



Anson County Board of Elections Shows Appreciation to Poll Workers

On Monday, December 15 the Anson County Board of Elections hosted a Poll Worker Appreciation Banquet to honor the 60+ individuals who served as poll workers during the 2014 election year. Guests were treated to a catered meal, certificates of appreciation, and Christmas entertainment from Gina Clarke and Allison Cameron. Board Chair Rochelle Williams, Board Secretary Tracy

Baynard, Board Member James Paxton and Elections Director Steve Adams presented each poll worker with certificates for their service. In addition, awards were given to the friendliest poll worker at each of the 11 voting precincts.

Adams also presented the Most Outstanding Poll worker plaques to individuals from polling sites who went above and beyond their duties this year. Poll worker Rosa Pinkston was recognized for her 30 years of service to the elections process in Anson County. Lastly, an award was given to the most outstanding Chief Judge (precinct manager).

These awards were given as follows:

- Ansonville Precinct - Deborah Horne
- Burnsville Precinct - Sherri Allen
- Lilesville - Linda Pate
- Morven/McFarlan Precinct - Mary Jo Sturdivant
- Peachland - Sheri Garris
- Polkton - Garletha Pratt
- Wadesboro 1 - Ruby Lambert
- Wadesboro 2 - Helen Hannah
- Most Outstanding Precinct Chief Judge - Lynn Marshall (Morven/McFarlan Precinct)

A special thanks, on behalf of Board Chair Rochelle Williams and the Anson County Board of Elections, to all the poll workers and volunteers who helped make the 2014 elections year possible.

Happy New Year!

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Wadesboro Seeking Public Input on Highway 74 Crosswalk & Vegetative Median

The Town of Wadesboro is working with the NC Department of Transportation to address a top priority identified in the recently adopted Pedestrian Plan - a pedestrian crosswalk/vegetative median on Salisbury Street. This potential future project will improve pedestrian safety, beautify the area, and improve overall quality of life.

Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell said, "After consulting with experts and community members, the Town determined there is not an absolutely perfect location. While no location is perfect, the danger to pedestrians still warrants a crosswalk. As a result, the Town has proposed a location which has received very positive feedback thus far."

Pictured here is an aerial conceptual rendering at the proposed location, in the area of Kesler Chapel AME Zion Church which is located at 708 Salisbury Street.

The Town is seeking feedback on the proposed location at its upcoming Town Council meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday, January 5 at Wadesboro Town Hall. Please contact Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell to submit feedback in writing prior to the meeting or with any questions at 704-694-5171.

Anson County's Unemployment Rate at Low 6.6% Level in November

Anson County's unemployment rate for November was at a very low 6.6 percent. In October the rate was 7.1 percent. In September it was 7.6 percent. Statewide the unemployment rate for November was 5.3 percent.

If you look more closely at the numbers you will see that in November, compared to October, Anson County had 136 less people on the total workforce, 72 less employed, and 64 less unemployed. The 6.6% unemployment rate is accurate, but in actuality Anson County had 72 less employed citizens in November than in October.

In November 2013 the unemployment rate in Anson County was 8.2%. In November 2012 it was 11.6%, in November 2011 it was 11.7%, and in November 2010 it was 12.7%.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 72 of North Carolina's counties in November, increased in 20, and remained unchanged in 8.

Graham County had the highest unemployment rate at 11.4 percent while Chatham County had the lowest at 3.7 percent. All of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the Metro areas, Rocky Mount at 7.9 percent experienced the highest rate and Asheville at 4.0 percent had the lowest. The November not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 5.3 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 14 metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in November by 44,017 to 4,378,140, while those unemployed decreased 11,875 to 246,318. Since November 2013, the number of workers employed statewide increased 25,373, while those unemployed decreased 79,162.

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