



### South Piedmont Community College's First Truck Driver Training Students Graduate

A graduation ceremony was held on Tuesday, August 16 at South Piedmont Community College's Old Charlotte Highway campus for the first ever truck driver training class. Eleven graduates from Anson and Union counties received their certificates and all had passed their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) exam.

The graduates are: Larry Bennett II, Jesse Campbell, Natasha Davis, Charles Holley, Tonja Judson, Romona McDonald, Michael Popowicz, Chadrenia Price, Troy Roithmeir, Marcus Sturdivant and Bianca Tufano. Of the 11 graduates, more than half already have jobs to begin their new careers.

The truck driver training program provides extensive classroom as well as range and road driving to prepare students for an exciting, and lucrative, new career. SPCC offers the training in partnership with Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Pictured above are the graduates and some instructors.

### How to Start and Sell Your Small Business Seminar

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a free seminar on how to start a small business and sell it for a profit. The seminar will be led by entrepreneur Mark Ourant. It will take place on Thursday, August 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Carolinas HealthCare System-Anson on Highway 74 West in Wadesboro.

Do you want to make your passion your profession? No matter how enthusiastic you are about your small business, do you have the business plan/fundamentals in place to insure success?

Learn the keys to making a profit and building a business plan with profit and an exit strategy when you start your business. Profit is, after all, the ultimate goal of any successful small business.

- Start with as much of your own money as possible. Many small business owners cover their start-up costs entirely through loans, with the expectation that they will begin paying back the loans with the profits from their new business.
- Start small. Everyone wants their small business to be successful, with multiple locations, lots of employees and loads of revenue, but you have to learn to walk before you can run.
- Finally, keep your edge - stay proactive. If you know that your business is going to face challenges or encroachment by competition, don't wait to react - plan ahead and you'll stay ahead.

Business is supposed to be fun! Building the "fun" into your business on the front end rather than fixing a business on the back end will be your recipe for success!

Serial entrepreneur Mark Ourant is energetic and passionate about starting small businesses. He has had many small businesses and was the President of BoJangles. Come listen and learn what you can do to start and sell your business for a profit on. Mark will be bringing some of his branded products for show and tell. He currently is the owner of Pepolis Pepperoni Rolls. [www.pepolis.com](http://www.pepolis.com)

If you would like to attend, please RSVP on August 24 by calling the Chamber at 704-694-4181.

### Free Groceries - Mobile Food Pantry is September 7

The Mobile Food Pantry provides free groceries to families in need. The next visit will be on Wednesday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, located at 3373 Country Club Road in Wadesboro.

The Mobile Food Pantry is sponsored by the Anson Crisis Ministry along with local United Methodist and Baptist churches.

Are you interested in volunteering? Please call Mt. Beulah Baptist Church at 704-694-3063 or Rev. Cindy Lunsford at 828-891-2753.

#### Food Pantry Details:

- Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food.
- Do not arrive before 9:30 a.m., but come before 11:00 a.m.
- If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445.
- If you have not yet done so, bring proof of your income to register.
- You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

### Farmers Can Vote for Feed & Fertilizer Research Tax

Farmers will have an opportunity to vote whether or not a tax put on feed and fertilizer for agricultural research will continue. A self-assessed, state-wide check-off that supports agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at NC State University will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

Users of feed and fertilizer in North Carolina will have the opportunity to vote on November 1 whether to continue the voluntary 15 cents per ton self-assessment on fertilizer and animal feed produced in our state. A 2/3 favorable vote will mean that growers are willing to continue to assess themselves to support agricultural research education.

The funds, about \$1.4 million annually, are collected by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and then allocated by the NC Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc.'s 148-member volunteer Board of Directors to support agricultural research and extension projects at NC State University.

Polling places in Anson County will include:

- Anson County Cooperative Extension Center at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro
- Quality Equipment Co. 894 US Highway 52 Wadesboro

For information please contact Jessica Morgan, Agriculture Agent at Anson County Cooperative Extension Center, 704-694-2415 or [Jessica\\_morgan@ncsu.edu](mailto:Jessica_morgan@ncsu.edu).

For additional information on the Nickels for Know-How November 1st Check-Off or the Nickels Program, please contact Keith Oakley in Raleigh at 919-515-9262 or at [keith\\_oakley@ncsu.edu](mailto:keith_oakley@ncsu.edu).



### ANSON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR Anson County 2018 Revaluation

The Anson County Tax Assessor's Office is currently conducting the 2018 Revaluation. This requires visiting every property in Anson County so that each parcel is updated to meet the mandatory requirements of NC General Statute 105-286, NC General Statute 105-283 and General Statute 105-317. These requirements state that every county in North Carolina must reappraise each parcel and come to a fair market value for taxation at least every 8 years. The revaluation will be effective January 1, 2018.

Anson County has contracted with Pearson's Appraisal Services to provide this service. You will probably see data collectors in the county collecting data and taking pictures. Their vehicles will be marked and they will be wearing name badges with their picture.

Please call the Anson County Tax Assessor's Office if you have any questions about this project.

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