Porter drove Carolina Crusher until 2001, but after its sale, he found himself behind the wheel of another monster truck owned by his longtime friend Dennis Anderson - the iconic Grave Digger 12. He continued to dominate in arenas in the black and green wrecking machine for another decade before returning to Carolina Crusher in 2015. His retirement in 2017 ended on a high note, with Gary winning Arena Championship Series 6 as well as the event championship in his final competition at the historic Hagerstown Motor Speedway.

More information, videos and photos are available at [www.monsterjam.com/en-US/hall-of-fame](http://www.monsterjam.com/en-US/hall-of-fame).

Porter was inducted as the 12th star in the International Monster Truck Hall of Fame in 2013.

Porter always had a tremendous amount of respect for his equipment and was typically considered to be the tamest in freestyle of all the Digger drivers. At the same time, his truck-control abilities were exceptional, and he has been a USHRA-points champion many times.



## Frank Isaac Hall Sentenced to a Minimum of 20 Years for Police Shooting

During the November 1 session of Anson County Criminal Superior Court twenty-nine year old Frank Isaac Hall of Wadesboro pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney T. Matthew Victory. Special Agent J. R. Alderman with the State Bureau of Investigations investigated the case that involved Hall shooting two officers employed by the Wadesboro Police Department.



Frank Isaac Hall

District Attorney Reece Saunders said, "We support our men and women in blue, and when violence is perpetrated on the people serving our community there will be appropriate consequences."

The Honorable Vance B. Long presided over the case and sentenced Hall, based on a plea agreement, to a minimum of 240 months and a maximum of 312 months in the North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections.

Hall, a registered sex offender, was arrested in the 2015 shooting of four people during a gunfight at a night club in Morven called the Boom Boom Room. One of the victims was a pregnant woman. They all survived. Hall was also charged with two felony counts of statutory rape of a child age 15 or under in 2017.

## Remember to Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries

Each fall and spring when we set our clocks back or ahead an hour, that is a good reminder to change your smoke detector batteries. Twice a year battery replacement helps ensure that your smoke detectors are in good working order. You and your family deserve no less!

## Anson County Schools Covid Dashboard

Updated 11-05-2021

Location/Site	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Employees	Positive Cases Students	Positive Cases Employees
Anson Early College High School	2	0	1	0
Anson High School	22	0	4	0
Anson Middle School	17	0	6	0
Ansonville Elementary	9	1	3	0
Lilesville Elementary	3	0	3	0
Morven Elementary	0	0	0	0
Peachland-Polkton Elementary	5	0	3	1
Wadesboro Elementary	3	1	0	0
Wadesboro Primary	2	0	4	0
District Office	N/A	1	N/A	1
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>63</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>

\*Student Enrollment as of 11/05/21  
\*Enrollment changes daily  
2,954  
% of Students Positive 0.81%

# of Employees 513  
% of Employees Positive 0.39%

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

## Veterans Day Drive-Thru Event on November 11

This is a release from the Anson County Veterans Services Office: Please join us for a Veterans Day drive-thru event on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Wadesboro City Park, located at 1000 Gatewood Street. (Off Morven Road at the corner of Center and Gatewood Streets.)

Enjoy lunch and a resource bag filled with chances to win some awesome door prizes from our local sponsors, a gift basket from our local VFW, and more. We can't wait to see you there!

## Drive-Through BBQ at Burnsville Fire Department this Saturday

Everyone is invited to come out to Burnsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue this Saturday, November 13 for delicious barbecue. The event begins at 10 a.m. and is drive-through.

All plates include either pork or chicken, slaw, beans, a roll and dessert. Here are the items they will be selling: pork or chicken plates \$12; bulk pork (approx 1 lb.) \$10; 1/2 chicken (no sides) \$6; sandwich (no sides) \$5; bulk beans \$5; bulk slaw \$5. The address is 13380 Highway 742 North, Polkton.

## Free Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go Plates Saturday

The Lamb of God Church is conducting a community outreach free Thanksgiving dinner plates to-go this Saturday, November 13. It begins at 10:30 a.m. with plates on a first come, first served basis.

You are invited to come to the church, located at 118 West Wade Street in Wadesboro for your plate. For information call 843-623-3777.

## Recruiting Volunteers for Meals on Wheels

Grace Senior Center is recruiting volunteers to help with their Meals on Wheels by delivering meals. If you are interested in helping Anson County's shut-in and elderly citizens with this important program, please contact Cynthia Miles at 704-694-6616.

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