

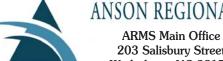
END OF THE YEAR WELLNESS CHECKS **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 9AM-4PM

 FREE Dental exams FREE COVID and Flu testing (call from your car if you have symptoms) COVID and Flu shots

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THE EXPRESS • December 4, 2024 • Page 2 Anson County's October Unemployment Rate

Anson County Anson County's unemployment rate for October was 3.7%, the same as September's 3.7% rate. In October Anson County ranked #60 of the 100 counties statewide (low unemployment rate to high).

Anson's total labor force in October was 10,140, with 9,761 employed and 379 unemployed. In September the total labor force was 10,075, with 9,705 employed and 370 unemployed.

Statewide Statewide the unemployment rate for October was 3.6%.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 91 counties in October 2024, decreased in three, and remained unchanged in six. Buncombe County had the highest unemployment rate at 8.8% while Currituck County had the lowest at 2.6%.

Fourteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases and one remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Asheville had the highest rate at 7.3 percent while Durham-Chapel Hill and Wilmington each 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 59 counties, increased in 24, and remained unchanged in 17. Ten metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year, three increased, and two remained unchanged.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in October by 19,790 to 5,077,309, while those unemployed increased by 20,965 to 188,684. Since October 2023, the number of workers employed statewide increased 535, while those unemployed increased 8,390.

SPCC Offering Free Digital Literacy Classes

South Piedmont Community College is offering a new round of free Digital Literacy classes designed to provide participants with fundamental computer skills. The Digital Literacy classes will cover basic skills in common computer programs, including Excel, Google Docs, Microsoft Word, and PowerPoint. All classes are offered for free, and computers are provided for use during class. Additionally, students who successfully complete the Digital Literacy class will receive a \$250 voucher to continue their education at South Piedmont.

The upcoming class schedule is as follows:

• Anson County Jan. 21, 2025-May 15, 2025, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 N. Washington St., Wadesboro

- Union County
 - Jan. 21, 2025-May 15, 2025, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m. OCH Campus-Building A,4209 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe
 - Jan. 21, 2025-May 15, 2025, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m.OCH Campus-Main Building
 - Feb. 18, 2025-May 9, 2025, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. OCH Campus-Building A

• Class offered in Spanish Jan. 21, 2025-May 15, 2025, Tuesdays & Thursdays,

5:30-8:30 p.m. OCH Campus-Building A,4209 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe To reserve a spot in these classes, contact Kristi Phifer at 704-290-5216 or kphifer@spcc.edu.

The classes are being offered thanks to Digital Champion funding provided by the North Carolina Department of Information Technology's Office of Digital Equity and Literacy. South Piedmont is using the Digital Champion funding to study students' internet access, connect students with community resources to access the internet, provide enhanced internal resources, and promote and remove financial barriers to students seeking to gain digital literacy skills.

Please Donate Blood on December 13

This is a release from Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, along with the Burnsville Fire and Rescue Department, is calling out to the communities. Please know that we definitely need your support. The Quarterly Red Cross Blood Drives are to help anyone that is in need of blood. Do stop by and see if you maybe a candidate to give blood. If you are not a candidate there are other ways that you can help. Stop in on the day of December 13th, and see what you can do to help.

- Address: 13380 NC-742 N., Polkton, NC, 28135
- Room Name: Activity Room
- Date: Fri December 13th, 2024
- Time: 2:00: PM 6:00: PM
- Red Cross Blood Program Leader: Nicole Blair.

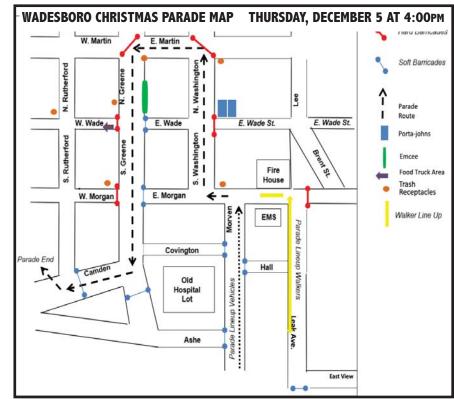
 BRLC Volunteer Mrs. Michelle Sarno coordinator of the Red Cross Quarterly Blood Drive along with the help of others. BRLC Volunteer • Phone Number: 704-607-7568

The need for blood is constant. Only volunteer donors can fulfill this need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the App Store, Google Play or text BLOODAPP to 90999. Schedule appointments, view your blood type and results of your mini-physical, and track your donations.

Each blood drive has been successful because of caring donors. As a community we can continue to help others through giving to help others. Thanks in Advance, Carol Smith -BRLC Director, Cell-704-778-7478



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Funny, Random & Weird **Holidays**

• Dec 5 Thursday -Day of the Ninja • Dec 6 Friday - Put on Your Own Shoes Day • Dec 6 Friday Microwave Oven Day • Dec 7 Saturday -Letter Writing Day • Dec 8 Sunday - Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day Dec 9 Monday Christmas Card Day • Dec 10 Tuesday - Dewey Decimal System Day • Dec 10 Tuesday -Jane Addams Day • Dec 11 Wednesday Noodle Ring Day

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Saturday 8:30-1 Sunday