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# Obituaries

## Mr. Benford W. Walters

Mr. Benford W. Walters, 86, passed away on December the 31, 2011, at Hospice House of Union County.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday January 3, 2011, at Oakdale Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Griffin Cemetery.

Mr. Walters was born in Anson County to the late Lonnie Vann and Culie Helms Walters.

He is survived by his son, Eugene Walters (Shirley) of Polkton; two granddaughters, Holly Stegall (Chris) and Lisa Guyton (Lane); and sisters, Nellie Dutton and Marie Williams (June).

Memorials may be made to Oakdale Baptist Church, Hwy 218, Polkton, N.C. 28135 or Hospice of Union County, 700 Roosevelt Blvd. W., Monroe, N.C. 28112.

## Six Tips for Gift Returns and Exchanges

This is the time for Christmas gift returns and exchanges. According to the National Retail Federation, one in three consumers (38 percent) will return at least some portion of their holiday gifts. If you get gifts that aren't quite right, the Better Business Bureau has tips for hassle-free returns and exchanges.

"Many stores have a specific time limit for returns and exchanges," said BBB President Tom Bartholomy. "The 'return clock' started ticking the day your gift was purchased, not the day you received it."

The BBB has six tips for returns and exchanges:

- Return policies. Return policies for sale on clearance or holiday merchandise may be different than merchandise sold at full price.
- Receipts. Without the original receipt or a gift receipt, you will not be able to get cash when you return unwanted gifts. You may be able to get a store credit or be able to exchange the item for other merchandise.
- Return 'clock'. Many retailers may only allow returns within a certain time frame and that time frame usually begins when the item is purchased, not when you receive it. If you have gifts to return, don't delay.
- Restocking fees. Some merchants charge a restocking fee for returns of electronics products or large-ticket items. If you are returning electronics, you should keep the original packaging.
- Return shipping fees. If your gift was purchased online, you may have to pay a return shipping fee. Sometimes merchandise can be returned to a store instead.
- Regifting. If you get a gift that cannot be returned, you can recycle it by giving it to someone else or donating it to a good cause.

"Return policies vary and some retailers have special policies for sales and holidays," said BBB President Tom Bartholomy. "Before you stand in a long line to return holiday gifts, we encourage you to go online to read the retailer's return policy on their website."

For more information, please visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) or call the BBB at 1-877-317-7236 toll-free in N.C. and S.C.

## SPCC Receives \$75,000 Grant to Create Anson-Union Workforce Mobilization Project

South Piedmont Community College has received a \$75,000 grant from the North Carolina Rural Center to create an Anson-Union Workforce Mobilization Project that will, among other things, have paid internships with local manufacturers, provide gas cards for some who travel long distances to take classes and provide tuition vouchers for qualified students.

The Anson-Union Workforce Mobilization Project is designed to prepare displaced workers for jobs, especially in advanced manufacturing such as CNC machining, industrial maintenance and aerospace. The project will provide, as needed, GED preparation, adult basic skills and overviews of advanced manufacturing careers with related education/training requirements and job expectations. The Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) skills development and testing program will also be used to assure employers that workers have basic workplace skills in reading, math and locating information.

SPCC is collaborating with the Centralina Regional Workforce Development Board and JobLink offices in both counties, as well as industry partners Columbus McKinnon, Berry Plastics, Tyson Foods, Goodrich Corporation and Turbomeca on the project.

Anson County has the highest unemployment rate in the Centralina region, while Union County has the lowest. Nevertheless, Union County's construction industry was hit hard when the economy began to sour. Union County does have a broad base of manufacturers who do have jobs, but who are unable to find applicants with the required skill sets. In addition, the impending retirement of many baby boomers will further deplete the skilled work force. In 2008, workers 55 and older made up 18.3 percent of the state's labor force.

A major goal of the project is increased collaboration that brings the partners together to create a workforce that responds to local industry needs. This should be achieved by ensuring that displaced workers learn skill sets and are provided other qualifications to help ensure that local manufacturers can compete in today's global economy.

During the project year, which begins this month, the partners in this project will attempt to:

- Develop a community process to identify, screen and serve at least 160 displaced workers with interest/aptitudes for advanced machining, industrial maintenance and aerospace.
- Develop a paid internship program to remove a major hiring barrier for 40 of these participants who complete training, but have no industry-related work experience.
- Ensure all project participants have at least a high school education.
- Expand by 50 the number of residents in Anson and Union counties who are registered in the state's CRC database.

The internships will average four weeks at 20 to 30 hours per week of actual work experience with an employer who agrees to provide on-site instruction and supervision as well as consideration for jobs that become available.

Transportation assistance can be provided for residents of either county who drive 40 miles or more, round-trip, to classes. Participants will be able to apply to receive gas cards to help defray the cost of traveling to attend SPCC classes in advanced manufacturing in Monroe.

Participants who complete basic level coursework and enroll in advanced coursework will also be able to apply for \$300 tuition vouchers.

Companies that need highly skilled manufacturing workers and would like to provide internships can call Todd Morris at 704-246-0971 or [t-morris@spcc.edu](mailto:t-morris@spcc.edu) (Union County) or Derek James at 704-272-5443 or [d-james@spcc.edu](mailto:d-james@spcc.edu) (Anson County).

Anyone, including current students, wishing to take part in the program should contact Russell Carpenter at 704-246-0964 or [rcarpenter@spcc.edu](mailto:rcarpenter@spcc.edu) or Mike Willard at 704-290-5856 or [mwillard@spcc.edu](mailto:mwillard@spcc.edu).

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## Chamber of Commerce's Big Game Hunt a Big Success

In a release from the Chamber of Commerce: Anson County Chamber of Commerce has succeeded in hosting another successful Big Game Hunt tournament.

Cory Moore of Monroe and Chris Thomas of Polkton walked away with top honors in the buck and doe categories, in the 14th annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament held Thanksgiving weekend.

Moore's seven-point, 166.3-pound buck was worth \$800 in total prize money, but fell short of reaching the tournament record currently held by Lee Eford of Kannapolis, whose 171.1-pounder took top honors 2009.

David Kelly of Morven placed second with a 10-point, 160.9-pounder and pocketed \$500, followed by Jody Brown of Polkton, eight-point, 154.3, \$375; Roland Grant of Monroe, eight-point, 153.9, \$200; Megan Kelly of Morven, 10-point, 151.8, \$225; and Bo Hood of Peachland, eight-point, 146.1, free 2012 tournament registration plus \$25 daily prize.

Thomas weighed in a 117.0-pound doe to earn \$800 in total prize money, but was just under the 2006 record doe of 119.1 pounds held by Tracy Holmes of Marshville.

Kevin Gathings of Wadesboro placed second with a 114.3-pounder for \$475, followed by Myron Baucom of Peachland, 113.1, \$400; Lynn Clodfelter of Wadesboro, 112.9, \$225; Dale McRae of Wadesboro, 108.9, \$100; and Hank Ferguson of Indian Trail, 107.6 lbs. \$25 daily prize money and a free 2012 Big-Game Hunt registration.

In the youth buck category, Jon Edwards of Polkton won top prize money of \$300 with a seven-point, 154.5-pounder. Brad Edwards of Peachland took second place in the buck category and \$175 with a nine-point 132.1 followed by Sarah Little of Marshville, eight-point 121.1lbs. and \$100; Carson Davis of Polkton, eight-point 107.7; and finishing up with Kelsey Brown of Wadesboro, with a seven-point, 101.7, \$25 daily prize and a free 2012 Big-Game registration.

Hunter Williams of Marshville, won the youth doe category with a 106.8-pounder worth \$300. The record for the largest doe, 115.3 pounds, was set by Elizabeth Tarlton of Wadesboro in 2008.

Bradley Caudle of Polkton, placed second with a 104.9-pounder and won \$175, followed by Jacob Thomas of Marshville, 98.5, \$100; Dallas Starnes of Monroe, 94.1, \$75; and William Edwards of Peachland, free 2012 registration and a \$15 daily prize. Stephen Hill of Lilesville donated special handmade laser wood carved plaques to the top three youth winners in each category. What a nice surprise for the youth division winners.

The 2011 tournament set two other records - the most registrations (326 up from 312) and the number of youth registrations (57 up from 50). The weigh-in breakdown listed 40 buck's and 66 doe's grand total of 106 deer.

New this year, GSM Mattress out of Marshville became the first women's sponsor donating money for the top three women hunters. There is a possibility this will continue throughout the following years.

Even though the entire bay area of the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department was available for the tournament, there was still standing-room-only at the banquet held on Saturday night with over 300 people in attendance. Winners of the drawings include: Benjamin Cabrera, Peachland, youth rifle; Alex Johnson, Wadesboro, youth deer mount; Dane Mullis, Marshville, Crossbow; Jimmy Dawkins, Rockingham, Tree Stand; Robbie Hill, Wadesboro and Lauren Preslar, Norwood, each won a deer feeder; Philip Hatley, Polkton, Bolt Action 308 Winchester Rifle; John Walters, Norwood, Nikon Action Extreme All Terrain Binocular; and Cecil Sikes, Ansonville, \$100 cash prize.

Also new this year, a special game just for the kid's coordinated by Stacie Cato called Ring Toss. All the little ones certainly enjoyed playing and winning prizes.

Lynn Edwards, executive director of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, the tournament's sponsor, gave a "huge thanks" to the hunters, who "come back each year to support this event. We had several new hunters again this year and I give them a heartfelt welcome to our tournament."

Edwards thanked the tournament's sponsors - J.W.F. Farm and Timber, title sponsor; Anson Bank & Trust and Buck & Doe Processing, youth tournament sponsors; Cobb-Vantress, N.C. Electric Membership Corp., Progress Energy, Pee Dee Electric and Perdue Farms, Gold sponsors; The Sportsman's Closet, Locust Lumber, Windstream, Silver sponsors; Backwater Taxidermy, Lynn Clodfelter Attorney at Law, Dale McRae Farms, Lynn Thomas Grading, RBC Bank and McCollum Trucking & Grading, Bronze sponsors; and Dennis Concrete Finishing and Four-a-Loader Work, youth tournament daily sponsors.

"This hunt tournament is very successful because of our great volunteers," Edwards said, singling out Marty Cato, Courtney & Jamie Webb, Abby Henry, Jessica Webb and Anthony Cato.

"These special people give many hours to the tournament and I am most appreciative of their support," Edwards stated. She also thanked Stacie Cato (and her mom), for the new kid's game, Todd Moore (his mother and aunt), Walter Edwards and John Sikes for their support as well. She singled out Coca-Cola, Pepsi and Refreshment Services for their contributions to the banquet; and the Ansonville Volunteer Fire Department "for allowing us to host our event at the fire department each year."

The 15th annual Big-Game Hunt Tournament will be held on Nov. 23-24, 2012. The Chamber is looking forward to another successful tournament next year.

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