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Anson County Sees Significant Employment Gains in October

After a strong improvement in employment in September, Anson County saw further gains during October. Total employment in Anson County in October was 10,506, up from 9,883 in September. In August 2012 the total employment figure was 9,755. In percentages, October's unemployment rate was 11.1%, September's rate was 12% and August's rate was 13%.

Looking back at October 2011, the rate then for Anson County was 12.1%.

Anson's total labor force in October was 11,308. Of that number 10,506 were employed and 1,252 were unemployed. In September the total labor force was 11,207, with 9,883 employed and 1,324 unemployed.

Unemployment rates decreased in 76 of North Carolina's 100 counties in October, increased in 16, and were unchanged in eight. When compared to the same month last year, unemployment rates declined in 98 counties.

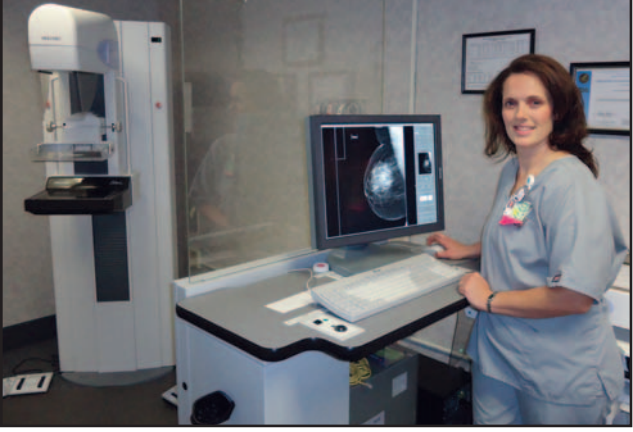
North Carolina had 39 counties that were at or below the state's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 8.8 percent. Unemployment rates decreased in all 14 of the state's Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Statewide the number of workers employed (not seasonally adjusted) increased in October by 51,810 to 4,343,583, while those unemployed fell 5,314 to 416,631. Since October 2011, the number of workers unemployed decreased 64,511, while those employed increased 142,497.

Currituck County had the state's lowest unemployment rate in October at 5.5 percent, and Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 15.7 percent.

Anson Community Hospital Now Provides the Latest in Mammography

Women who undergo routine mammograms at Anson Community Hospital's Women's Imaging Center now have the latest diagnostic technology available to them, digital mammography. Anson Community Hospital is now among the top healthcare providers in the region featuring the state-of-the-art system, Selenia digital mammography from Hologic.



Anson Community Hospital is very excited to be able to offer the newest technology for breast cancer detection. Digital mammography is different from conventional mammography in how the image of the breast is acquired and, more importantly, viewed. The radiologist can magnify the images, increase or decrease the contrast and invert the black and white values while reading the images. These features allow the radiologist to evaluate microcalcifications and focus on areas of concern.

By offering women the latest technology in mammography, the hospital hopes to increase the number of women in Anson County who follow recommendations for regular screenings.

Free Child Car Seat Check-Up Event

Did you know that nearly 73% of seat are not installed or used correctly? Safe Kids Anson and the Lilesville Police Department are sponsoring a free child car seat check up this Thursday, November 29 at Lilesville Baptist Church. You are invited to come out and let a certified child passenger safety technician check out your child's seat, from 2 to 5 p.m. Call 704-694-4036 for more information.

Christmastime Tour of Homes is Sunday

You are invited to tour several local homes that are beautifully decorated for the holidays this Sunday beginning at 4 p.m. Music and refreshments will be on offer at select locations. The tour will be preceded by a performance of Christmas music by the Anson Singers Community Choir at the First United Methodist Church in uptown Wadesboro at 3 p.m.

The tour will begin at Wadesboro Town Hall, where you can purchase tickets (beginning at 3:30 p.m.). Punch, cider and cookies will be available. From there it is on to Plank Road Realty. A barbershop quartet will perform there at 4 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. Then the tour moves on the homes of Brook Crider, Krista Herold, Nancy Fuller and James and Ernestine Richardson. From there the tour visits Michael Horne Florist and the home of Ken Caulder.

Several businesses and organizations will be open for the tour. They include Fancy Crafts and Granny Hollow Pottery (1-6 p.m.); Anson County Arts Council (4-7 p.m.), featuring their art gallery, tours of the renovated Ansonia Theatre and refreshments; Amy's Floral Gardens; Wade Street Originals; and Hidden Secrets.

Advance tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Lacy's, Fancy Crafts, Buff Monkey Fitness and Wadesboro Town Hall. They are \$10 each.

The Christmastime Tour of Homes is presented by Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. All funds raised by ticket sales will go to fund UWI's local community projects. More information is available at www.UptownWadesboro.com or by calling 704-695-1644.

Faith-Based Center of Hope Helping Seniors with Firewood



This past Friday and Saturday volunteers with the Faith-Based Center of Hope were busy helping area senior citizens by delivering firewood to them. Mrs. Emma Springer (left), a prominent Ansonian who is 96 years young, was one of the recipients of this generous gesture of community support. Some of the folks involved were Brandon Thomas, James "Mack" McSween, and William and Vancine Sturdivant.

If you know anyone in need of firewood or assistance in preparing their homes for the winter please call 704-848-4412.

Ansonville Elementary School Recognizes their Terrific Kids



Ansonville Elementary School would like to recognize the following students who were named Terrific Kids for the first nine weeks of the 2012-2013 school year. Congratulations on a job well done!

Respect Gavyn Preslar-Miller, Zamiyia Holt, Morgan Burr, Zoey Carpenter, Jailia Thao, Zaylan Harrell, Brandie Xiong, Mallory Sikes, Lisbet Granados, Hanna Williams, Dalton Hill,

Chloe Carpenter, Jessica Cardosa, Kaylee Eury, Kaitlyn Baucom and Marley Tarlton.

Responsibility Kolbie Hartsell, Griffin Tyner, Abby Wilson, Richard Melton, Blair Threadgill, Lauren Currie, Noah Carpenter, Nkajuli Vue, Santiago Ponce, Tyreke Massey, Garrett Maner, Nkajuhub Vue, Briyana Clyburn, Ja'miyah Sturdivant, Grace Morgan and Dakota Massey.

Domestic Violence Coalition Purple Ribbon Campaign

In a release from the Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition: Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition has begun our Annual Purple Ribbon Campaign 2012. The campaign is running until December. The funds raised from this campaign will be used to help defray program and direct service costs. We must match every state and federal grant we receive by 20%. Our goal is to raise \$30,000.

We are a non-profit agency in Anson County, serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child and elder abuse. We serve the community by providing education and awareness, along with a 24-Hour Confidential Crisis and Reporting Line for victims and those who want to report abuse. Anson is the only county in North Carolina with a Domestic Violence First Responding Team.

Individuals who donate \$100 will receive a certificate, a purple ribbon lapel pin, and will be recognized (if approved by you) in our local papers in January 2013, as a contributor to the campaign.

Businesses or Churches who donate \$100 will receive a certificate for the business or church and will also be recognized in January in our local papers (if approved by you). If an individual at your business or church donates on their own \$100 they will also receive their own certificate, pin and recognition.

Donations can be mailed to Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition, PO Box 694, Wadesboro, NC 28170. All contributions are tax deductible. Please indicate whether or not you would like to be publicly recognized for your donation(s) in January.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. Domestic violence and sexual assault are continuously on the rise in Anson County. If you are or know someone who is being hurt or abused, we are here to help - You Are Not Alone.

For more information or to speak with an advocate, call 704-690-0362 to reach our 24 hour Crisis Line.

It's a Bluegrass Christmas Tuesday

Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. will sponsor a concert at the Ansonia Theatre called a Bluegrass Christmas. This rousing event will be held on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to come out for an evening of fun, great music and refreshments.

Tickets cost \$10 are available at Wadesboro Town Hall, Buff Monkey Fitness and the Chamber of Commerce.

Blood Drive is Today!

The Wadesboro Civitan Club will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 28, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. All donors will automatically be entered in a drawing for a \$1,000 gift card.

Blood Drive Monday

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas in cooperation with the Anson Women's League will hold a Blood Drive on Monday, December 3 at Southside Baptist Church, located at 199 West Burnsville Street in Wadesboro. Everyone is urged to come and donate blood any time between 3 and 7 p.m.

Please note the minimum weight requirement for blood donors is 120 pounds.

50+ Club Meeting to Feature Nighthawk

The Hampton B. Allen Library's 50+ Club will meet on Monday, December 10 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. The band Nighthawk, with members, Jennifer Gilmore Bowers, Gary Gilmore, Gary Young and Vincent Gilmore, will be presenting a musical program. Included in the program will be a number of Christmas favorites. The community is invited to please join them for this event.

For more information please call 704-694-5177.

Wadesboro Police Department's Shop with a Cop

In a release from Sgt. K. M. Ray of the Wadesboro Police Department: The Season of Giving is just around the corner. Christmas trees with twinkle lights will shine, and the thought of Santa will be on every child's mind. The Wadesboro Police Department would love to help Santa this year! So it is with great joy that I get to inform you that the Wadesboro Police Department will once again host the program, Shop with a Cop! We would like to bring happiness to as many children as possible this year. And we need your help in order to fulfill as many dreams as we can.

Shop with a Cop is a program designed especially for children. On a special day this December, children will get a chance to ride in a police patrol vehicle, enjoy a good meal, go to a local store, and pick out what will make them happy this season. They will do so with an assigned Officer of the Wadesboro Police Department and an associate of the store.

Each child receives a dollar amount that they can spend, however, the dollar amount depends greatly on you. All donations will go to the children selected. The number of children selected will be divided into the dollar amount donated. This will ensure an equal amount for all.

The Wadesboro Police Department is asking for your help. No amount is too great or too small. We understand that it has been a hard year for most. Please reach into your hearts and help us spread the joy of Christmas this year. We will be accepting donations for children 15 years old and under until December 4.

You can also donate an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots at the Wadesboro Police Department. For further information, please feel free to contact Sgt. Ray or Sgt. Cannon at the Wadesboro Police Department at 704-694-2167.

Please mail all donations to: Wadesboro PD, Attn: Shop with a Cop, P.O. Box 697, Wadesboro, NC 28170. Make checks payable to: Town of Wadesboro (memo: Shop with a Cop). Or feel free to drop a donation off at the Police Department.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Happy Holidays from all of us to all of you! "If we do not care, we cannot be helped. If we do care, we cannot be stopped!"

Holiday Art Contest for Polkton Kids

The Town of Polkton and Polkton Police Department have announced their First Annual Holiday Art Contest for youth ages 5 to 15. To enter draw your favorite holiday scene and see if you win one of several prizes, including a Razor Pocket Mod electric scooter and other age-appropriate prizes!

Here are the rules:

- you must reside in the Polkton city limits
- Artwork and entry forms are due to the Polkton Town Hall (35 West Polk Street) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, December 14. Winners will be chosen the following week.
- Prizes will be awarded for each of the following age groups: Ages 5-7, 8-12 & 13-15.
- Artwork should be on letter size white paper. Contestants may use markers, crayons, paint, colored pencils, etc. for their artwork.
- The contestant's name should be written on the back of the artwork, in pencil only.
- Failure to comply with the stated contest rules will result in elimination from the contest.
- All artwork received will be displayed in Polkton Town Hall until after the new year.

If you have any questions please contact Police Chief Matt Norris or Ashlie Jones at 704-272-7463.

Holiday Meal Offered for Homeless, Shut-Ins, Needy

Community asked to help this great cause with monetary donations for food

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church will host a holiday dinner for the homeless, senior citizens, shut-ins and needy on Saturday, December 22, beginning at 11am. Clothing will also be offered to those in need.

Organizers are asking the community to participate by donating money for the foods that will be offered for those less fortunate in our community. Also, any clothing that you have to donate will be much appreciated.

To donate please call or email Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or usturdivant4261@windstream.net.

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