Chair Exercise Classes at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting chair exercise classes with instructor Sheila Raye on these Thursdays: March 28, April 11 & 25. The classes begin at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room. Everyone is welcome. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.



PROPOSED MCGILL ANSON COMPOST FACILITY

April 11 6:30PM The N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality is holding a public meeting to receive comments and answer questions regarding a proposed compost facility to be located on

Dozer Drive in Polkton, near the Anson Landfill. The facility would be owned by McGill Environmental Facilities LLC, and primary operations would be within a building.

The meeting will be held at the Hampton B. Allen Library, located at 120 South Greene Street in Wadesboro, on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

Information can be viewed at *https://bit.ly/3PCx93A*.

Access to family planning health care is critical to reaching your life's goals.



Schedule a physical and/or birth control consult today at the Anson County Health Department

ANSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 110 Ashe Street Wadesboro 704-694-5188 Sliding fee scale for the uninsured.



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THE EXPRESS • March 27, 2024 • Page 2 North Carolina's February Employment Figures

The state's seasonally adjusted February 2024 unemployment rate was 3.5 percent, unchanged from January's revised rate.

The national rate increased 0.2 of a percentage point to 3.9 percent.

North Carolina's unemployment rate increased 0.1 of a percentage point from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 3,135 over the month to 5,071,461 and increased 50,979 over the year. The number of people unemployed decreased 1,265 over the month to 184,472 and increased 6,541 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 5,800 to 4,981,500 in February. Major industries experiencing increases were Other Services, 2,300; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 1,700; Education & Health Services, 1,300; Professional & Business Services, 1,200; Government, 1,000; Financial Activities, 200; and Information, 200. Major industries experiencing decreases were Construction, 900; Manufacturing, 900; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 200; and Mining & Logging, 100.

Since February 2023, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 71,600 with the Total Private sector increasing by 54,400 and Government increasing by 17,200. Major industries experiencing increases were Education & Health Services, 24,800; Government, 17,200; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 12,200; Construction, 7,600; Financial Activities, 7,100; Other Services, 5,300; Professional & Business Services, 2,900; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 2,300; and Mining & Logging, 100. Major industries experiencing decreases were Manufacturing, 4,900; and Information, 3,000.

Anson Schools Sports Update

Anson High School Varsity Baseball

• Tuesday, March 19 - AHS lost to Parkwood 6-0.

Standout players: Luke Hyatt 1-3; Jase Martin 1-4.

• Thursday, March 21 - **AHS lost to Parkwood 11-2**. **Standout players:** Nate Lear 1-3; Gabriel Maxwell 1-2; Jase Martin 1-3; Jackson Burr 1-4; Luke Hyatt 1-4, 1 HR; Wyatt Baker 1-3; Courtney Sturdivant 1-3; Isaiah Hatcher 1-4.

• Monday, March 25 - **AHS beat Montgomery Central 8-1**. **Standout players:** Preston Thomas - Win, CG, 3-hitter, 6 strikouts; Luke Hyatt 1-3, Triple; Jackson Burr 3-5; Jase Martin 1-4; Isaiah Hatcher 1-3, 2 SB; Nate Lear 1-3; Wyatt Baker 1-4; Courtney Sturdivant 1-2; Hunter Ratliff 1-3.

Anson High School Girls Soccer

• On the evening of Monday, March 25 we went to Monroe High School for a Conference Soccer game, and for the first time since the conference changes we walked away with a conference win with a final score of 2-0. There has not been a conference win since the spring of 2018 when Mount Pleasant was still in the conference.

The goal scorers were Jourdan Tupper (PK) and Caroline Austin.

Last week's games include: An 8-1 Loss to CATA, with Kalysta Garrison scoring the lone goal; and a 9-0 Loss to Parkwood, with Kennedy Ramsuer having 10 saves.

County Offices Are Closed March 29

All Anson County offices will be closed this Friday, March 29 in observance of Good Friday. Emergency services and law enforcement will be in full operation.

Anson Democratic Party Meeting is March 28

There will be a Democratic Party meeting on Thursday, March 28 at the Hampton B. Library at 6:00 p.m. All democrats are invited to attend. Please call 704-690-8494 for any additional information.

Free Claris Companion Tablet Workshops During April

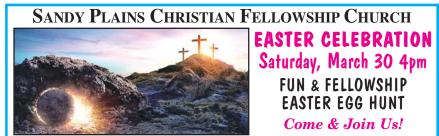
Claris Companion tablets help prevent social isolation

Learn how to use the Claris Companion Tablets at a free 2-day training for seniors 60 and older at Grace Senior Center. The Claris companion workshop will show seniors how to do these things: operate the tablet, internet, zoom, facetime, pictures, games, exercises, recipes, SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program), use Google, senior services, tech support, free family apps and fully managed security. The training sessions take place on these dates:

- Tuesday, April 9, 11:15am-12:15pm
- Wednesday, April 10, 10:00am- 11:00am
- Tuesday, April 16, 11:15am-12:15pm
- Iuesday, April 10, 11:15am-12:15pm

• Wednesday, April 17, 10:00am-11:00am Registration is required. Please call (704) 694-6616 to register.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA. For information call 704-694-6616.



EASTER MORNING CELEBRATION SERVICE Sunday, March 31 11am Special Worship Music • Youth Presentation • Communion • Pastor's Message

Highway 74 West in Wadesboro •Sales 704-694-4101 • Service 704-694-3104 Business is GREAT...There Must Be a Reason! www.BeachumLeeFord.com Sandy Plains Christian Fellowship Church • 1154 Cason Oldfield Road in Morven



The Anson Middle School PTO

Presents The

BEARCAT PRIDE 5K

In Uptown Wadesboro, NC

Saturday April 27, 2024, at 9:00 AM

Course Information: The 5k Run/Walk will begin and end in front of Wadesboro Police Department located on South Rutherford Street.

The Bearcat Pride 5k run/walk will help support the AMS PTO by raising funds to support students & staff. The AMS PTO gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. The PTO builds an effective partnership of home and school. It provides financial assistance where needs are identified within the school, it fosters a community atmosphere, and supports the mission and vision of the school and school district.

We are offering a special registration price of \$15.00 for students that are ages 5-18. *Special pricing will show once you check out.

Register by April 9 and you will receive a FREE t-shirt. Online Registration Deadline ends Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. Race Day Registration will be \$30.

Please register online at the link below: https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Wadesboro/BearcatPride5kRunWalk

 Course map can be found at the link below:
 Contact Race Organizer

 https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/4905431194
 Anne Hyatt for Information

 704-694-0593
 704-694-0593

or hyatt.anne@anson.k12.nc.us

There will be professional timing for race day!

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE - \$100 TO \$1,000 Contact Race Organizer Anne Hyatt for Details 704-694-0593 or hyatt.anne@anson.k12.nc.us

Your sponsorship of the Bearcat Pride 5K is greatly appreciated. The Anson Middle School (AMS) Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. The PTO builds an effective partnership of home and school. It provides financial assistance where needs are identified within the school, it fosters a community atmosphere, and supports the mission and vision of the school and school district.

The AMS PTO will ensure you get the best return on your advertising dollars for the sponsorship. In addition to putting your marketing tools in our goody bag, we mention the sponsors in thank you publications after the race as well as mention you in as many press releases and promotional materials as we can.