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Primary Election Results

The Primary Election was held on Tuesday, March 5. Here are the races and voting totals. Winners are in bold print. **Statewide total votes are listed first, followed by Anson County vote totals in parenthesis. Results are unofficial.**

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE - DEMOCRAT
Joseph R. Biden, Jr 606,302 (1,147)

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE - LIBERTARIAN
David (Trime Taveler) Dunlap 464 (1); Jacob Homburger 356 (1); Beau Lindsey 317 (1); Lars Mapstead 176 (0); Chase Oliver 671 (0); Michael Rectenwald 193 (0); Joshua Smith 353 (0); Mike Maat 137 (0); Toad Anderson 162 (0); Charles Ballay 181 (1)

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE - REPUBLICAN
Ron DeSantis 14,690 (9); Nikki Haley 249,651 (184); Asa Hutchinson 723 (1); Vivek Ramaswamy 3,400 (4); **Donald J. Trump** 790,750 (1,379); Ryan Brinkley 905 (1); Chris Christie 3,151 (0)

US HOUSE OF REP. DISTRICT 08 (REP)
Mark Harris 24,624 (511); Chris Maples 3,763 (51); Allan Baucom 21,850 (640); John R. Bradford III 14,386 (167); Don Brown 8,466 (68); Leigh Brown 7,801 (91)

NC GOVERNOR (DEM)
Gary Foxx 25,200 (91); Michael R. (Mike) Morgan 97,908 (368); **Josh Stein** 476,448 (625); Marcus W. Williams 38,996 (141); Chrelle Booker 45,695 (120)

NC GOVERNOR (LIB)
Mike Ross 2,898 (1); Shannon W. Bray 1,973 (3)

NC GOVERNOR (REP)
Dale R. Folwell 196,108 (178); Bill Graham 163,757 (212); **Mark K. Robinson** 663,917 (1,147)

NC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (DEM)
Rachel Hunt 474,426 (652); Mark H. Robinson 88,777 (436); Ben Clark 111,063 (270)

NC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (REP)
Rivera Douthit 23,268 (19); Jeffrey Elmore 79,537 (64); Marlenis Hernandez Novoa 21,273 (20); Allen Mashburn 83,202 (108); Jim O'Neill 146,472 (190); Sam Page 94,408 (109); Ernest T. Reeves 22,609 (22); **Hal Weatherman** 181,222 (371); Seth Woodall 102,070 (190); Deanna Ballard 138,240 (182); Peter Boykin 31,968 (63)

NC ATTORNEY GENERAL (DEM)
Satana Deberry 222,319 (559); Tim Dunn 81,080 (275); Jeff Jackson 368,596 (487)

NC AUDITOR (REP)
Charles Dinging 158,570 (262); Jim Kee 83,916 (128); Anthony Wayne (Tony) Street 95,453 (135); Jeff Tarte 127,483 (140); David Boliek 188,398 (257); **Jack Clark** 197,976 (335)

NC COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (REP)
Colby (Bear) Hammonds 286,856 (387); **Steve Troxler** 642,436 (1,026)

NC COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE (DEM)
Natasha Marcus 503,449 (725); David Wheeler 145,241 (578)

NC COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE (REP)
Andrew Marcus 193,043 (316); C. Robert Brawley 154,181 (278); **Mike Causey** 533,900 (748)

NC COMMISSIONER OF LABOR (REP)
Luke Farley 314,067 (529); Jon Hardister 238,715 (235); Chuck Stanley 183,701 (259); Travis J. Wilson 114,081 (234)

NC SECRETARY OF STATE (REP)
Jesse Thomas 229,755 (376); Christine E. Villaverde 257,412 (267); **Chad Brown** 371,806 (636)

NC SUPER. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (DEM)
C.R. Katie Eddings 162,218 (513); **Maurice (Mo) Green** 429,585 (655); Kenon Crumble 60,276 (136)

NC SUPER. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (REP)
Michele Morrow 455,245 (687); Catherine Truitt 418,575 (602)

NC TREASURER (DEM)
Gabe Esparza 216,213 (455); **Wesley Harris** 431,398 (849)

NC TREASURER (REP)
A. J. Daoud 220,547 (348); Rachel Johnson 297,873 (422); **Brad Briner** 344,746 (490)

NC SUPREME COURT ASSOC. JUSTICE SEAT 06 (DEM)
Allison Riggs 447,655 (756); Lora C. Cabbage 200,054 (548)

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 15 (REP)
Chris Freeman 530,594 (896); Hunter Murphy 315,469 (369)

NC HOUSE OF REP. DISTRICT 055 (REP)
Arthur L. McDonald 423 (98); Richard T. Miller 910 (146); **Mark Brody** 6,072 (1,207)

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program at NCDHHS

The North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (NC BCCCP) provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings and follow-up to eligible women in North Carolina. Each year, NC BCCCP strives to provide services to over 12,000 women. NC BCCCP services are offered at most local health departments as well as some community health centers, hospitals and private physicians' offices across the state for eligible North Carolina women. Learn more at: bcccp.dph.ncdhhs.gov.

You are eligible if you:

- are uninsured or underinsured;
- are without Medicare Part B or Medicaid;
- are between ages 40 - 64 for breast screening services and 21 - 64 for cervical screening services; and
- have a household income below 250% of the federal poverty level.

BCCCP eligible women may also be eligible for NC WISEWOMAN Program (bit.ly/NCWiseWoman), which provides cardiovascular disease screening, and helps women to improve their diet, physical activity, and other life habits to prevent, delay, or control cardiovascular and other chronic diseases.

Services Offered

- Cervical cancer screenings (Pap tests, HPV tests)
- Clinical breast exams
- Screening mammograms
- Diagnostic procedures, as indicated (diagnostic mammograms, ultrasounds, colposcopies, breast and cervical biopsies)
- Medical consultations

If you are diagnosed with cancer through NC BCCCP, assistance is available.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid (BCCM) provides funding for treatment to women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and who meet NC BCCCP eligibility requirements.

Anson Democratic Party Convention

The Anson County Democratic Convention is Saturday, March 16 at the Lemuel center in Morven at 10:00 a.m. For more information please contact Henrietta Barringer at 704-690-8494.



Harvest recognized (surprised) and presented Mr. Frank Richardson with a plaque of appreciation for his many years of coaching, teaching, serving as a principal - and investing in the lives of thousands of young people in Anson County for over 50+ years. Richardson thanked Harvest founding Pastor Tim Adams for coming to Anson 25 years ago, and his heart to bridge racial gaps. In addition, Richardson shared with the crowd memories of progress made and people coming together - and left all with a challenge to continue to work towards growth and positive change.

Lead Pastor Steve Adams wrapped up the event by having everyone join hands in prayer for our world, nation, and Anson County to unite for positive change and impact.

Harvest Ministries Hosts Their Annual Black History Program

Honors longtime Anson educator Frank Richardson

On Sunday February 25 Harvest Ministries in Wadesboro hosted the annual Black History program with the theme "Black History is American History." The large crowd in attendance experienced special drama presentations, worship dance courtesy of a team of ladies from Gatewood Station AME Zion Church, singing, videos, and skits to depict the lasting impact and legacy that African American pioneers throughout history have made on American history.

Special speakers, Anson native and attorney Evadne Smith and long-time teacher, coach, principal and administrator Deborah Davis shared personal experiences, family memories, and historical impacts that emphasized pioneers of African American History throughout generations.



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Anson County 4-H's Clover Crawl is this Friday

Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise is excited to announce that the Clover Crawl will be hosted on Friday, March 8 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro, from 6:00 until 11:00 p.m. The Clover Crawl is an adult, 21 and over event that will be sure to bring an evening of food, fun and lots of dancing. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and drinks will be served and there will be a live DJ!

Tickets bought in advance are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, Lacey's in Wadesboro, or from committee members and Anson Extension staff. The ticket price at the door will be \$60.

Tables can be purchased for \$500 and will include eight tickets. If you are interested in purchasing a table, please call the Extension Office at 704-694-2915.

In 2023, 4-H programs reached over 1,000 youth. Youth participated in activities like summer camps, community clubs, district and state events and other year-round educational programs at minimal costs due to fundraising. Anson 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise also works with adults, volunteer leaders and youth to provide community projects and programs that focus on parenting skills and enhanced leadership abilities. All 4-H programming is available to any youth between ages 5-19.

Funds raised from the Clover Crawl will be used to support ongoing 4-H youth programs in Anson County.

Samuel Cole, Jr., Anson County 4-H Agent with the Cooperative Extension Office said, "Our fundraiser has been a success in previous years and we are optimistic that Clover Crawl will continue to thrive. 4-H programs have had a significant impact on Anson's youth through the years, and with your help and support, programs can continue to make significant contributions to our youth's future, and the future of our county."

If you would like to learn more information about this event please contact Samuel Cole, Jr. at 704-694-2915.

Free Claris Companion Tablet Workshop During March

Claris Companion tablets help prevent social isolation

Learn how to use the Claris Companion Tablets at a free 2-day training for seniors 60 and older at Grace Senior Center. The Claris companion workshop will show seniors how to do these things: operate the tablet, internet, zoom, facetime, pictures, games, exercises, recipes, SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program), use Google, senior services, tech support, free family apps and fully managed security.

The training sessions take place on these dates:

- Tuesday, March 12, 12 to 12:30pm & Wednesday, March 13, 10 to 11am
- Tuesday, March 19, 12 to 12:30pm & Wednesday, March 20, 10 to 11am.
- Tuesday, March 26, 12 to 12:30p & Wednesday, March 27, 10 to 11am.

Registration is required. Please call (704) 694-6616 to register.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left just past IGA. For information call 704-694-6616.

SPCC Open House Events are March 12, 19

South Piedmont Community College will host two Open House events in March. The events are planned for the following dates, times, and locations:

- Tuesday, March 12, 4-7 p.m. at Old Charlotte Highway Campus, 4209 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe and Tyson Family Center for Technology, 3509 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe.
- Tuesday, March 19, 4-7 p.m. at LLP Polk Campus, 680 Highway 74 in Polkton.

During the events, prospective students will tour the campus, including the College's state-of-the-art health sciences and technology labs; learn about academic and short-term workforce training programs; meet College administrators, faculty and staff members; participate in program demonstrations; learn about student clubs and organizations; get information on financial aid; apply for admission; and receive information on next steps for enrollment. The events are drop-in style.

Registration for South Piedmont's Open House event is requested, but not required. To register, visit events.spcc.edu/event/spcc.events.482410.

2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held at the elementary school located in the attendance area where the child lives. Please check the dates and times below for the school your child will be attending.

To attend Kindergarten, your child has to be 5 on or before August 31, 2024.

North Carolina Law requires a CERTIFIED birth certificate (hospital/mother's copy birth certificates will not be accepted).

Prior to the Pre-Kindergarten registration clinics, forms can be picked up at the elementary school or on the Anson County Schools website (ansonschools.org) under the Parent Portal button. Anson County also requires at least 2 proofs of residence (911 address on Driver's License, address on a bill, etc.) to place the child in the proper attendance area.

Registration Dates/Times:

- Ansonville Elementary & Wadesboro Primary Schools, March 22, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Lilesville & Morven Elementary Schools, March 28, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Peachland-Polkton Elementary School, April 19, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Additionally, beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the Anson County Board of Education approved school choice for Kindergarten only (Policy 4150). Families are allowed to choose which elementary school their child attends. If you decide to send your child to a school outside of their attendance area, transportation will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

The Anson County School System looks forward to seeing you as you register your child for Pre-Kindergarten. If you have questions, please call the school in your attendance area and speak to the school nurse.

Hargett Store House Band to Perform at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting the Hargett Store House Band in concert on Monday, March 11. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theater. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the country and gospel music of a great group of musicians and singers.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

Chair Exercise Class Offered at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting chair exercise classes with instructor Sheila Raye on Thursday, March 14. The classes begin at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room. Everyone is welcome.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

East Polkton School Alumni Local Motown Review and Dinner

The East Polkton School Alumni are hosting a Motown Review and Dinner on Saturday, March 23, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Harvest Ministries Event Center in Wadesboro.

For tickets, or if you would like to participate, call 704-408-2729. Please leave call back information.

Would You Like to Help Deliver Meals to Home Bound Citizens?

Grace Senior Center is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to their Home Bound Clients on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, from approximately 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please come by Grace Senior Center to Sign up. The Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

For more information call 704-694-6616.

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