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Stride with Pride Shoe Drive is Back for 13th Year

Parents need to contact organizers with needs.
Donors asked to help area students.

This is a release from Patti Poulcott of Judy's Tax Service: We want the community to know Stride with Pride is now collecting new tennis shoes and money for the kids in Anson county. With students returning to school in August, these kids need shoes to wear.

This is our 13th annual season of collecting and distributing new tennis shoes to the underprivileged youth of all diversities in Anson County. Stride with Pride is being done in memory of the late Sheriff Landric Reid, co-founder of Stride with Pride along with Patti Poulcott. We will offer all sizes, male and female, from kindergarten to 12th grade. Please contact us as soon as possible so we can get the sizes right.

Message to parents Instead of having a large gathering to distribute the shoes as we have done in the past, we plan to give out the shoes door to door. With that in mind, we need to stress the importance of parents contacting us in the next few weeks so that we can buy the shoe sizes that are needed. The quicker you can contact us, the quicker we can get the shoes to the kids.

As a reminder, we need you to either email or text Patti Poulcott with the shoe sizes, ages, gender and names of each child, along with your current address and contact phone number. That way we will have all the information to make the purchases and deliveries. If you do not contact us we will not know who needs new shoes.

We are collecting through August 15. We will deliver as soon as we get their shoes purchased.

• Patti Poulcott - Email: ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com or text: 704-694-8386

Message to donors We do this because we care about our kids in our county, and hope that our donors will join with us and help us continue to help our youth. If you will make a donation please mail it to: Shaundasia T Smith Foundation, Stride with Pride Shoe Drive, c/o Judy's Tax Service, 102 S Rutherford Street, Wadesboro NC 28170.

We continue this charitable effort in memory of Sheriff Landric Reid.

If you have any questions please contact Patti Poulcott.

• Patti Poulcott - Email: ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com or text: 704-694-8386.

Patti Poulcott said, "We hope that you will consider joining us so that we can help our youth 'Stride With Pride' their way to success. Thank you to all the donors for your participation."

Robbie Rakim Harris, Jr. Pled Guilty for Deaths of Three Men in 2018

On July 26 Robbie Rakim Harris Jr., 35 of Wadesboro, pled guilty in Anson County Superior Court to one count of second-degree murder for the death of Marico McNair, two counts of voluntary manslaughter for the deaths of Thomas Maye III and Jaques McBryde, one count of assault with a deadly weapon serious injury, and one count of possession of firearm by felon.



Robbie Harris

The Honorable Stephen R. Futrell, North Carolina Superior Court Judge, imposed, as part of the plea agreement, a 166-month minimum, 212-month maximum, active sentence in the North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections for the second-degree murder, both voluntary manslaughters and the possession of a firearm by a felon. Harris was also sentenced to a 29-month minimum, 47-month maximum, suspended sentence, and given 36 months probation, to run at the expiration of the previous sentence, for the assault with a deadly weapon serious injury charge. Harris was given credit for 1,295 days served in the Anson County Jail while awaiting the disposition of this case.

These charges stem from a March 9, 2018, shooting that resulted in three deaths and one person seriously injured. This triple homicide occurred at the now-closed Mr. D's Sports Bar and Grill which was located at 1300 East Caswell Street in Wadesboro.

The Wadesboro Police Department was assisted in this investigation by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and this case was prosecuted by the office of District Attorney for the Twenty-First Prosecutorial District, W. Reece Saunders Jr.

Anson County's June Unemployment Rate

Anson County Anson County's unemployment rate for June was 4.2%, up slightly from May's 4.0% rate. Anson County ranked #71 of 100 counties statewide (low to high).

Here are other past rates in Anson County: **2023:** April 3.6%; March 3.9%; February 4%; January 4.3%. **2022:** December 4.0%; November 4.6%; October 4.9%; September 4.2%; August 4.9%; July 4.7%; June 5.3%; May 4.7%; April 4.6%; March 4.9%; February 5.1%; January 5.1%. **2021:** December 4.4%; November 4.7%; October 5.2%; September 4.9%; August 5.8%; July 6.5%; June 6.1%; May 5.5%; April 5.4%; March 5.9%; February 7.5%; January 7.7%. The **2020** rates were: December 7.1%; November 7.2%; October 7.2%; September 8.5%; August 8%; July 10%; June 7.9%; May 10.1%; and April 8.2%.

In March 2020 the unemployment rate in Anson County was 4.9%, just before it was affected by the pandemic.

Statewide Statewide the unemployment rate for June was 3.6%, up slightly from May's 3.4% rate.

Here are other statewide past rates: **2023:** April 3.1%; March 3.5%; February 3.6%; January 3.7%. **2022:** December 3.2%; November 3.8%; October 3.9%; September 3.3%; August 3.9%; July 3.7%; June 4.1%; May 3.6%; April 3.4%; March 3.6%; February 3.7%; January 3.8%. **2021:** December 3.2%; November 3.4%; October 3.6%; September 3.8%; August 4.4%; July 4.6%; June 4.9%; May 4.5%; April 4.4%; March 4.6%; February 5.6%; January 6%. **2020:** December 6%; November and October 6.1%; September 7%; August 6.8%; July 8.9%.

Anson's total labor force in June was 10,328, with 9,890 employed and 438 unemployed. In May the total labor force was 10,415, with 10,000 employed and 415 unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 86 of North Carolina's counties in June 2023, decreased in five, and remained unchanged in nine. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 6.4 percent while Swain County had the lowest at 2.7 percent. All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.2 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 2.9 percent. The not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.6 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 99 counties and increased in one. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in June by 4,739 to 5,075,355, while those unemployed increased by 9,581 to 189,305. Since June 2022, the number of workers employed statewide increased 95,090, while those unemployed decreased 17,292.

It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns.

ANSON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING GRACE TRANSPORTATION VOUCHER PROGRAM

Making Transportation Free, Controllable and Stress-Free for Older Adults



Grace Transportation Voucher Program (GTVP) is an outreach program that provides free, safe, convenient, controllable and stress-free transportation by allowing the older adult to choose their own driver. This prevents transportation cost exploitation. GTVP reimburses the mileage to the chosen driver.

Register for GTVP: Call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.

Drivers: The driver chosen by an older adult will need to complete the GTVP application.

Transportation Voucher Details

Who: Anson County residents age 60+ who cannot drive for themselves due to mental or physical disabilities, or have no transportation of their own.

Where: Get a ride to medical appointments, grocery stores, banks, shopping, hair salons, outpatient surgery, dental appointments, physical therapy, chemotherapy, social outings, emergencies, pharmacy, paying bills, post office and senior center.

How: Set up your GTVP transportation voucher program by making an appointment at Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616. The older adult and driver must meet at Grace Senior Center in person to apply for the voucher program. All details of the program will be discussed at the appointment.

Reimbursement: During the application process the mileage reimbursement paid to your driver will be discussed.

Grace Senior Center • 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro • 704-694-6616

Anson County Tax Administrator TAX FORECLOSURE AUCTION



Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 12 Noon Anson County Courthouse Steps

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD

Coley, Hattie Price
Parcel 740415549113
108 S. Second Street

Jordan, Ida Mae Heirs
Parcel 6474-07-57-3986
905 Montgomery Avenue

Waddell Heirs, Mattie G
Parcel 6483-09-05-2950
225 Sunset Drive

Carpenter, Louise & James
Parcel 6473-08-87-5587
600 Burns Street

CALL THE ANSON COUNTY TAX OFFICE AT 704-994-3211 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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