

Career & College Promise (CCP) is North Carolina's dual enrollment program for high-school students, offering options to pursue educational and career goals of their choice using a rigorous yet supportive structure designed to help them become successful. This program allows eligible NC high school students to enroll in college classes at North Carolina Community Colleges and Universities through their high school and earn college credit. In many cases, students are earning dual credit - meeting high school graduation requirements with college courses.

CCP offers students the option to choose one of three pathways:

- College Transfer - Designed for students planning to continue their educational career beyond high school to eventually achieve an Associate's or Bachelor's degree at a community college or university.

- Career & Technical Education - Allows students to begin a certification or diploma program in a particular technical field or career area.
- Cooperative Innovative High Schools - North Carolina's early colleges and other innovative schools are small public high schools, usually located on the campus of a university or community college, where students simultaneously work toward completion of both the high school diploma and an associate's degree, transferrable credit or certificate. In Anson County it's Anson County Early College High School.

The program helps reduce the cost of a college degree, career certification or diploma. Career & College Promise can help make post-secondary education a viable option for students who may believe that cost makes college unattainable because it pays for the college classes taken by high school students.

Career & College Promise pathways offer students rigorous and relevant course work designed to engage interests and help reach educational and career goals. Students interested in technical careers and post-secondary education will find the courses taken as part of a CCP pathway align closely with the level of work that will be expected of them after finishing high school.

To learn more about Career and College Promise including eligibility and specific details, visit the CCP information at both NC Department of Public Instruction (www.dpi.nc.gov) and NC Community Colleges (nccommunitycolleges.edu).

VISION 2040 Anson County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Anson County is updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan and County leadership believes your input is essential. We are in the final stage of the update and would like your input before completing the Plan.

Once complete, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan will guide the County Board of Commissioners, County Planning Board and County staff in making day-to-day decisions related to land use, capital improvements, and regional coordination.

You can learn about this project and provide input in two ways:

1) By visiting this webpage:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/AnsonPlan

2) Or, by reviewing informational posters and completing a paper survey. Posters and paper surveys can be found at the Anson County Government Center, the REV Uptown, and the Hampton B. Allen Library.

Once you have completed the paper survey, return it to the Anson County Government Center, Office 103, located at 101 S. Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

All surveys are due by Monday, February 1, 2021. No personal identifiers will be associated with your name, address, or survey responses.

For more information contact
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Thank you for your commitment
to this important endeavor!

Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



North Carolina Telephone Company

Some years ago, I hand-lettered all our local telephone company trucks, and I have already had a column about one pickup truck from years back (when trucks were black, dark green or dark blue) - and you "rang the operator" and said, "Give me number 'so and so.'" And, my shop phone was number 40.

Then, in 1955, the telephone company went to dialing and this Remembering column is about that time.

This one is different - a new sign design/promotion on a new yellow Chevrolet van - "NORTH CAROLINA TELEPHONE CO." was spelled out - inside the outline of a North Carolina map. On the doors (side and rear) - "DON'T RUN...REACH FOR AN EXTENSION PHONE." All this was at a time when things were changing and this seemed a good way to sell additional services too!

Earlier, Mr. Linn Garibaldi

had come into the "telephone picture," continuing the changes - one was the young fellow beside the new van - none other than C. B. Comer, Sr., who had come here from Greensboro to be outside plant engineer for Mr. Garibaldi. About this time, Jack Miller, Archie Thomas, Earl Collins - and other great folks - Ann Sullivan, Reese Murdock Harrington, Audrey Drye, Sara Benton, Mattie T. Gaddy, Jennie T. Thomas - were just a few back then - continuing the changes with all the service personnel from Anson Telephone, NC Telephone, Mid-Carolina Telephone, etc. to presently, Alltel.

My apologies for not remembering all the names that were due. Thanks Jennie, Jack, Cam and Tommy for your help - including early dialing! There was no area code necessary, MY4 - ---- was the Wadesboro prefix, UL1 - ---- was for Morven, TA6 - ---- was for the Ansonville area, and so on.

North Carolina's December Employment Figures Released

The state's seasonally adjusted December unemployment rate was 6.2 percent, remaining unchanged from November's revised rate. The national rate remained unchanged at 6.7 percent.

North Carolina's December 2020 unemployment rate increased 2.6 percentage points from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 27,571 over the month to 4,702,115 and decreased 215,063 over the year. The number of people unemployed decreased 630 over the month to 310,675 and increased 124,552 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm industry employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 33,600 to 4,403,200 in December. Major industries experiencing increases were Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 13,700; Professional & Business Services, 11,700; Manufacturing, 4,500; Education & Health Services, 1,900; Financial Activities, 1,800; Government, 1,700; Information, 900; and Other Services, 300. Major industries experiencing decreases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 2,800; and Mining & Logging, 100. Construction employment remained unchanged.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates since November 2019
Since December 2019, Total Nonfarm jobs decreased 190,700 with the Total Private sector decreasing by 162,800 and Government decreasing by 27,900. Major industries experiencing increases were Professional & Business Services, 10,500; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 10,200; and Financial Activities, 1,000. Major industries experiencing decreases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 110,100; Manufacturing, 31,500; Education & Health Services, 29,900; Government, 27,900; Construction, 4,700; Information, 4,100; Other Services, 4,100; and Mining & Logging, 100.

Bus Driver Certification Class

Anson County Schools will be hosting a Bus Certification class taught by their Department of Motor Vehicle Specialist on February 8-10, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 118 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro. This class is for anyone interested in becoming a bus driver for the school system.

The class is limited to 10 participants, and you will need to contact Corey Ross at the Bus Garage at 704-694-2925 to enroll in the class no later than Tuesday, February 3 or until the class fills.

All participants will be screened for Covid-19 prior to entering the classroom daily, and all participants are required to wear a mask while in class.

If you have any questions please contact Corey Ross at 704-694-2925.

Upcoming Events through Connections Support Groups for Foster Parents and Caregivers

Support groups are being held virtually via WebEx. They are held the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Registration is required by calling Suzanne Maness toll free at 877-211-5995 or emailing connectionsfsp@gmail.com. She is also available for phone support and if you need any mental health resources.

Upcoming Support Group Dates

- Wednesday, February 10
- Wednesday, March 10
- Wednesday, April 14

Free Webinars for Families, Community Members and Providers
Registration is required by calling Suzanne Maness toll free at 877-211-5995 or emailing connectionsfsp@gmail.com.

- **February 18, 1 to 2:30 p.m.** FASD: The Impact of the Normalization of Alcohol Use in Society. Amy Hendricks, FASD Training Coordinator, Proof Alliance NC, The Arc of North Carolina
- **March 23, 1 to 2 p.m.** Domestic Violence During COVID-19: How to Help. Jeanne Patterson, System of Care Coordinator, Partners Behavioral Health Management
- **April 13, 1-2 p.m.** Suicide Loss Grief. Tamara Hardee, Author and Advocate for Suicide Prevention and Domestic Violence

Those who attend the webinars will receive a certificate of attendance with contact hours and any resources the presenter(s) provide. Webinars are subject to change.

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