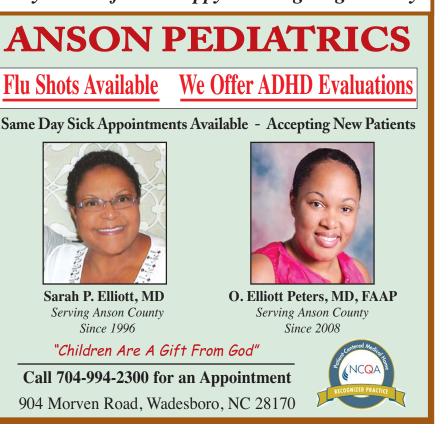
The staff at Anson Pediatrics wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday







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Free Pesticide Collection Day November 30

The NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services' (NCDA&CS) Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program, a non-regulatory and cost-free program, in cooperation with the Anson County Cooperative Extension Service, will be sponsoring a Pesticide Collection Day on Thursday, November 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Anson County Farmers Market, located at 1736 US Highway 52 South in Wadesboro.

Aimee Colf, Anson County Cooperative Extension's Horticulture Agent, is coordinating the collection with NCDA&CS and the Anson Farmers Market.

Improper disposal of pesticides may result in surface or groundwater pollution. This program gives pesticide users the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, rodent baits, and other pesticide products.

Nearly all pesticide products will be accepted, including banned and out dated pesticides in up to 5 gallon containers. Bulk liquids over 5gal in size require preapproval from our Contractor, so please call ahead. Also call Anson Extension for guidance on pesticides with unreadable or missing labels at (704) 694-2915.

Participants are asked to save any portion of the label to help identify the material to be disposed of. Unknown materials cannot be accepted.

They cannot accept pressurized cylinders, mini-bulk or IBC (intermediate bulk) containers, or non-pesticide items at the event. If you have these items to dispose of please contact Aimee Colf of the Anson Extension office at 704-694-2915 before collection day.

North Carolina's October Employment Figures

The state's seasonally adjusted October 2023 unemployment rate was 3.4 percent, unchanged from September's revised rate. The national rate increased 0.1 of a percentage point to 3.9 percent.

North Carolina's unemployment rate decreased 0.5 of a percentage point from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 5,231 over the month to 5,093,141 and increased 132,990 over the year. The number of people unemployed increased 2,815 over the month to 179,425 and decreased 23,098 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, decreased 7,700 to 4,938,400 in October. Major industries experiencing increases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 2,400; Education & Health Services, 700; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 500; and Other Services, 300. Major industries experiencing decreases were Professional & Business Services, 4,900; Construction, 2,100; Manufacturing, 2,100; Government, 1,400; Information, 700; and Financial Activities, 400. Mining & Logging employment remained unchanged.

Since October 2022, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 96,600 with the Total Private sector increasing by 82,900 and Government increasing by 13,700. Major industries experiencing increases were Education & Health Services, 32,700; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 25,600; Professional & Business Services, 14,900; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 13,800; Government, 13,700; Other Services, 2,600; Financial Activities, 2,400; and Information, 900. Major industries experiencing decreases were Manufacturing, 6,000; and Construction, 4,000. Mining & Logging employment remained unchanged over the year.

Partnership for Children Celebrated Halloween with Books and More!

The Anson County Partnership for Children enjoyed fall festivals and trunk-or-treat events by passing out almost 1,000 books, educational resources...and lots of candy!

Director Caroline Goins said, "Thank you to all those who stopped by our table or volunteered at an event. We love our community!"



Birthday Celebration for Mrs. Rosa Brewer

Mrs. Rosa D. Brewer was honored recently at an event marking her 94th birthday. Mrs. Brewer's children, family members and friends all gathered at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro.

Mrs. Brewer was married to the late John L. Brewer, and she lives in the Burnsville Community. She is the mother of nine children, and she has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, family and friends.

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Mrs. Brewer still drives herself to church on Sundays and almost anywhere else she wants to go too. She enjoys providing home cooked meals to anyone who stops by to visit after church on Sundays!



Remember to Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries

It's been a couple of weeks since we moved our clocks back an hour for Daylight Standard Time, but that is always a good reminder to replace your smoke detector batteries. If you didn't do it that day, please replace them today. Twice a year battery replacement helps ensure that your smoke detectors are in good working order. You and your family deserve no less!

Also, the National Fire Protection Association recommends that smoke detector alarms be replaced every 10 years.