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Join local photographer Ron Stafford on Saturday, June 4, from 11 a.m. until 12 noon for a photography workshop in downtown Cheraw. Ron will guide participants on a historical tour of Cheraw's Town Green and business district while sharing tips for excellent travel photography. Stafford's photography centers on architecture, travel and nature. The morning should be a great day of history, art and fun.

This is a free workshop with registration required. All ages can participate. Phone cameras can be used for the workshop.  
 Call the Cheraw Arts Commission 843.537.8420 x 12 to register and for additional information. Workshop will be canceled in case of inclement weather.

**Got to Be NC Agriculture Announces NC Ag Star Homegrown Voice Talent Search**

The Got to Be NC program, in partnership with its musical ambassador and local singer-songwriter Paige King Johnson, is creating a voice competition called NC Ag Star to help promote agriculture with young people. The competition is open to anyone 13 to 22 years old. The winner will receive a prize package including a professional songwriting session, a song recorded and produced by a top Nashville studio producer and training from industry professionals.

Plans for the NC Ag Star's homegrown voice talent search include live auditions, semi-finals and a finale. Throughout this competition, PCG Artist Development will offer free training and music education to competing artists via online zoom meetings and on-site workshops. As host, King Johnson will be present at all events, serving as a promotional ambassador and highlighting the hard work and resilience of North Carolina farmers.

The competition will be structured with an early registration period open now through October, plus a North Carolina High School Tour in the fall where select high schools in semifinal markets will receive a free concert by King Johnson presented by the NCDA&CS. Auditions begin in September in the four selected markets: Asheville, Charlotte, Raleigh and Wilmington.

Twelve finalists, three competitors from each market, begin virtual training for the Finale in Raleigh. Visit [NCAgSTAR.com](http://NCAgSTAR.com) for more information.

- Semi-final rounds will be held on the following dates and locations:
- Sept. 16 at the N.C. Mountain State Fair in Fletcher
  - Sept. 18 at the Piedmont Triad Farmers Market in Colfax
  - Nov. 4 at Martin Community College in Williamston
  - Nov. 6 at University of Mount Olive in Mount Olive

**About Paige King Johnson** As a three-time Carolina Country Music and Awards Emerging New Artist, Paige's homegrown fan base continues to expand farther than just her Harnett County backyard. In January 2021, Paige King Johnson achieved three honors at the recent 2020 Carolina Country Music Awards, winning Female Belmont of the Year, Country Emerging New Artist and Country Tour of the Year. The Vocalist alum captivates audiences with her down-home stage presence, cut-straight-to-the-bone stories and raw country voice.

**About the Got to Be NC Agriculture Program** From its beginning in 1985, the brand has always supported North Carolina's diverse agriculture economy through education, engagement and promotions. Initiating initiatives are designed to increase consumer awareness of local products, leading to continued growth for North Carolina's food, fiber and forestry industries.

**Anson County's Unemployment Rate 4.6% in April**

**Anson County** Anson County's unemployment rate for April was 4.6%, slightly lower than March's 4.9% rate. Here are other past rates: **2022:** February 5.1%; January 5.1%. **2021:** December 4.4%; November 4.7%; October 5.2%; September 4.9%; August 5.8%; July 5.9%; June 6.1%; May 5.5%; April 5.4%; March 5.9%; February 7.5%; January 7.7%. The **2020** rates were: Dec. 7.1%; Nov. 7.2%; Oct. 7.2%; Sept. 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 April was 3.4%. Here are other past rates: **2022:** 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:** Dec. 6%; Nov. and October 6.1%; Sept. 7%; August 6.8%; July 8.9%.

Anson's total labor force in April was 10,283. Of that number 9,811 were employed and 472 were unemployed. In March the total labor force was 10,207, with 9,708 employed and 499 unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 83 of North Carolina's counties in April, increased in four, and remained unchanged in 13. Edgecombe County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.4 percent while Orange and Chatham Counties each had the lowest at 2.6 percent.

Twelve of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases and three remained unchanged. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.8 percent while Asheville and Durham-Chapel Hill each had the lowest at 2.8 percent. The April not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.4 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. 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 April by 23,922 to 4,927,270, while those unemployed decreased by 6,924 to 175,278. Since April 2021, the number of workers employed statewide increased 247,774, while those unemployed decreased 71,562.

It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted estimates.

	Counties With Rates 5% or Below	Counties With Rates Between 5% and 10%	Counties With Rates 10% or Above
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March (Revised)	84	16	0

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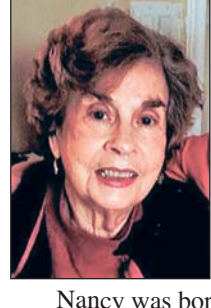
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*Classes are on Mondays beginning in September!*

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**Mrs. Nancy Hill Davis**

Mrs. Nancy Hill Davis, 88, of Ansonville went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at her home.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 30, 2022, at Red Hill Baptist Church. Rev. Rodney Clement, Rev. Fred Carpenter and Pastor Steve Eddins officiated. Interment followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Nancy was born February 13, 1934, in Anson County to the late Rufus and Mary Elizabeth Farmer Hill. She was a 1952 graduate of Ansonville High School. She was an active member of Red Hill Baptist Church where she had been a member for over 60 years. She was a member of the Women on Missions, helped with Vacation Bible School, was part of the Homebound visitation group and on the Hospitality Committee.

Nancy was also active in her community where she served with Ansonville Fire & Rescue, worked the polls for Anson County Board of Elections and enjoyed her time with the Red Hat Club. Nancy was very patriotic.

Nancy enjoyed being active, whether she was working in her flowers, caring for and playing with her animals, going to the YMCA, visiting flea markets, or just swinging on her front porch swing. When she turned 40 she rode her bicycle from Ansonville to Albemarle! She was so happy that she was able to tour the Holy Lands with her church.

Nancy cared deeply for others. She was a "best friend" to all. Her faith was vital to who she was and how she lived every day. She was intentional to share Bibles with strangers or provide a coat to those in need. She served her Savior well. She constantly reminded her family and friends to trust God and to live each day to the fullest.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Grant Davis and brother Jim Hill.

She is survived by her son Ronald Grant Davis (Martha) of Ansonville; grandsons, Dr. Tyler Davis (Rachel) of Wilkesboro and Dr. Nathan Davis (Katie) of Winston-Salem; seven great-grandchildren, Weston, Parker, Elise, Julie Grace, Sawyer, Josie and Callie; sister in law Edna Hill; nephews, Marty Hill and Dwight Hill and their families.

Memorials may be made to Red Hill Baptist Church or Gideon's International.

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