

Wadesboro Woman Hits It BIG with \$200,000 Lottery Win

Brittany Williams turns a \$5 ticket bought in Polkton into a very good day

There are good returns on an investment - and then there is what happened to Wadesboro's Brittany Williams.

Williams spent \$5 on a Mega Bucks scratch-off ticket and discovered that her small investment was worth a whopping \$200,000 top prize. The lucky ticket came from close to home, too. Williams purchased it at the Marathon Food Center on U.S. 74 East in Polkton. Apparently, you don't have to travel very far from Wadesboro to find \$200,000 - although finding the right \$5 ticket certainly helps.

Williams arrived at lottery headquarters Friday to collect her prize. After required state and federal tax withholdings, she took home \$144,021. That may not be the entire \$200,000 printed on the ticket, but it should still make for a pretty memorable Friday.

The Mega Bucks game debuted in June with five \$200,000 top prizes. Following Williams' win, two of those top prizes remain to be claimed.

Anson County has also benefited from money raised by the N.C. Education Lottery. The state provided more than \$28 million in grants from lottery proceeds to help Anson County build a new middle school.

More information about how lottery funds benefit Anson County is available through the "Impact" section of the N.C. Education Lottery website, www.ncclottery.com.

Elevator Permit Growth Reflects Continued Development Across North Carolina

State labor officials report increase in new elevator installations during year

Construction activity continues to grow across North Carolina, according to the latest Quarterly Elevator Index released by the N.C. Department of Labor. While most economic reports measure jobs, housing starts or retail sales, this one quite literally measures what's going up. The report shows that 214 new elevator device permits were issued during the fourth quarter of 2026, an increase of 2.9 percent over the 208 permits issued during the same quarter last year.

For the 2026 State Fiscal Year, the Department of Labor issued a total of 721 new elevator device permits, reflecting continued investment in commercial buildings, residential developments, hospitals, schools and other public infrastructure across the state.

North Carolina Labor Commissioner Luke Farley said the continued increase in elevator permits is another indicator of North Carolina's strong economy and steady pace of development.

"The continued growth in elevator permits is another sign of North Carolina's strong economy and ongoing development," Farley said. "As construction continues across our state, the N.C. Department of Labor remains committed to ensuring every elevator system is installed, inspected and operated safely."

The report identifies Mecklenburg County as the state's leader in new elevator permits with 47, followed closely by Wake County with 44. Durham County ranked third with 19 permits, while New Hanover County recorded 17 and Guilford County rounded out the top five with 10.

A map accompanying the report illustrates that the highest concentration of new elevator permits continues to occur in North Carolina's rapidly growing metropolitan regions, particularly around Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham and Wilmington. Those areas continue to experience significant commercial and residential construction, creating increased demand for elevators and other conveyance systems.

Beyond ensuring elevators, escalators and similar conveyance systems are installed and operated safely, state officials say the Quarterly Elevator Index provides a useful snapshot of construction trends and economic growth across North Carolina. As new homes, office buildings, medical facilities and public buildings are developed, the number of elevator permits serves as another measure of the state's continued expansion.

Thankfully, North Carolina's growth isn't stuck between floors. In fact, it's still on the rise. Most economic reports have their ups and downs. This one just happens to keep track of the ups.

Better Business Bureau Offers Tips for Sharing Back-to-School Photos Safely

Parents encouraged to protect children's personal information on social media

As students head back to school, many parents will be sharing those familiar "first day of school" photos on social media. While the pictures create lasting memories, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) is reminding families to think twice before posting personal information that could put children or parents at risk.

According to the BBB, many back-to-school photos include signs displaying a child's name, grade, age or other personal details. Although the information may seem harmless, scammers and identity thieves can use those details to gather personal information or even gain a child's trust. The BBB also notes that many adults use names or birthdays as part of their passwords, making seemingly innocent social media posts a potential security risk.

The BBB recommends avoiding signs or captions that reveal a child's full name, age, height or school information. Parents should also pay attention to the background of their photos to ensure house numbers, street signs, school names, bus stops or other recognizable landmarks are not visible.

Families are also encouraged to review the privacy settings on their social media accounts and limit who can view their posts. Personal information such as phone numbers or home addresses should not be publicly available on social media profiles.

Another important precaution is to be wary of unexpected friend requests. The BBB advises users not to accept requests from strangers and to be cautious of duplicate requests from people they already know, as they may come from impostor accounts attempting to gain access to personal information.

Finally, the BBB recommends practicing good cybersecurity habits by creating strong, unique passwords instead of using personal information such as names or birthdays. Taking a few extra moments before posting can help ensure that back-to-school memories remain happy ones while protecting children and families from online threats.

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